

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Like a River Glorious* James Mountain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Micah 6:6-8, Psalm 95:6

With what shall we come before the LORD,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

God has told us what is good.

What does the Lord require of you?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

O come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker!

* **HYMN 14** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

* **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you call us to walk humbly with you,
promising to lift us up when we choose lowliness.**

**Yet, we worry that no one will notice us if we don't spread
our peacock feathers as wide as we can and strut.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, help us to trust that when we bow down,
you will lift our heads and anoint us with your joy.**

**Then may we make room for others,
noticing those who go unnoticed,
creating space for those who have no space,
and discovering that we are making room for you.**

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.**

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 25:6-7, p.530 (OT)

ANTHEM *Kum Ba Ya* arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Kum ba ya, my Lord, kum ba ya (three times)

Oh, Lord, kum ba ya.

Someone's cryin' Lord, kum ba ya ...

Someone's prayin' Lord, kum ba ya ...

Someone's singin' Lord, kum ba ya ...

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 14:1, 7-14, p. 849 (NT)

SERMON “Turning from Crowding Out to Making Room”
“You-Turns” on the Road: Following Jesus to Jerusalem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 770** “I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:5-11

**We trust in Jesus Christ, “who, though he was in the form
of God, did not regard equality with God as something to
be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a
slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in
human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to
the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the
name that is above every name, so that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *How Great Thou Art* arr. John Carter

* *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 366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Soon and Very Soon* Andrea Crouch

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: Laura Brown

Today's greeters: Mike & Susan Garrett

Today's ushers: Kim Sluder & Tracy Owensby

Anthem Notes

Kum ba ya translates as “come by here” and is an appeal to God to come and help those in need. The song comes from the Gullah community in coastal Georgia and South Carolina.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch after church today! We will be going to Iannucci's. Please see John Riley.

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

This Lenten season we are journeying toward Easter in the footsteps of 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.

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.

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

Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays 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 that Jesus took during his final days and consider the risks that God might be calling us to take. We meet in the downstairs classroom. Reading assignment for this Tuesday: chapter four. Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina & Group Spiritual Direction

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.

April Fellowship Luncheon on Palm Sunday

Please join us after church on Palm Sunday, April 14, for our monthly luncheon downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide ham, and members are invited to bring sides, salads, or desserts to share. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or (704) 219-1893.

Personal Story Writing Seminar

“Turning Your Life into Literature” is an eight-week seminar designed to motivate you to write and get you started! Along with six other people, you will write at home and read what you have written in class. Jim Chatham, a retired PC (USA) pastor, a resident of Givens, and a friend of New Hope, will be our trusted guide. Classes will be held on Thursday mornings, August 1, 8, 15 & 29 and September 5 & 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. We will meet at “The Living Room” on the 2nd floor of Asbury Commons at Givens Estates. The “tuition” is a contribution to a human-help agency of your choice, in the amount of \$10 to \$150, according to your means. To enroll, please email Jim Chatham at jamesochatham@gmail.com or call him at (828) 274-1156.

The Doxology, Boots, and a Mini Skirt

Ever wonder where the upbeat version of our doxology comes from? It was written by Rev. Richard Avery, the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Port Jervis, NY, and Donald Marsh, the choirmaster and director of arts there. Together they led many of the festivities at the 1971 General Assembly, where Elder Lois H. Stair was the first woman to be elected Moderator of the American Presbyterian Church. She wore boots and a mini skirt. The Avery & Marsh Doxology appeared in *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990).

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, April 7 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, April 3.

Calendar

Sun	31	12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Tues	2	5:45 PM	Lectio Divina
		6:00 PM	Building and Grounds Committee
		7:00 PM	Lenten Small Group Book Study
Wed	3	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	7	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)

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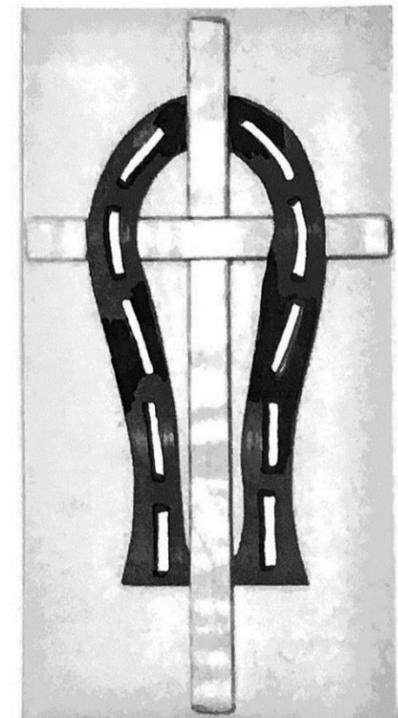
Fourth Sunday in Lent
 March 31, 2019
 11 o’clock



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Following Jesus to Jerusalem

“For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
 Luke 14:11