THE WORSHIP OF GOD Third Sunday of Easter

Second in a Worship Series for Eastertide from the First Letter of John:

Words of Assurance

I John 3: 1-7

April 14, 2024 Ten O'clock in the Morning Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

Easter is coming for our assumptions. Easter aims to undo anything that stands between us and the hope unleashed on the world in the resurrection of Jesus.

~ Rebecca Gurney, pastor, Reems Creek-Beech Presbyterian Church, Asheville (quoted by Mark Ramsey, "Leave the Struggle in There," The Ministry Collaborative blog, April 9, 2024).

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Crown Him Lord of All Anne McClain, organ

Mary McDonald

EASTER GREETING (responsively)

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

Based on Luke 24: 34

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME and † INVOCATION Based on the Collect for the Second Mr. Beddingfield Sunday of Easter, <u>The Book of Common Prayer</u>

Almighty, everlasting and merciful God, who by the mystery of Christ's resurrection has reconciled all things to you, including ourselves:

Grant that we who have been reborn into the fellowship of the Living Christ may believe in our hearts and show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith, so that together we may know the peace and security, the promise and hope, of God's acceptance, salvation, and redemption. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and life immortal, on the holy Easter morn.

Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise; we with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia! to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

PSALTER READING (responsively) Psalm 4 Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern Ad. fr. NRSV and New English Bible

Answer me when I call, O God, my Advocate and Protector!

You gave me space when I was hemmed in;

be gracious to me now, and hear my prayer.

As for all you other people: How long shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you fall for vain lies and chase after falsehoods?

But I know that the Lord has set apart the faithful; therefore the Lord hears me when I call.

When other people disturb you, do not sin; ponder it silently on your beds, and be still.

Offer your own sacrifice, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O, that we might once again see some good! Let the light of your face shine upon us, O God!"

But you have put more gladness in my heart

than when grain and wine are plentiful.

Therefore I will lie down in peace, and sleep;

For you, O Lord, and you alone, make me to lie down in safety.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ms. Montgomery

PROCLAIMING

† CHORAL WITNESS

The Morning Trumpet
Brandon Lucas-Ramirez, trumpet

arr. Joanne Brown LeDoux

Oh when shall I see Jesus, and reign with him above, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? And from the flowing fountain, drink everlasting love, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning?

Shout, "Glory, glory, glory!" I shall rise above the skies, When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning? And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in, And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Through grace I feel determined to conquer, though I die,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.
And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

* Following the Choral Witness, children from age 3 through 3rd grade may meet Ms. Lisa Lanier at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church. Parents may pick up their children in the church library after the service.

EPISTLE I John 3: 1-7

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

SERMON

Imposter Syndrome

Mr. Beddingfield

RESPONDING

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Open Our Eyes

Jesse Manibusan

Open our eyes, Lord, help us to see your face. Open our eyes, Lord, help us to see.

Open our ears, Lord, help us to hear your voice, Open our ears, Lord, help us to hear. Refrain

And the first shall be last, and our eyes will be opened, and we'll hear like never before. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face

Open our hearts, Lord, help us to love like you. Open our hearts, Lord, help us to love.

in places we've never known.

Refrain

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love I live within you. Rest now in me.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

LEMMEL

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Mrs. Craddock

arr. Mark Hayes

TRURO

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION Mr. Beddingfield

OFFERTORY He Is Exalted

Mrs. McClain, organ

SENDING

INVITATION TO FAITH AND DISCIPLESHIP Mr. Beddingfield

† HYMN 173 Christ Is Alive

LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! Humphrey Turner

Mrs. McClain

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<u>Members</u>: Jean Powers, Donna Haynes, Jeanne Barker, Mary Joe Howard, Doris Eller, Lorrie Pope, Burgess Marshbanks, Linda Smith, Ofe Rockholt, Catherine King, Carolyn Walker, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Pauline Calloway

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Michael Warren (brother of Donna Haynes); Gabe and Bailey (foster children of Will and Christine Roberts); Nate, Creed and Selwyn Leonard (friends of Johnnie Jackson); Steve Hammond (godfather of Charlotte Riewestahl); Mary McClain (mother of Greg McClain); Aaron Bowers (brother of Charissa English); Tonya Taylor (sister-in-law of Carrie Royal)

Aldersgate senior living center (Charlotte, NC): Louise Taylor

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

† The congregation is invited to stand.

Deacons for April 2024: Lisa Lanier and Jac Whatley

Deacons for May 2024: Earl Savage and Dayna Scarborough

<u>Ushers Today</u>: Brandon Brown, Bob Cisneros, Adam English and Miles West **Ushers April 21**: Beverley Howard, Ron McLamb, Scotty Scarborough and

Lee Turlington

<u>Kids' Church Today</u>: Lisa Lanier <u>Nursery today</u>: Charlotte Riewestahl <u>Kids' Church April 21</u>: (need volunteer) <u>Nursery April 21</u>: (need volunteer)

TODAY, April 14th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library) **Youth - Sunday School**: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) Kids' Church: during worship (Library)

WEDNESDAY, April 17th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom) Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

"Understanding the Trinity": 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Led by Dr. Adam English's Christian Theology class

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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Wedding Shower for Elizabeth Godwin and Hannon Herring: 2 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

24 Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

MISSION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER DINNER: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom) Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

27 CLOTHES CLOSET: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Family Life Center)

Anyone willing to help sort clothes ahead of time, please contact the church office.



Cards can be mailed to:

Doris Eller c/o Catherine Martin 3472 Henrietta Hartford Rd. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

To call Doris: (843) 287-9799 {Ask for Doris Eller in room 2002} New Address:

Louise Taylor 3800 Shamrock Dr. (PT 229) Charlotte, NC 28215

New phone number: (704) 532-7397

Again this Wednesday, April 17: <u>Understanding the Trinity</u> Campbell University students from Dr. English's *Introduction to Theology* class will lead both the adult group and the children's group in an engaging conversation about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The adult group will be spiritually enriched and the kid group will be activity-filled! Please welcome and get to know these students as we encourage one another in the faith.



For April, we are collecting **Toothbrushes** and **Toothpastes**.



We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as '*Backpacks*.'

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

• Clothes Closet: April 27, 2024

Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons
 Needed for April - - Boxed Mac & Cheese
 Monetary donations to MBC are also welcome. Designate contribution as 'Food Pantry.'

Buddy Backpack: collecting "nab crackers"

[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter]

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Belts for HCMS: Donations of used men's or boys belts that can be used for students.

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Memorial Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith open to all persons who want to walk with us in following the way of Jesus. If you mourn and need comfort; if you're weary and need rest; if you feel friendless and need friendship; if you need a Savior; if you need love; if you need help; whoever you are and whatever your circumstances, we open the door and in the name of Jesus bid you come.

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield, Pastor Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music Anne McClain, Organist Brittany Montgomery, Ministry Intern Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant Wayne Smith, Custodian