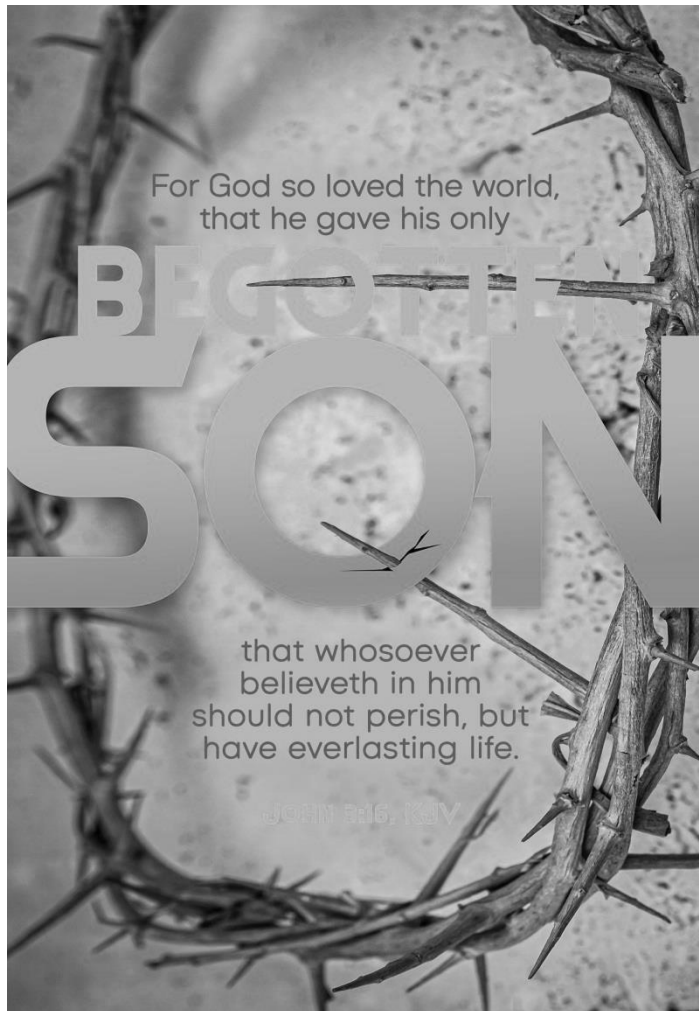




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March 5, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter.
Keep us hopeful, Lord.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: When God says, "Go!" without telling us the destination,

People: show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

Leader: When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we've been and where
we're going,

ALL: Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

Hymn – O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord's Prayer

*(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place
prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)*

**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.**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 12: 1-4a

NRSV pew Bible, p. 9 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – Lonesome Valley

Jesus walked His lonesome valley; He had to walk it for Himself.

Nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it for Himself.

Jesus went to stand His trial; He had to stand it for Himself.

Nobody else could stand it for Him; He had to stand it for Himself.

I must walk my lonesome valley; I have to walk it for myself.
Nobody else can walk it for me; I have to walk it for myself.

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Gospel Reading – John 3: 1-17

NRSV pew Bible, p. 88 (NT)

Message – Go with God

Pastor Dan Baer

Holy Communion

Hymn – *Blessed Assurance*

UMH 369

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: David & Debra Gracy
Today's Sound System Operator: Mike Lamar

Next Week's Greeters: Diane Lipscomb & Winnie Webb
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Matoka Snuggs

*We have a nursery available for infants through age 4. An usher will be glad to direct you.
We always welcome children of all ages to join us in worship, and Worship Activity Bags are
available at the entrance if your child would like one.*

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What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

- TODAY, 3/5** *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall
- Mon, 3/6** *GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall*
UMM Dinner & Meeting, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Tues, 3/7** *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
- Wed, 3/8** *Choir Rehearsal, 6PM in the Sanctuary*
- Thurs, 3/9** *New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room*
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
- Fri, 3/10** **Bowling Night, 6PM at Buffalo Lanes, 5900 Oak Forest Dr., Raleigh*
- Sat, 3/11** **Produce Assembly, 9AM in Carson Hall*
GS Troop 1042, 10AM in Montague Hall

Special Offering TODAY: *Our first special offering for 2023 is TODAY. This special offering will go to assist relief efforts in the Ukraine. Please indicate "Ukraine Relief" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check on March 5.*

Bowling Night Signup Deadline is TODAY! *The Social Committee is pleased to bring back Bowling Night! We will gather at Buffalo Lanes (5900 Oak Forest Dr., Raleigh 27616) on Friday, March 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM, which should allow us to bowl two games. The cost is \$15 per person and includes shoe rental. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/SJBowlingNight> or call Keith Walkowiak to register. Please contact Keith today if you'd like to attend; he needs to register and pay for lanes in advance.*

Bible study reminder: *Remember that we are NOT meeting on Monday since Pastor Dan will be in an all-day meeting. We will begin our study of John on Monday, March 13 at 10:30. Thank you!*

Produce packing this Saturday: *We invite you to join us this Saturday at 9AM in Carson Hall for "fellowship with a purpose" and help us pack produce boxes for our community! The work is easy, quick, and fun. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Produce-Packing>; dates through April are available! Call Helen McGee (919-880-7881) with any questions.*