

The Chapel in the Pines

March 10, 2024

Living in the Light of the Resurrection

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by
Jon & Dorene Tichenor in memory of Tamara Lee
and in honor of Pastor Emeritus Charles Hinson.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Preparation

In the very beginning of all things, God's light shone throughout all creation.
Help us, God. Come find us in our darkness!

In the earliest of times, when people turned their backs on God,
God's light shone through the prophets.
Help us, God. Come, find us in our darkness!

In the fullness of time,
God's light shone through the Son to lead us back to God.
Help us, God. Come, find us in our darkness!

When the followers of the Way
huddled in a darkened room, fearful of others,
God's light of resurrection shone through
the message brought by Mary to the disciples.
Help us, God. Come, find us in our darkness!

When the witnesses to Christ gathered in a darkened space,
God's light shone forth as though it was tongues of fire,
resting upon each person.
Help us, God. Come, find us in our darkness!

In these dark times, as in all times past, God's light continues to shine,
lighting our path, comforting our spirits, inspiring our souls.
**Lord God, help us reach out to you and receive your light.
Be with us as we journey through our darkness
toward the light of joy that is to come.**

The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever...Amen.**

***The Call to Worship**

How awesome God's light is!
It pours rays of comfort and hope onto this dark world!

Come, dance and rejoice in the light!
Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits!

Come, let us celebrate this day and every day
as we live in the light of the resurrection.



***Hymn** #25 Immortal, invisible

- 1** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious - Thy great name we praise.

- 2** Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

- 3** To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest - the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changest Thee.

- 4** Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render - O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Amen.

The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ be with you all.
And, also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**There's something about darkness that we love, Lord.
Perhaps it is that in the darkness
our sins and our misdeeds will not be noticed so readily.
Perhaps we fear the light of your love
because of our guilt and embarrassment about not following you.
You sent the Light into the world
that all might see your love and learn how to live in the light.
But, we have stumbled, fallen, and failed far too often.
Sometimes we just want to give up.
Please reach through the black hole of our souls and spirits
and let your light of love and hope
shine on us and eventually in us and through us,
that we might bring others to the Light.
O God, you sent your Son that we would be redeemed.
We trust in that gift.
Heal and forgive us for our waywardness.
We ask once again that you would
pick us up and put us on the right path.**

The Declaration of Forgiveness



***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise**

Adapted from Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord
for God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.

O let us thank and praise the Lord
and tell of God's wonderful gifts to humankind with songs of joy.

***Hymn** #556 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
Thro' all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Amen.

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles Ephesians 2:1-10
*You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked,
following the course of this world...*

The Choir's Anthem

A Reading from the Gospels John 3:16-21
*But those who do what is true come to the light,
so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."*

The Homily The Light of Love

Prayers of the People
Lord in your mercy...**Hear our prayers**



Living in the Light of the Resurrection - On the Road to Emmaus

The Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory

***The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn** #296 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (verses 1-3)

1 We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

2 We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword. **[Refrain]**

3 We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love. **[Refrain]**

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #296 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (verse 4)

4 We've a Savior to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God. **[Refrain]**

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

***The Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:

Patty and Jackie Madden, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Lerici Racine, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Ann Rorie, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Marie Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Mary Herold, Nancy Cecchini, Mary White, Robert Allen, Joseph Rickards, Mary Faas, Paul Infuso, Nell Otsby, Bill Conclin, Debbie Franklin, Sharon Hacker, Barb Conrad, Bill and Bev Myers, Leah Tourt Cicero, Kate Halus, Joe and Laura Klimasz.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Dave Westerman, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Dick and Sue Van Horne, Jane and Jeff Lowe and Jenny, Peggy Olson, Katy Swain, Pat Griffin, Marilyn and Jimmy McCaskill, Meta Evans, Johanna Moran, Shirley Percival Bob Dantzer, Meta Evans, The family of Tamara Lee; Edward, Kinsey, Rebekah, and Anna, Charles Hinson, Sue Barry



Usher/Greeters

Our thanks to Kathy Reszka for her years of service to God by coordinating and training a most important group of volunteers...the Usher/Greeters. As Kathy retires from this position and our Board seeks new leadership, it creates an opportunity for more of us to consider becoming a part of this essential ministry.

Our Usher/Greeters create the first welcoming impression of our Chapel to the many visitors who walk through our doors, they offer hugs and handshakes to all our regular returning members, and they are essential to the smooth running of our worship services. From guiding folks with young children to the nursery, to offering bulletins, to the passing of the Welcome Pads and the collection of all our tithes and offerings. Worship would simply not be the same without them.

Won't you volunteer to serve as an Usher/Greeter?

If so, just drop a note in the collection plate or give Susan a call in the Chapel office this week. (910) 400-5188

March Announcements

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-March 10	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Tuesday-March 12	6:30 pm	Bunco 4 Missions
Wednesday-March 13	3:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-March 17	9:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Wednesday-March 20	3:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Sunday-March 24	9:00 am	Palm Sunday
Wednesday-March 27	3:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study
	4:30 pm	Chapel Choir
Thursday-March 28	5:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday-March 29	Noon	Good Friday
Sunday-March 31	9:00 am	Easter Sunday

Birthdays

Sunday, March 10 Rowan Collins



Coffee Fellowship

March 3-10 Sue Dell'Acqua
3-17 Phyllis Young
3-24 **Volunteer Needed**
3-31 **Easter Sunday—No
Coffee Fellowship**



Altar Flowers

March

3-17 Moss Family
3-24 Sandy Cifranic
3-31 Pastor Paul James

April

4-7 Jon & Dorene Tichenor
4-14 Bill & JoAn Moses
4-21 **Volunteer Needed**
4-28 **Volunteer Needed**
3-31 Pastor Paul James



To sign up for Coffee Fellowship:

Call: Church Administrator 910-400-5188

Email: citp10@7lakeschapel OR Sign up on the Podium outside the fellowship hall.



Holy Week Events



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9 :00 am

To begin Holy Week the Chapel Chancel Choir will present their Easter Cantata, *The Colors of Grace*. As we respond to this inspiring and meaningful music we will be joining those who line the streets of Jerusalem waving their palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 2024

5:00 pm

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:00 and remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, the final instructions he gave to them before his death, and like them we will celebrate Holy Communion. Following the service we will come together in the fellowship hall for a covered-dish soup, bread, and dessert supper.



Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024

12:00 Noon



We will join those who are witnessing the crucifixion of Jesus as we retell the story of Good Friday through scripture and song. This service will include the Stripping of the Church as darkness comes over the land and we hear Jesus say, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

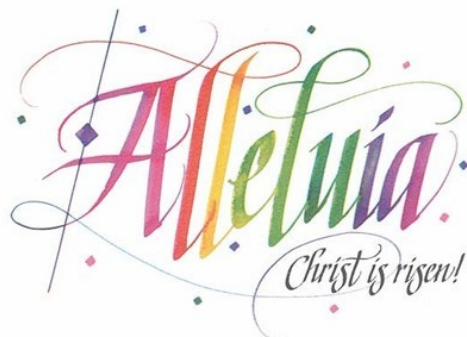
Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:00 am

What a blessing it will be for all of us to join together and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. The service will include the Reappointing of the Church and the observance of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Don't forget to bring your Spring flower cuttings to adorn the cross and to greet one another with the words, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

All Holy Week Services will be in-sanctuary and online



Alleluia
Christ is risen!





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