

The Order of Service for the Worship of God
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 26, 2017
Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS OF PEACE

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Chris Rice

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God's voice speaks to our chaos, echoing in our empty hearts.

gathering us together to remember our baptism.

God's voice flows like the living waters of grace,

our new name, 'Beloved,' resounding in our souls.

God's voice stirs the waters of baptismal hope,

calling us to be bearers of peace to a world of broken hopes.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 475

Tune: NETTLETON

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

+SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

+KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy” (sung responsively)

Cantor, Evan Adair

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

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“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

The children will lead us in collecting the Pennies for Hunger offering.

ANTHEM

“Hope of the World”

Taylor Davis

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,

 speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.

Save us, thy people from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
 still let thy spirit unto us be given, to heal earth’s wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light,
 walk beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, Christ o’er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
 we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign. *

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-3; p. 644

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 28:18-20; p. 32

SERMON

“Claimed as God’s Own”

Kathy Beach

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

No. 435

Tune: IN BABILONE

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

“Be Still, My Soul”

Jean Sibelius, arr. Chris Rice

+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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Questions to the family

Questions for the congregation and children

Do we, the members of this church on behalf of the whole church,

promise to guide and nurture **Eleanor** by word

and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church? **We do.**

Will we receive this precious child into our fellowship here?

**With great joy we welcome Eleanor into Christ's church;
for we are all one in Christ.**

Do we promise to love, encourage, and support her?

We so promise.

Will we walk with her, her big brother, and big sister in faith and support her father and extended family as they help her to know and follow Jesus?

**We promise to share the good news of the gospel with them,
and to be the loving, supportive Body of Christ to this family.**

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' 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.

Prayer

Baptism

Blessing

+SENDING HYMN

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

No. 486

Tune: KINGDOM

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

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Bold font indicates all say or sing in unison.

+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. If you have any questions, our pastor and elders will be glad to help you. This church was organized in 1887 and is a member of Salem Presbytery, Synod of Mid-Atlantic in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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: Kathy Beach, Pastor; Maurice Ewing, Cameron Womack, Liturgists; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Janie Beach-Verhey, Acolyte; The Dyer Family, Ushers and Greeters

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Sanborn Jay.

Today we baptize Eleanor Jones Jay, born March 7, 2017, daughter of Matt and Sarah Jay, and sister of Sadie and Calvin Jay.

The Pennies for Hunger offering is received today. This monthly offering supports the hunger ministries of Salem Presbytery.

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: 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 will return to the sanctuary for the baptism. **Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Jerry and Mary Hutchens**

Easter Lilies There are two options for your memorial/honor gift. You may choose to purchase an Easter Lilly and/or make a donation to the Music Fund. There are forms in the pew pads and on the display case in the church lobby. All forms are due to the church office by Wednesday, April 12, in in order for names to be printed in the Easter bulletins.

Lenten Bible Study with our new pastor, Rev. Kathy Beach, continues Tuesday March 28 at 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Rumble House.

Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. is a local food bank, housed at Rumble and open on Monday mornings til noon. Items needed for March are: toothpaste, individually wrapped tooth brushes, toilet paper and feminine products. There is a shopping cart located in the church lobby where these items and any other donations may be placed.

The Slate and Stone (monthly newsletter) – please submit any articles or calendar information by March 28.

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.

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.

The glass display case in the library needs a new home. Anyone who is interested in it, please contact Rita White at 828-414-9345.

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

Keep in your prayers: Curt Salthouse upon the death of his father, Ken Salthouse on 3/23; Matt Jay, and his children Sadie, Calvin, and Eleanor upon the death of his wife, their mother, Sarah, on Saturday, March 11; George Snyder, Bill Thorn, Brenda Lentz; Ruth George in the death of her husband, Dr. Lynn George; Jim Gee, Earl Trexler, Pat Coley, Nancy Trexler, Jim Burgess, and Cecil Brandon. Please contact Hazel, in the church office, if you have other prayer concerns we can add.

Sunday 3/26/2017

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

Monday 3/27/2017

5:30 Session (RH)

Tuesday 3/28/2017

11:30 – 1:00 Lenten Bible Study (RH)

Wednesday 3/29/2017

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

Holy Week and Easter at Rumble

April 9 – Palm Sunday

11:00 Worship

Wednesday April 12

12:00 Noon Community Holy Week Service at First Baptist

2:30 KICKS and Fusion

Thursday April 13

7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

Sunday April 16

7:00 Sunrise Service, Rumble Church

8:00 Community Breakfast by Carter Lentz Men's Class

10:30 Butterfly Release

11:00 Worship