

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Take My Life and Let it Be* arr. Greg Howlett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come with the crowds, hoping to catch a glimpse,
straining for a clear view of the one who walks ahead.

We wish to see Jesus.

We come with the pushed out and the cast aside,
with the judged and the misunderstood and the unseen.

We wish to see Jesus.

There is one who is making his way toward us:
seeking, searching, longing.

We discover that Jesus sees us.

* **HYMN 515** "I Come with Joy"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you see us to our very depths,
even when no one else understands.**

**Yet, when we look upon others, we are often quick to
judge a book by its cover.**

**We see stereotypes instead of unique human beings,
and we make snap judgments.**

Forgive us, O God.

By your Spirit, help us to see others as you see them.

**Then may we not only extend compassion and grace,
but be surprised by joy!**

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 Psalm 139:1-6, *p. 503 (OT)*

ANTHEM *I Will Bow and Be Simple* Chatfield

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,
I will bow and be humble, Yea, bow like the willow tree.

I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,
I will bow and will be broken, Yea, I'll fall upon the rock.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19:1-10, *p. 854 (NT)*

SERMON "Turning from Seeing to Being Seen"
"You-Turns" on the Road: Following Jesus to Jerusalem

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 494** "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Be Still My Soul* arr. Greg Howlett

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

The Words of Institution

The Feast

466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

527 "Eat This Bread"

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 802** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Jill Jackson

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 liturgists: Angela Lepro

Today's greeters: Bill & Marlene Johnson

Today's ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. Please see John Riley.

Last Day to Order Easter Flowers

We will be decorating the sanctuary with spring flowers on Easter (excluding Easter lilies and other scented flowers due to allergies). You are invited to purchase potted spring flowers for display in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Cost per order is \$8. Forms are available in the Narthex (please leave your form and payment in the box provided). These spring flowers provide a beautiful array in the sanctuary on Easter. Questions? Email Laura Brown, Chair of Worship at llbrown888@gmail.com, or call her at (828) 335-6000.

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 five. 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.

Spring Clean Up is April 13

Set aside this coming Saturday, April 13, for a morning of service to our own church. From 9 AM to 12 PM, we'll be doing spring clean-up of all kinds around the church building and grounds. Join our faithful Building & Grounds Committee as we steward our facilities together!

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 12:30 PM this Saturday, April 13, at J.K's on Long Shoals after the Spring Clean Up. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

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.

Bryan Stevenson Comes to Asheville

The Justice & Reconciliation committee encourages all congregants to see Bryan Stevenson, attorney, activist, and best-selling author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, speak at UNC Asheville's Kimmel Arena on Thursday, April 25. Doors will open at 6 PM, and the event will begin at 7 PM. The talk is free and open to everyone. Stevenson is the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)—a non-profit law firm whose work for their clients has eliminated unfair sentencing, exonerated innocent death row prisoners, confronted abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aided children prosecuted as adults. Questions? Contact Virginia Hebert at vlhebert@gmail.com or (919) 264-4407.

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

Calendar

Sun	7	12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Tues	9	5:45 PM	Lectio Divina
		7:00 PM	Lenten Small Group Book Study
Wed	10	5:30 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	11	6:30 PM	Justice & Reconciliation
Sat	13	9:00 AM	Spring Clean Up
		12:30 PM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	14	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)

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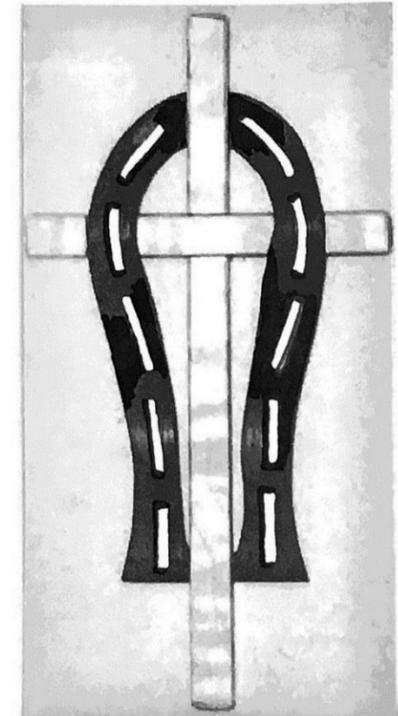
Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 2019
11 o'clock



"Turning from Seeing to Being Seen"

Fifth in the Series:

"You-Turns" on the Road



Following Jesus to Jerusalem

When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him,
"Zacchaeus, hurry and come down;
for I must stay at your house today."

Luke 19: