

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
April 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, we thank you that your Son Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for your people. Open our hearts to hear his voice, to know him as he calls us by name, and to follow wherever he leads. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Debora Smith

CHORAL INTROIT

"Dawn"

by Houston Bright

ASU Treble Choir Dr. Priscilla Porterfield, Conductor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God,

People: **where grieving people have their tears wiped away.**

Leader: We gather with the people of God,

People: **who worship the One who provides what we need,
not just what we want.**

Leader: We gather around the Font and Table of God,

People: **where God feeds us with grace and wonder,
where God pours the living waters upon us.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

+HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

No. 802

Tune: ST. COLUMBA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are shamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURURANCE 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

Lou Moore

ANTHEM

"Sunrise"

by Houston Bright

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43; p. 120

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 23 p. 474

SERMON

"Goodness and Mercy"

Larry Lyon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

"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 people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude toward 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!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

+HYMN

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

No. 803

Tune: RESIGNATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. 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: Larry Lyon, Guest Pastor; Lou Moore, Liturgist, Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; Jeff and Lori Stewart, Charles and Suzanna Gurkin, 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: Teresa Lentz

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: Jimmy and Debora Smith**

The flowers today are arranged by the Flower Committee.

Today Pastor Larry Lyon returns to our pulpit. He served as Rumble's pastor from 1998 – 2006. He and Martha have now retired and are living in the Lake Norman area near Charlotte.

Youth Fundraiser – Second Sunday Luncheon – Please plan to stay for lunch today immediately following worship. We will serve quiche, fresh fruit salad, and pumpkin bread provided by our youth and their families. Come enjoy good food and support our youth!

Love Offering – During the month of April, Rumble will be collecting a love offering for Rev. Charlie Landreth. You may place your donation in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Please be sure to note "Charlie Love Offering" in the memo line.

ASU Treble Choir

Rumble is pleased to host "The Appalachian Treble Choir" worship hour today. The Appalachian Treble Choir has been under the direction of Dr. Porterfield since the spring semester of 1991. Hundreds of women have enjoyed the vitalizing experience of joining their voices in many different styles of choral literature, and performing around campus and throughout North Carolina. The group varies from 50-60 women each semester, and they come to the choir from hometowns across the state and majors across all disciplines. On average, between 15-20 percent of the choir personnel are music majors, and the rest utilize some much needed variety to their daily class load! Our motto is: "Treble Choir . . . when it's time for a break from the ordinary!"

Dr. Priscilla Porterfield is the recipient of many awards and fellowships which have taken her for study and performance to the Carmel (CS) Bach Festival, the Tanglewood Music Festival and the Aspen Music Festival. She was a national finalist in the Music Teacher's National Association Collegiate Artist Awards, the winner of the Toledo Opera Young Artists Competition, and has twice been a winner of the District Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

Dr. Porterfield has portrayed such varied roles as Dorabella, Ottavia, Meg Page, Hansel, and Baba. She has sung with the Toledo Opera (OH), the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Ohio Light Opera. Her staged repertoire also extends to the lighter vein, having performed comic roles in the operettas of Offenbach and Sullivan.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Porterfield and her students to lead in worship!

AppFaithHealth Program – Enrollment for the AppFaithHealth program will be during the month April. If you would like to enroll, please complete the enclosed form and return to the church office. It is important that your name on the application must be the same as your name on your driver's license.

The PNC thanks you for your continued prayers during our review process. Our application **field has been narrowed** to approximately 20 pastors, and interviews via **video-conference will begin** within the next 10 days. We have had an abundance of excellent applicants and are confident that we will soon be able to discern the pastor God is calling to serve with us at Rumble. **Thank you** again for your patience and prayers!

Thanks to everyone who contributed food during March for the Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. pantry. April's food item for collection on the last Sunday with the Pennies for Hunger Offering is: **Peanut Butter**. **Thank you** for helping to alleviate hunger in our area. If you are interested in helping with the **O.A.S.I.S shelter Spring cleanup**, or in **volunteering with Red Cross** prevention education in our schools, please **contact Debora Smith, 828 773-1966** or deborawsm@gmail.com. **Thank you** for being a part of **Rumble's ministry in our community**.

The Year of the Bible: Answers to last week's - Question (1) Rahab ties a crimson cord in her window as a sign to the Israelites to spare her house when they take Jericho (Josh. 2:18) (2) Achan sins by keeping some of the booty for himself (Josh. 7:1,21) This week's questions (1) Normally in Israel, rulers and leader were men. What important judge in Israel was a woman? (2) What is especially noteworthy about the manner in which Jesus heals the leper? The answers will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

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