

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in C* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem.

Today, our Lord begins his journey to the cross.

Many said to Jesus, “I will follow you, Lord.”

But can we follow Jesus when his road leads to the cross?

He will walk through the shadow of betrayal, the valley of loss,
the night in Gethsemane, the afternoon of darkness.

Jesus invites us to walk this path with him.

He says to his followers,

“Those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.”

**Today, we begin our Lenten journey,
moving toward Easter by way of the cross,
for in letting go our hands are filled,
and in surrendering we find new life.**

* HYMN 167 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, in Christ you call us on a journey,

to shed the things that weigh us down,

to lay aside what holds us back,

to let you put to death in us all that is not love.

Yet, we confess that we’d rather hold on to our baggage.

Forgive us, O God.

By your Spirit, open our hands, that we might let go;

give us courage, that we might face change;

give us faith, that we might trust your leading.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 698 (three times) “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, p. 290 (OT)

ANTHEM *Reflections on Life and the Word* Patricia Mock

All flesh is like grass; and its glory like the flow’r.
Grass will wither; flower fail, its beauty fades away.
Brightest sunlit skies, days unfolding into night,
Heav’n and earth will pass away.
The Lord will be our Light.

But the Word of God goes forth,
In pure and matchless truth.
A Light, a living Word, forever will endure.

Let each one receive, as the rain and snow that fall,
Living Words of life that touch the hearts and souls of all.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:51-62, p. 843 (NT)

SERMON “Turning from Home to Homelessness”
You-Turns on the Road: Following Jesus to Jerusalem

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 720 “Jesus Call Us”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (10.1)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune
God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and
serve.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory Path of the Wind Joe Hisaishi

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Alleluia* Clement Loret

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE

We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ’s spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today’s liturgist: Bonnie Runkle

Today’s greeters: Richard & Judy Green

Today’s ushers: Terri & Bill Carpenter

Out to Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out to Lunch Bunch after worship today for an outing to Pomodoros Cafe. We’d love to have you join us for this time of table fellowship and sharing. Please see John Riley.

Lenten Sermon Series: “You-Turns” on the Road

This Sunday we begin our Lenten journey toward Easter alongside Jesus, who, after his initial ministry in Galilee, resolutely “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51). This verse begins Luke’s “travel narrative,” which tells the story of Jesus’ journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, where the events of his passion will soon take place. Along the road to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches those he encounters about the ways their lives must “turn around” if they want to be his followers. This Lenten season, as we too follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, we will explore the “you-turns” that Jesus is calling us to make as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. What are we called to turn away from, and what are we called to turn toward?

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Lenten Class: “Vincent Van Gogh: Theologian with a Brush”

On Sunday mornings through April 7, adults and youth alike are invited to participate in a Lenten class series at 9:30 AM downstairs in the AA Room (room 105 at the end of the hall). Charles Davidson will lead us in an experiential encounter with Vincent van Gogh and his paintings as we examine together the profoundly theological and spiritual dimensions of his life and art. Through some of his most evocative paintings, as well as in his own words, Vincent will speak to us of our life in Christ. A retired Presbyterian pastor and pastoral counselor, Charles was the Darrel Rollins Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling at Virginia University of Lynchburg. He is the author of *Bone Dead, and Rising: Vincent van Gogh and the Self Before God* (Cascade Books).

Lenten Small Group Study: “Entering the Passion of Jesus”

Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays, March 12 through April 16, for a six-week small group study of *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week*, by Amy Jill-Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Peg Lewis will facilitate this group as we deepen our understanding of the great risks Jesus took during his final days and consider the risks that God might be calling us to take. There are still some books available for purchase by the sign-up sheet on the Faith Formation table in the Narthex. In preparation for our first meeting on Tuesday, March 12, please read the introduction and first chapter. We will meet in the downstairs classroom. Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina Group Resumes for Lent

Beginning March 12, join us at 5:45 PM on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary for an hour of contemplative reflection on Scripture and group spiritual direction. Meaning “spiritual reading” in Latin, *lectio divina* is a simple, facilitated group process that invites participants to reflect on how God is speaking to them personally through selected scripture readings, visuals, and times of silence. Contact Pastor Kim to sign up.

This Tuesday: MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team at MANNA Food Bank this Tuesday, March, 12, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. On the second Tuesday of every month, we meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Next Sunday: St. Patrick’s Day Fellowship Luncheon

This month’s fellowship luncheon is coming up next Sunday, March 17, immediately following worship. The theme, of course, is St. Patrick’s Day! Please sign up in the Narthex to bring an Irish side or dessert. The church will provide corned beef and cabbage, shepherd’s pie, and other Irish entrees, as well as a vegetarian option.

Fall Trip to Guatemala

We are planning a New Hope trip to Guatemala in November! The trip will focus on learning about the different aspects of our Presbytery’s Guatemala Partnership and on relationship-building with our sister church, El Divino Salvador. Interested in learning more? Join us for an Information Meeting at 7 PM on Monday, March 25, at the church. Contact Susan Maveety at maveety@charter.net or (828) 768-5475.

Volunteers needed to fold bulletins on Friday mornings

We are looking for two more volunteers to help fold bulletins on Friday mornings so that we have a team to rotate through the month. Contact Erin May at (828) 274-0191 or officenewhope@gmail.com.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, March 16 at J.K’s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, March 10 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 6.

Calendar

Sun	10	12:00 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Tues	12	5:45 PM	Lectio Divina
		7:00 PM	Lenten Small Group Book Study
Wed	13	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	14	6:30 PM	Justice & Reconciliation Committee
Sun	17	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	St. Patrick’s Day Fellowship Luncheon

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We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ’s call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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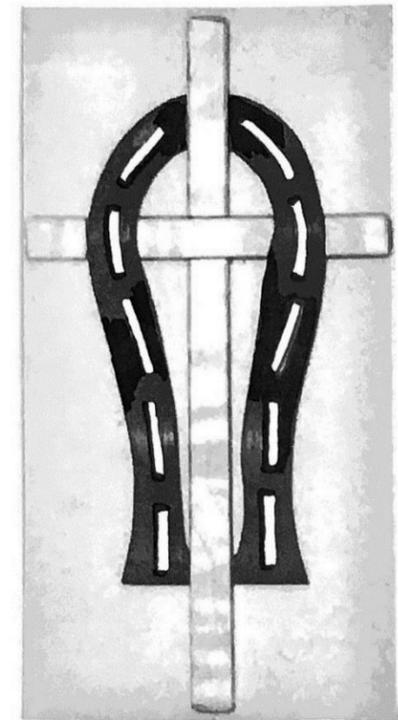
First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019
11 o’clock



“Turning from Home to Homelessness”

First in the Series:

"You-Turns" on the Road



Following Jesus to Jerusalem

“When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.”
Luke 9:51