

Sunday, March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Lent



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PRELUDE

Andante, from Opus 106

JCH Rinck

Michael Barker, organ

WELCOME Mary Katherine Robinson

CALL TO WORSHIP

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain; and after he sat down, he began to speak and he taught them.

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

When Jesus taught, the crowds were astounded at his teaching.

He taught as one having authority.

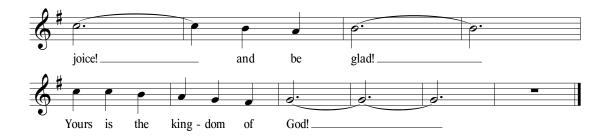
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

When Jesus calls us to follow him in this time and place,

Be still, and hear the power of God's love this day!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

David Carter Florence

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Lenten transformation, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not.
In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future.
When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love.
Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are often blind to the needs of those around us.

Forgive us, O God.

Forgive our despair, our greed, and our fear.

Turn our hearts to you and transform us with Your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news! In Jesus Christ: we are forgiven!



FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

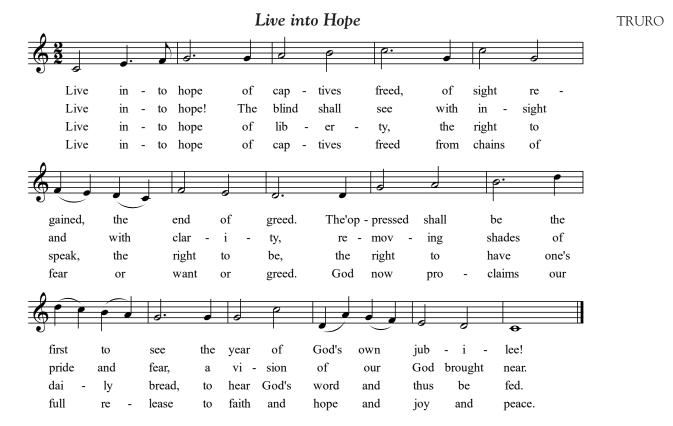
SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

Be Still and Know Peace

HYMN



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Welcome Table

African-American Spiritual

Andy Gwynn, soloist, Eli Barker, percussion, Michael Barker, piano

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Still and Know

John L. Bell

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Adlai Boyd's nephew is in critical condition following a fall and brain surgery. Prayers for the extended family of Steven Touchton and Adlai's sister, Anne.

Jim Davies being comforted at home

Mike Ballard's sister, Patricia Dunn, recovering from surgery after she fell and broke both of her legs

Paul & Diane Ginther's three-month-old granddaughter Charlie preparing for cranial surgery in Charlotte at the Children's Hospital to correct her birth defect

Rachel Hekking's cousin Angela Cartwright died suddenly of a brain aneurysm. Prayers for the extended family, especially Angela's two young children.

Lynn Jostes' brother-in-law, Ronnie Bryant, died early Wednesday morning of "Covid fallout" – residual effects of the virus complicated by the Texas ice storm which took out power and water, and in this case, delayed dialysis. Prayers for Ronnie's extended family.

Family and friends of Rev. Dr. Bill Klein who died on February 26 in Roanoke, VA

Eleanor Landers at Mountain Ridge Wellness

Jeannie Maidment is home recovering from knee replacement surgery

The Mullert Family (Montessori school) – new baby, Kent, born with heart defect and awaiting a transplant

Connie Schimpf's brother-in-law in Oklahoma died this past week following a fall and brain surgery.

Prayers for the extended family of Willis Wohlgemuth.

Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: John McCall in Taiwan; Dan & Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar; Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: Frank Dimmock Seminary Student: Emily Beaver, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia Our partner Presbytery and partner church, Ebenezer, in Guatemala

The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Martha Jean Alvis, Nada Barnett, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Richard Speegle, Paul Willison, Jack Wynn

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

O God, remind us that we must not wait for the world to bless us, for only at your door do true riches abound. We are all beggars, but in faith we hold out hands to receive your gifts.

They will not disappoint, and they alone can give us peace. Grant your servants everything good, and then let us arise. There is much to be done. Amen.

Our Church's Vision Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

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Mike Ballard, clerk

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