



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday in Lent



"img-1989," Scott Shawoff

“for the Human One didn’t come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”

Mark 10:45 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today’s liturgy are from Ruth Burgess and Chris Polhill, Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2004); Sally Foster-Fulton, Dancing in the Desert: Prayers and Reflections for Lent, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2016; and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Steal Away*

AFRICAN AMERICAN TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #391: *I Will Trust in the Lord

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE HYMNAL

I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord till I die.

I'm gonna treat ev'rybody right,
I'm gonna treat ev'rybody right,
I'm gonna treat ev'rybody right till I die.
I'm gonna treat ev'rybody right,
I'm gonna treat ev'rybody right,
I'm gonna treat ev'rybody right till I die.

I'm gonna stay on the battlefield,
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield,
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield till I die.
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield,
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield,
I'm gonna stay on on the battlefield till I die.

I'm gonna stay on bended knee,
I'm gonna stay on bended knee,
I'm gonna stay on bended knee till I die.
I'm gonna stay on bended knee,
I'm gonna stay on bended knee,
I'm gonna stay on bended knee till I die.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT," RUTH BURGESS

When we are happy
When we are full of sadness
God welcomes us with love

When we are bewildered
When we are full of questions
God welcomes us with love

When we are joyful
When we are full of wonder
God welcomes us with love

***GATHERING PRAYER**

"SIGHT AND SOUND," SALLY FOSTER-FULTON

Let us pray.

Wandering Word,
when we listen to voices that offer the easy option,
sing your love song to us again.

When we cannot see you because
we've put on the blinkers of self-service,
broaden our vision.
Nothing blocks our view like a narrow mind
or a twisted, biased perspective.

Give us insight, God,
to see you and hear you
and recognize you.
Breathe your peace into our hearts,
unstop our ears
and open our eyes. *Amen.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ROM. 10:8; 2 COR. 5:18-19

The Word is near to us,
on our lips and in our hearts.
All of this is from God,
who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 34:11-14

PEW BIBLE, 688

MARK 10:32-52

PEW BIBLE, 1231

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***HYMN OF THE DAY #404:** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

THOMAS A. DORSEY

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

Most loving and gracious God, we give you thanks for your unending faithfulness. We come into your presence with praise and with hope, for you are good, and you call us your own. You created us in your image, and you shepherd us through this life, calling us by name and leading us in your way. We confess that we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have wandered from your path, choosing to walk in shadow rather than light. We have built fences and believed they make us better neighbors, we have created requirements and believed they were yours, we have stood silent as the door was shut, we have called for peace without working for justice. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our inadequate imaginations, for we cannot see the height and depth and breadth of your love. Forgive our closed eyes and hearts and minds, keeping the light at bay. Forgive our complicity in the systems of injustice that make the world go round. Open us to know your truth, and to live according to your word. Help us to experience the fullness of your grace, and then make us true reflections of that grace for others. Guide us once again into the abundant life that you desire for all creation.

Silent Prayer

KYRIE #572 *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

JOHN MERBECKE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Listen, the time has come at last.
 Look, now is the day of salvation!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

JOHN NEWTON

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC:

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Long Road Trip"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Throughout Lent, we will hold a period of silent prayer and reflection during our Prayers of the People. This time will be opened and closed in song. During the closing song, you are invited to come forward to light a

tealight to represent your prayer. Each week you will be invited to pray on a different theme. This week, you are invited to pray for our nation.

#471 (Glory to God): *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*CLOSING HYMN #369: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

WENDELL WHALUM

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*SENDING

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR SUNDAYS IN LENT," RUTH BURGESS

Strong and mysterious
Bright and holy
God is on the side of love

Wise and questioning
Just and joyful
God is on the side of truth

Wild and challenging
Glorious and graceful
God is on the side of hope

POSTLUDE: *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

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* Please stand in body or spirit.



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible 101 Part 2: The New Testament – Evie C. Marshall Room

We're back this Sunday! With a brand New Testament! Join Jon and friends as we continue our Bible 101 survey of the Biblical text, focusing on how it is interpreted, its context, and its content.

All Day Throughout Lent – Stations of the Cross – Recreation Area

The Stations of the Cross have been a part of the Lenten journey of Christians to express their faith in a multisensory way for centuries. You are invited to participate in this ancient tradition of remembering Christ's death by walking an ecumenical version in our Recreation Area this Lenten season.

Thursdays Throughout Lent 11am-1pm – Drive Thru Prayer – Parking Lot

Do you need prayer? You are invited to stop on by our parking lot on Thursdays from 11-1 for prayer with Jon or an elder throughout the Lenten season.

Sundays February 18 – March 17th 11am – Lenten Worship - Sanctuary

The season of Lent. Our Lenten Sunday worship will include extended periods of silent prayer.

Tuesday, March 5th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

Sunday, March 17th 11am – Brunch Church – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 24th 11am - Palm Sunday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28th 6pm – Maundy Thursday Dinner Church – Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for Dinner Church, a meal and liturgy around the table as we commemorate the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. Come as you are and invite a friend – all are welcome!

Friday, March 29th 6:30pm - Good Friday Seven Last Words - Sanctuary

A service of prayer and reflection on the Seven Last Words. Please note that there will be extended periods of silence and a darkened sanctuary during this service.

Sunday, March 31st 11am Easter Sunday - Sanctuary

Our Easter celebration. Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us!

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, February 25th – 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:45 – Adult Sunday School - Bible 101 – New Testament Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, February 28th

6:30 – Choir Practice

All Day Throughout Lent

Stations of the Cross – Recreation Area

Thursdays Throughout Lent

11-1 – Drive Thru Prayer – Church Parking Lot

Sunday, March 3rd – 3rd Sunday in Lent – Communion & Congregational Meeting

9:45 – Adult Sunday School - Bible 101 – New Testament Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Congregational Meeting

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