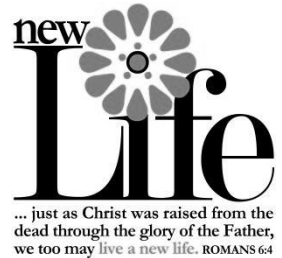


April 3, 2022
Sanctuary Worship, 11:00AM

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers. Masks are no longer mandatory inside the building, but recommended. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!



Prelude

We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.

Greeting

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

All: To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away, come, Lord Jesus. Today, to this place, to us, come, Lord Jesus.

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Invocation

Holy God, together with you we enter the sacred act of worship. We come as a consecrated people, dedicated for your purposes. We set apart this time and place in which we renounce all other loyalties and competing interests that we might behold your glory. Come to us, we pray. Take your rightful place in our hearts and lives. Call us to remembrance, to wakefulness, to prayerfulness. Lead us into your holy mystery where abiding, not doing, is our work and where listening, rather than speaking, is our food. In the depths of your grace may we relinquish our fears, that we might be freed to respond to your love with all of our being. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn – O Love Divine, What Thou Hast Done

O Love divine, what thou hast done! The immortal God hath died for me!

The Father's co-eternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.

Th'immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God.

Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.

Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace!

Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, "Was ever grief like his?"

Come, feel with me his blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

UMH 287. Charles Wesley, Isaac B. Woodbury.

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Elias at 252-578-1090.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem – *The Holy Heart*

The Holy Heart was broken, sent from the Father's side;
the Son of God forsaken, the Holy Sacrifice.

For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone,
my sin forever taken, that I might be His own.

The Holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone,
He bore the world's affliction, He bore it as His own.
And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride,
The Son of God now risen, now risen, will draw me to His side.

For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone,
my sin forever taken, that I might be His own.

And now I am His own.

Anne Barbour and Marsha Skidmore, arr. by Molly Ijames. © 1993 Maranatha Music/ASCAP and Doulos Publishing/BMI.

Scripture Lesson – Romans 6: 1-11

So what are we going to say? Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin

anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Lord of the Dance, verse 4

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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Message – Lord of the Dance, Part 4

Hymn – *What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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Blessing & Sending Out

Forward to Share Our Offerings

Out to Share the Love of God

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: Trustees meeting, 4:00PM today in Room 12; Open Help Workshop by Raleigh SeniorTechEd, 1:00PM Monday in Room 12; UMM, 7:00PM Monday in Carson Hall; "Organizing Your Genealogy Stuff", 1:00PM Tuesday in Room 12; Midweek Lenten Communion, 6:30PM Wednesday in the north (playground) parking lot; Garden Cleaning, 9:00AM Saturday in the Community Garden; Produce packing, 9:00AM Saturday in Carson Hall

Food Pantry needs this week: 16 oz. plastic jars of peanut butter, plastic containers of jelly, spaghetti sauce in cans or plastic jars, 16 oz. boxes of spaghetti

Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday! The Children's Council is excited to announce we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on April 10 for all children at St. James UMC! The hunt will take place during Discipleship Time (10:15) and will be on the playground here at church. Save the date now for this event! Please register with Kris Johnson (kris@stjamesraleigh.org) TODAY if your child will be attending so we can make sure to have plenty of eggs for them to hunt! Children will only need to bring a basket to collect eggs and their egg hunting skills! We hope to see you on next Sunday!

Lent Prayer Calendar: The St James-specific prayer calendar is on the website and updated weekly. Please remember each day to pray for the needs of our church, our community, and our world.

Wednesday Worship, 6:30PM We will worship in the North Parking lot and have communion at 6:30 each week of Lent. These 30-minute services will include music, prayer, scripture, message and communion. You are invited to remain in your cars, or to place lawn chairs on the patio! Check the website each week for any inclement weather updates.

Volunteer Opportunities: Please consider helping at either of our two service opportunities on Saturday, April 9 at 9AM: meet in the Community Garden with Melanie Baiardo to help clean the garden for spring planting, or sign up to help Helen McGee pack produce in Carson Hall.

Scholarship Deadline is April 10! For those graduating seniors or college students who are interested in applying for the Jeff & Edith Wilson Scholarship, please remember to have your applications in the church office by April 10. Applications are on the Library bulletin board.

Holy Week Schedule:

4/10: Palm Sunday – special presentation of I Am the Lord of the Dance at both 9:15 and 11:00 services; Easter egg hunt for children at 10:15AM

4/13: final Midweek Lenten Worship & Communion at 6:30PM in the north parking lot

4/14: Maundy Thursday worship, 7:00PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church

4/15: Good Friday Walk through Holy Week, 5:30-7:00PM around St. James

4/16: Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, 11:00AM-1:00PM in St. James courtyard

4/17: Easter Sunday worship & communion at 7:30AM in the north parking lot; Coffee & Donuts fellowship at 8:30AM on the patio; 10:00AM Sanctuary Worship with communion