

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 5, 2017
First Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Frederick C. Maker, arr. Victor Labenske

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Lou Moore, Liturgist

Leader: Always we begin again.

People: **For the Lord God is a god of new beginnings, always ready to forgive us, always ready to embrace us.**

Leader: God has been good to us, God is good to us even now, God will be good to us in the coming years.

People: **It is that God whom alone we serve, it is that God whom alone we worship, it is that God who loves us, and who we seek to love.**

Leader: Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, always we begin again.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 630

Tune: CRUSADERS' HYMN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you know that we are only people, the sheep of your pasture. As people we too often romanticize the past, even though we know to live in the present is the better course. As people we too often hold onto hurts, even though to release them would be so liberating. As people we too often live in fear, even though we know to live in faith is the far healthier option. Remind us, again, O Lord, that you are good, that your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+KYRIE

“*Lord Have Mercy*” (sung responsively) Cantor, Evan Adair

Lord Have Mercy.... Christ Have Mercy..... Lord Have Mercy

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Having confessed our sins, know that the Lord forgives us.

In Christ, may we begin again. AMEN.

+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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lou Moore

ANTHEM

“*Creation Will Be at Peace*”

Isaiah 11: 6-9, adapted by J. Paul Williams, Music by Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;

in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,

their young will play together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.

They will war no more, a child will lead them all. *

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 100; p. 522

SECOND READING

First Corinthians 13; p. 164

SERMON

“The Defining Factor”

Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“*Though I May Speak*”

No. 693

Tune: GIFT OF LOVE

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and the apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

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 to 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using "debts")

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.

OFFERINGS OF OUR LIFE AND LABORS

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" arr. Joel Raney

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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. Amen.

+*SENDING HYMN* "***We Are One in the Spirit***" ***No. 300***
Tune: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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+Indicates those who are able may stand.

RUMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church! Visitors, we hope that you will feel welcomed in your time with us today. We hope you will fill in the card in the pew so we can be in touch with you. Our church was organized in 1887 and is a member of Salem Presbytery, Synod of Mid-Atlantic in the Presbyterian Church USA. If you have any questions, our pastor and elders will be glad to help you.

Please be sure to sign and pass the Friendship Pad found in the pew rack. If you are a guest, this gives us the opportunity to be in touch with you.

Leading worship: Rev. Dr. Larry Lyon, Guest Pastor; Lou Moore, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Maggie Cheves, Acolyte; Mike and Misty Mayfield, Alice Salthouse, Emily Smith, 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 Kelly Ginsberg and Claire Denness.

Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Judy Carr

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). **Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Debbie Clay and BJ Tugman**

Today Rev. Dr. 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.

Covenant Bible Study meets today at 3:00 – 4:30. You are invited to this 8-week study focusing on "Living the Covenant" in our everyday life. This is the second segment in a 3-part series, but no worries! If you missed the first segment, you can join us now.

Lenten Bible Study: Our new pastor, Rev. Kathy Beach, invites you to a 5-week Lenten study and time of prayer beginning on Tuesday March 7 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the library. Kathy will base the time together on the book, *What We Need is Here: Practicing the Heart of Christian Spirituality* by Roger Owens. Copies of the book are available from Cameron Womack and we ask for you to sign-up on the clip board in the lobby. Cost of the book is \$10.

We Welcome Rev. Kathy Beach on March 12!

Please join us for worship and a reception for Kathy following worship in the fellowship hall. Don't forget to bring welcome cards for Kathy. It would be great to include a picture too, so she can begin to put names and faces together. There are some blank cards available by the baskets in the narthex and lobby if you need one.

The Flower Chart The new 2017 flower chart is on the wall behind the desk in the lobby, or a sign-up form can be found in the Friendship Pads in the pews.

The Fellowship Committee is asking for help with Kathy's reception. They are looking for finger sandwiches (pimento cheese, tuna salad, egg salad, chicken salad, etc.), fruit trays, veggie trays, bite size desserts. If you can help, please contact Jackie Dyer at jackiedyer@charter.net or 828-265-3758 and let her know so they can ensure they have enough food.

Assistive Listening devices for worship are now available at Rumble! If you would like to use a "Sound Mate" while in worship, please see Cameron Womack or an usher for assistance.

Keep in your prayers Ruth George in the death of her husband, Dr. Lynn George; Jim Gee, Earl Trexler, Pat Coley, Nancy Trexler, Jim Burgess, Molly Bowden, and Cecil Brandon. Please contact Hazel that we may list other prayer concerns.

Blowing Rock CARES items for March are: toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper and feminine products.

The new pledge envelopes are here! They are on the display case in the lobby. This year's envelopes do not have dates or names, so please take one if you would like.

Photo Directory Updates are here. If you already have a full directory, please pick up an update and new printed address directory. If you had your photo taken last summer during the update, then you will need a full directory, update and address list. All items are on the pew in the lobby. Please see Cameron Womack if you have questions.



Rumble is on Facebook! Be sure to "like" our page to keep up to date on all the happenings at Rumble Church.

This Week at Rumble

Sunday 3/5/2017

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
12:15 Youth Committee (L)
3:30 Covenant Bible Study (L)
4:00 Middle School Youth (YC)
5:00 High School Youth

Monday 3/6/2017

6:00 Circle 1 (RH)

Wednesday 3/8/2017

11:00 Staff Meeting (L)
2:30-4:30 KICKS and Fusion
6:00 Handbell Choir
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 3/9/2017

10:30 Prayer Shawl Group (RH)