

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 13, 2016
Fifth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from you. May we who are so adept at catering for our own wants, make ourselves more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively, that we may spread love's fragrance wherever the odor of cynicism and despair hangs in the air. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Stuart Townsend
arr. Larry Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
People: **Let us be glad this day, for life, for breath,
and for freedom of worship.**

Leader: Blessed are you, who come in the name of the Lord.
People: **We come to offer our gifts of praise and gratitude to God,
who made all of creation.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

+HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" No. 463
Tune: FOUNDATION

PRAYER CONFESSION

**You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave a small part that I would not get too involved.**

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Lord, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument that I might take seriously the meaning of the cross. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.....

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Emily Leonard

ANTHEM

"I Will Give You Rest"

Larry Shackley

Come unto Me, all who are heavy laden, come unto Me, all who are weary in heart.

Come unto Me each one with a broken spirit, and I will give you rest.

Come unto Me, see that My yoke is easy. Come unto Me, feel that My burden is light.

Come unto Me, My mercy endures forever, and I will give you rest.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21; p. 632

SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8; p. 100

SERMON

"Unmeasured Generosity"

Charlie Landreth

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

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.

Welcome to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will feel welcomed in this time of worship. Our church, organized in 1887, is a member of Salem Presbytery, the Synod of Mid-Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Leading worship: Charlie Landreth, Interim Pastor; Shirley Harris, Liturgist, Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Austin Dyer, Acolyte; Rob, Jackie, Carlton and Austin Dyer, Ushers and Greeters.

Child care is provided for children ages infant through 5 years old during worship in the Keys Church Nursery area downstairs, staffed by Michelle Knoud and Hannah Peterson.

Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Laura Carter

Children's Church: After "Time with the Children", all children ages K-2nd grade are invited to follow our adult leaders to the Butterfly Classroom upstairs for their own worship time. Children may be picked up by their families in the classroom after worship (from the lobby, take the stairs or the elevator to the top floor). **Volunteers NEXT Sunday: Wes and Lynne Waugh**

The flowers today are given in honor and appreciation of Rumble's entire staff, and the volunteer work of Jimmy and Debora Smith by the Women's Sunday School Class. We are so blessed.

Easter Lilies There are two options for your memorial/honor Easter Lilies. Traditional Easter Lilly and/or a donation to our Music Ministry. There are forms in the pew pads and on the display case and they are due March 21.

Easter Egg Hunt: Rumble is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 19 at 1:00 p.m. following the Town of Blowing Rock's celebration. All are welcome.

The Year of the Bible: Question (1) Who tips off the Roman authorities about the plot against Paul's life in Jerusalem? (2) Moses is permitted only to observe the Promised Land from a mountaintop. Who will lead the people when they enter it? Answers will be in next Sunday's bulletin. The answers to last week's questions are (1) To save the people from the serpents, Moses sets up a bronze image on a pole. (Num. 21:4-9) (2) A daughter could receive her father's inheritance if there were no living sons. (Num. 27:8).

Rumble Membership – If you are interested in Rumble membership as an active or affiliate member, we invite you to speak with the pastor or contact him at cl291@aol.com or 295-7675. Members are received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or by transfer of church letter.

Congregational Care – If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit from the pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with the Pastor, Jim Ruff, Elder chair of Congregational Care, or contact the Church Office.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Annual Spring Tour on Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, in the village of Flat Rock and in the historic towns of Mills River and Hendersonville. We will meet Friday noon at the Carl Sandburg Home in Flat Rock and will visit a number of historic churches in the area. Please join us for a memorable tour. Registration is \$20. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Program Chair Sam Martin at (910) 428-4165.

Holy Week Activities

March 20 – Palm/Passion Sunday

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

Holy Week Midday Services

Worship at noon followed by lunch

All services will be held at Faithbridge United Methodist Church

Monday March 21 Rusty Guenther, First Baptist Church, preaching

Tuesday March 22 Rick Lawler, St. Mary's of the Hills, preaching

Wednesday March 23 Charlie Landreth preaching

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

"Music and the Spoken Word"

Communion will be served

Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Rumble Church

7:30 a.m. Community Breakfast by the Carter Lentz Men's Class

11:00 Worship

Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter

Sunday 3/13/2016

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

12:00 Second Sunday Lunch

APPFaith Health Program

12:15 Confirmation (ACU)

4:00 Middle School Youth Group (YC)

5:30 High School Youth Group (YC)

Monday 3/14/2016

12:00 Circle 4 – Town Tavern

Tuesday 3/15/2016

5:45 Mission Committee (L)

Wednesday 3/16/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting

2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion

6:00 Handbell Choir

7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Sunday 3/20/2016

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 Session (FH)

11:00 Worship

12:15 Confirmation (ACU)

4:00 Middle School Youth Group (YC)

5:30 High School Youth Group (YC)

Monday 3/21/2016

4:00 Finance Committee (L)

Wednesday 3/23/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting

2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion

6:00 Handbell Choir

7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 3/24/2016

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service