# WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday in Lent / Lord's Supper
Live Streaming and In Person Worship with registration
8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Chip Pope, Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families
Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for Discipleship
Anne Galliher, Pastoral Resident
Kirsten Homdrom, Associate Director of Music
Karl Zinsmeister, Director of Music
Jeanine Wagner, soprano
Margaret Simmons, piano

#### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### GREETING

#### **PRELUDE**

Chorale and Variations on The Lord's Prayer from Sonata in d minor, Op. 65 No. 6 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 95)

One: Come, let us shout praises to God, the rock who saved us!

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

One: Let us march into God's presence singing praises.

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

One: Come, let us worship our God, the One who made us.

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

#### HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoke

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Graceful and merciful God. when things get challenging in our lives, we jump to worry. When we find ourselves in a wilderness. we complain. We worry that we are missing out on things that we deserve. We complain about the food we eat, the place we live, or the jobs or classwork we need to do. Forgive us, O God. Help us to remember that you are faithful and ever-present. Help us recognize the ways vou take care of us. Remind us of your love that we may, in turn, share your love with others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(11:00) Elizabeth Randolph Albritton, child of Jennifer and Benton Albritton

#### FIRST READING

Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood. will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

#### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SECOND READING

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people guarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you guarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water: and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses. "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

#### SERMON

"God's Word in the Wilderness: Water for the Thirst"

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

Walk Together Children arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Invitation Great Thanksgiving Bread and Cup

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Ecumenical Translation)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

#### RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

#### **HYMN 166**

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in e minor* Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

#### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

David "Eagle" White III – January 11, 2021

Reverend Lillian M. Taylor – February 25, 2021 WMPC family members: niece Peebee Scott and husband Philip, and nephew Robert Bridger III.

Cynthia Cranford Haar – February 27, 2021 WMPC family members: son Ritch and Sandy Haar and children Richard and Ryan.

#### PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO:

**Jane and Gary Fulton,** on the death of Jane's father, Glendall "Glen" King, February 28, Gastonia, NC.

**Peebee and Philip Scott**, on the death of Peebee's aunt, Reverend Lillian M. Taylor, February 25, Raleigh, NC.

Music included in today's service:

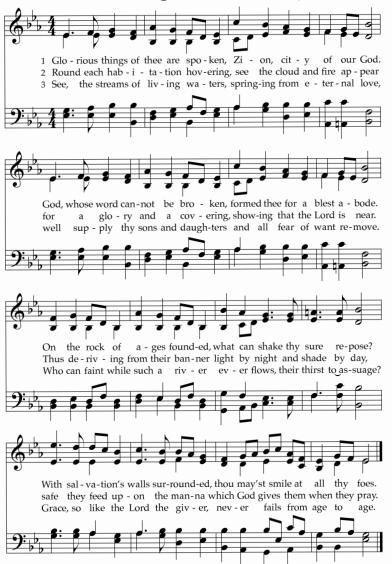
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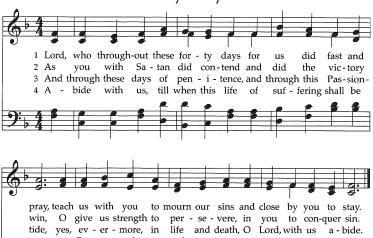
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# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 3320-21 with allusions to several other passages.

# Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days



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Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

# What's happening this week at WMPC

#### **SUNDAY | MARCH 7**

Healing Through Grief - Winter 2021 Sundays | through March 21 3-4:30 p.m.

Cancer Companions
Sundays | through April 25
4:30-6:00 p.m. | Zoom
Registration required for any/all classes

## **MONDAY | MARCH 8**

Women's Virtual Fellowship Program Noon | Via Live Stream and Facebook Live

We hope you'll grab a sandwich and join us as Cristin DeRonja, Executive Director of SAFEchild, shares their mission to prevent child abuse and educate and strengthen families in Wake County.

## **TUESDAY | MARCH 9**

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
7:30 a.m. | Zoom | Registration required

#### WEDNESDAY | MARCH 10

Sounds on Oberlin presents Wednesday's @ 1:00 p.m. Concert Series

**1:00 p.m.** | Live Stream and Facebook Live Join Mara Shea, violin, for classical and Celtic music in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Boxed Dinners to Go Pick-up between 5:00-6:30 p.m. McDonald Lane

Don't forget if you ordered Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, today is the day to pick-up. Your host for the evening will be God Talk.

## THURSDAY | MARCH 11

#### Keenagers

10:00 a.m. | Zoom

Social Connection Time Please contact Tonya Higgins at <a href="mailto:thiggins@">thiggins@</a> whitememorial.org to receive Zoom link.

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday | March 21 | 12:15 p.m. Zoom | Registration required

All church members are invited to join us Sunday, March 21 at 12:15 p.m. for our Annual Congregational Meeting. You may register at www.whitememorial.org/register.

#### **Easter Memorials**

Contributions in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member, friend, or member of the church family are welcomed and may be for any amount; suggested gift is \$20 or more. All those honored or memorialized will be listed in the bulletin insert on April 4. Contributions received in excess of the cost of Easter flowers, and greenery, will go into a fund used for all decorations in the sanctuary, main hall and overflow worship space during the year. All requests must be in the church office by noon on Monday, March 29. Send your contribution to Rebecca Turner, and call her at 919-834-3425, ext. 222, with questions. The form can be found online here. Due to COVID-19, our Pastoral Care Ministry will not be delivering plants to anyone this year.

Vacation Bible School August 2-6, 2021 Registration Open!

Registration for children of members who turned 3 by August 31, 2020 through 5th graders is now open! Don't delay reserving your spot for an extraordinarily fun week of growing in faith together! Questions? Contact Lynn Springfield at <a href="mailto:lspringfield@whitememorial.org">lspringfield@whitememorial.org</a> or Jennifer Eastman at <a href="mailto:jeastman@whitememorial.org">jeastman@whitememorial.org</a>. Early Bird Registration is \$20 and runs through March 31, 2021.

Registration for most events can be found on our website www.whitememorial.org/register