



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

Thank you for covenanting to wear your face masks/coverings throughout the service. The hymns and the sung responses will be sung by the choir only; we discourage congregational singing at this time. The congregation is invited to recite the spoken responses, the prayers, the Affirmation of Faith, and the Mission Statement.

* All who are able, please stand.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

The Chancel Bells

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Brad Hinton

* OPENING HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Bright youth and snow-crowned age, both men and women, raise
on high your free, exulting song, declare God's wondrous praise. *Refrain*

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865

MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,
we know that when we offend another, we offend you.
We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate
to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes.
We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters
when they failed to live up to our expectations.
Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us,
the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you.
Fan the embers of that love until it roars again
in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation.
Forgive us our sins
and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us.
Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for the sins of all. Amen.**

Michael J. O'Donnell, USA, 20th cent.

Song of Forgiveness

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy, O Christ, have mercy, O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

WORDS AND MUSIC: *Guarani Kyrie*, Paraguay; harm. Carlton R. Young

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Glory to God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Live in Charity (Ubi caritas)

UBI CARITAS

*Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

WORDS: Taizé Community, 1978

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, © 1979 Les Presses de Taizé, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Dave Jirele, lector

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

What a Fool Believes

Rev. Jim Humphries

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Modern Affirmation #885, United Methodist Hymnal

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

**We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to
his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

* **GLORIA PATRI**

GREATOREX

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.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd - 4th cent.

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

PASTORAL PRAYERS

The pastor will end each petition with: Lord, in your mercy,
to which the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*You may give to the church's General Fund by texting 704-457-5083
with the amount you would like to contribute, online at www.davidsonumc.org/finances,
or by placing your offering in the Offering Collection Cabinets located at the doors.*

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Traditional Spiritual; arr. John Carter

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
Oh, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

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* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

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

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674

MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will serve in a manner befitting our protocols, distanced with individual wafers and individual (and sealed) cups of juice, leaving it to the discretion of our in-person participants about whether to receive. Those receiving will do so at the altar rails, one pew section at a time.

* The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

* **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. Amen.

Communion Music

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN**

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

HENDON

Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?

What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes?

Who revives my fainting heart, healing all its hidden smart? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?

Who will place me on his right, with the countless hosts of light? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:

faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.

WORDS: Johann C. Schwedler, 1741; trans. by Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863

MUSIC: H.A. César Malan, 1827; harm. by Lowell Mason, 1841

* **OUR MISSION**

**We will be the Body of Christ in our community
through worship, education, fellowship, and service.**

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Please remain seated. Ushers will instruct and release the congregation by section at the end of the Postlude. Outer sections will exit first, followed by center sections.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Davidson United Methodist Church! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If it is the first time you are worshipping with us, it is a joy to introduce you to our church; our doors are open to all. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we'd love to walk alongside you. Our mission statement captures our desire "to be the Body of Christ in our community through worship, education, fellowship, and service." It is our commitment to live out our Christian faith in fresh and relevant ways.

Let us hear from you; we would like to encourage you on your faith journey. Whether you are a spiritual seeker who's just starting to ask questions about God or a committed Christian who wants to dig deeper, you will find a home here at Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC). Check out our ministries, listen to a sermon, and read about what's going on at DUMC on our website at: www.davidsonumc.org.

Thank you for being a part of our worship! The Peace of Christ be with you!

THE FLOWERS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY to the glory of God
by Cheryl Mahoney in celebration of her daughter
Katie Ann's 13th birthday on March 8.

LIVESTREAM NOTE

This worship service is recorded and shared via the Internet on our church website (www.davidsonumc.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DavidsonUMC).
Audio or video of any congregant may appear in the webcast.

PASTORAL CARE NOTE

A DUMC pastor remains on call after hours to be of assistance during emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-770-1264 (or the Church Office -704-892-8277- which provides this number as well) and a pastor will respond as soon as possible.

2021 SANCTUARY FLOWERS SCHEDULE

A Signup Genius schedule is available for the 2021 Sanctuary flowers.
See the link at www.davidsonumc.org under Registrations.
Contact Jenna Eichorn at jeichorn@davidsonumc.org with any questions.

THE WAY FORWARD FORUM SERIES

DUMC is planning a 2-week forum series in March to discuss the issue of homosexuality within the United Methodist Church. As you know, General Conference has been grappling with issues concerning the ordination of gay clergy as well as marriage of same sex couples. Given that COVID-19 restrictions mandated a postponement of the 2020 General Conference and thus decisions on these issues, our pastoral team has agreed that now is an appropriate time for the congregation to engage the conversation. *The Way Forward Forum Series* will be led by Rev. Amy Coles, Assistant to Bishop Leeland. Rev. Coles has been hosting similar forum series events throughout our Annual Conference. She will lead us in a presentation and small group discussion on Sundays, March 7 and 14 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. We hope that these sessions will provide an informative update as well as a respectful dialogue that promotes unity and understanding. We do need you to register your attendance for these sessions. Register on the church website under Registrations.

If you have questions about these forums, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rev. Dianne Lawhorn at dlawhorn@davidsonumc.org.

MISSIONAL IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE (MAD) COLLECTION FOR MARCH is for the Loaves and Fishes food pantry at Ada Jenkins. They are asking for donations of laundry detergent. Place your donations in the black containers located outside the Church Office.

DUMC BLOOD DRIVE will be on Monday, March 15 from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are necessary due to COVID-19 precautions. Donors without appointments cannot be accommodated during this time. Please sign up by contacting Liz Powell at giveapint@gmail.com or 704-258-4133.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FX:A FAMILY EXPERIENCE for parents and children in kindergarten through fifth grade will be held on Sunday, March 21 from 11:00 a.m. - noon at the White House parking lot. Families are asked to dress warmly, bring a chair, and wear a mask. Register on the church website under Registrations.

MYPATH MENTORS are needed at Caterpillar Ministries! Do you love teenagers? Are you interested in learning about the world of college admissions? Do you have an hour or two each month to meet with your student on Zoom? If so, you may be a great fit for this new ministry opportunity! MyPath is a new college/career planning program at Caterpillar Ministries that matches volunteer mentors with high school students to guide them as they plan for their future. We have new mentor training sessions coming up this spring, and we would love for you to consider this opportunity to impact a student's life! Contact Cindy Turner at cindyjturner@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

CARE AND SUPPORT GROUPS

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP will meet virtually on Thursday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Sherry Carpenter at scarpenter@davidsonumc.org if you are interested in joining us.

FAITH AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE CHAPEL Join us for a simple, online worship experience via Zoom on Tuesdays through March 30, from 11:00 a.m. – noon. Participate any Tuesday you are available. Using Lectio Divina, we will read through a Scripture passage and reflect upon it prayerfully, in silence and conversation. Having feasted on God's word, we will share in God's grace with a spiritual communion liturgy. We will also incorporate a Welcoming Prayer practice for self-examination and repentance as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. Register and receive your Zoom invite with Nancy Bellamy at nancy@starrettfarmretreat.com. Questions? Contact Ann Starrette at astarrette@davidsonumc.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - DAY RETREAT Join us for a time of learning and a liturgy of remembrance. There will be two opportunities, each one limited to 12 participants: Sunday, March 14, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 20, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will explore the history of this practice and relevant Scripture passages and will experience the newly created Stations of the Cross prayer walk, nestled in a peaceful setting leading through the woods at Starrette Farm Retreat in Statesville. Cost is \$25 per session. Learn more and register at: www.thelydiagroup.com/soul-tending-retreats. Questions? Contact Ann Starrette at astarrette@davidsonumc.org.

THE SACRED INVITATION, a 12-month soul-shaping curriculum, is for those who yearn to deepen their relationship with God and respond to the Spirit's invitation to live out their sacred purpose while being nurtured in a kindred community. The Sacred Invitation offers you the opportunity to seek a Spirit-led life as you discover the unique ways God is calling you to further His kingdom – no matter your setting. At the deepest level, this work frees participants to identify and follow their God-given passion.

This specialized program includes 11 retreat days (and two optional work-day retreats) designed for those who hunger for a holistic approach to the inner-work that deepens their life with God — equipping and empowering participants to love, live, and lead from the center out.

The program begins on Saturday and Sunday, August 7-8, 2021. Each retreat begins on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. (except the first retreat, which begins at 10:00 a.m., and includes lunch) until 8:00 p.m., and continues on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Dinner on Saturday, lunch on Sunday, and refreshments throughout are provided. Retreats are held at the Starrette Farm Retreat in Statesville, NC. For leadership, details, and an application, see www.davidsonumc.org/sacred-invitation. Applications are due May 1, 2021.

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