

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Hymn 778

Piano plays through once, choir sings verse 1, congregation repeats verse 1:

1 As pants the deer for liv - ing streams, in dry or des - ert space,
 I thirst for you, O liv - ing God; I long to see your face!
 O how I miss the hap - py days when with the throng I'd praise!
 Refrain
 Take cour - age now, my trem - bling heart, for God will take your part!

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, in every moment you offer us the gift of a new beginning. Yet, we often prefer the familiarity of our old ways. Forgive us, O God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we might learn the ways of God's love in Christ, offered to all people.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon, then the congregation sings:

4 O send your light to guide me home; my Sav - ior, guide me still.
 With shout - ing pil - grims I will come to climb your ho - ly hill.
 Then with the harp I'll sing your praise; my hap - py voice I'll raise.
 Refrain
 Take cour - age now, my trem - bling heart, for God will take your part!

*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Hymn 466 (repeated) "Come and Fill Our Hearts"
**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 You alone, O Lord, are holy.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 36:24-28, p. 704 (OT)

ANTHEM *Come To the Water* Matt Maher

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
 And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
 Without money, without price, why should you pay the price,
 Except for the Lord?
 And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
 And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
 Without money, without strife, why should you spend your life,
 Except for the Lord?
 And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
 And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
 All who labor, without rest, how can your soul find rest,
 Except for the Lord?
 And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
 Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord:
 Bring the children, without might, easy the load and light.
 Come to the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-17, p. 863-864 (NT)

SERMON "Going Deeper into Our Hearts"
Going Deeper

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 490** "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and

neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering
Offertory *Softly and Tenderly* Will Thompson
 * *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 297** "In Christ Called to Baptize"
*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Oh Them Golden Slippers* James Bland

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: Kim Presley
Today’s greeters: Bill and Marlene Johnson
Today’s ushers: Kim Sluder and Tracy Owensby
Today’s fellowship: Peg Lewis

Today we welcome our February New Members Class! See the insert on Charles Davidson (Associate), Patricia Koonts (Affiliate), Judith Lawson, Gerry and Bette Meyer, and Janat Parker.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today! We will be going to Olive Garden. See John Riley for details.

Lenten Theme: “Going Deeper”

Lent is a season of preparation for the events of Holy Week, when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Contemplating the meaning of these events can often feel like a wilderness journey, but in the midst of that desert, Jesus points us to a well, from which we are invited to draw deeply and drink from the waters of the Holy Spirit. Join us this season as we “go deeper” in our relationship with God.

Sunday Morning Class on the Gospel of Mark

Join Charlie Davidson at 9:30 AM on Sundays through April 5 as he leads us in a study of the Gospel of Mark. Imagine you are living in the last quarter of the first century A.D. in the city of Rome. Imagine, too, as one interpreter put it, that “suffering and death are not merely concepts which one could hold at a safe distance.” For now, unexpectedly, you are being called by the risen Jesus to “take up your cross and follow” him “immediately,” just as he had summoned the martyred Peter and Paul and the rest of his first followers to do. Your decision is laden with great risk and potential misunderstanding. So Mark has written his Gospel to share with you the “good news” (evangel) of Jesus’s gift of faith and sight to you, that in trust and courage you may follow him in the face of your fear, right now.

March Fellowship Luncheon Next Sunday

March comes with St Patrick’s Day and a fellowship luncheon to celebrate everything Irish! Please join us after worship next Sunday for corned beef, cabbage, shepherd’s pie and possibly some Irish stew. If you are able, please bring a side, salad, dessert or pot of gold to share.

Gas Card Collection

The family members of immigrants detained at Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, Georgia, struggle to be able to visit their loved ones. We invite you to “go deeper” into the well of compassion this Lenten season by contributing \$25 Shell gas cards to this collection in support of family members trying to make the drive to visit their loved ones. See the display table and green collection box in the Narthex.

MANNA Food Bank

Join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. 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.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, March 14 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 15 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, March 11.

Calendar

Sun	8	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see John Riley)
Tue	10	6:00 PM	Building and Grounds
Wed	11	4:30 PM	Finance and Administration
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat	14	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	15	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Fellowship Luncheon

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Living For Jesus* Thomas Chisolm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn 78

For the second Sunday in Lent, the piano plays through once, then the choir sings verse 1, and then the congregation sings verses 1-2:

1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
 2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not

Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a bread?
 O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is

price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
 good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.

Leader and people then share in the following spoken call and response:

Leader: We are hungry for Christ, the food of God’s love.
People: **We are thirsty for the Spirit, the presence of God’s life.**
Leader: The wind blows, swirling the leaves, giving the dust the shape of life
People: **The Spirit stirs, renewing our minds, giving us a new birth.**

*** HYMN 479** “Ho, All Who Thirst”

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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