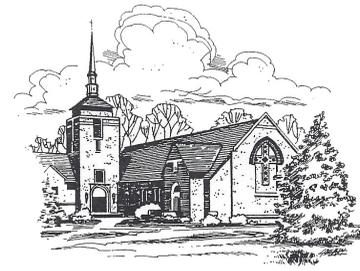


REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Dawn Kilby

Lay Reader: Janie Setzer

Flower Calendar: Lawrence Warf



Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 21, 2021—10:30 A.M.

**Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Choral Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Hebrews 12:2-3*)

Dennis Falder, Liturgist

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dennis Falder, Liturgist

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image; in Christ you reveal to us your love, through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers; we bow in gratitude before you. Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

PIANO INTROIT

Marty Light (*recording*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we love our lives as they are. We struggle with even the idea of change; we wrestle with the thought of doing things differently. Only You, O Lord, can give us the abundant life. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and our false notions of power. Give us the desire and strength to be less selfish and more God-centered. Encourage us — and even push us — to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you. We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy



During the month of March, we will be collecting the following items for Catawba Elementary School:

Ramen Noodles Fruit Cups
Jiffy Corn Bread Mix Baked Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup Apple Sauce
Canned Tuna or Chicken
Crackers (peanut butter or cheese)

*Donation boxes may be found in the LEC or outside the Church Office.
Thank you for your generous donations for the children!*

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir
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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.

PRAISE RESPONSE “O How He Loves You and Me” Choral Ensemble
*O how He loves you and me,
O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give:
O how He loves you, O, how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.*

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader
Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known, and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34* Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #1 “Hymn of Promise” Choral Ensemble

GOSPEL READING *John 12:20-32* Rev. Peggy Stout

SERMON Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM #2 “Near the Cross” Choral Ensemble

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle’s Creed*) Nate Misenheimer
Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

TODAY is the last day for CANDY DONATIONS for Easter.

TOMORROW is the last day for EASTER LILY ORDERS.

THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th is the last day for APRIL TABLET INFORMATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS.



[ECCCM](#) has a number of volunteer opportunities to appeal to every person, allowing you to use your gifts and interests. With COVID-19 precautions in place, we limit the number of volunteers we can schedule at one time to allow for safe social distancing. Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Pantry, driving a box truck for pick-ups, at the thrift store, or for front office help! [Our Church is scheduled to help again TOMORROW, March 22nd from 9:00am-4:00pm.](#) Please let us know if you would be interested in helping!!

Rev. Peggy will be sharing Devotional Thoughts with you each week during the Lenten Season. *You can find these on Wednesdays on our Church’s Facebook page or on your weekly Sermon Notes mailing.*

Trinity Reformed UCC Kidz Club is hosting Single-Family Egg Hunts at your home!

Our volunteers will hide eggs in your yard and provide a basket for each child. Eggs will be hidden on March 27th between 1-3pm.

A text will be sent to your family once the eggs have been hidden. Please keep your child inside as eggs are being hidden to keep the surprise.

If it is raining, we will leave the basket of eggs at your door for you to enjoy a hunt with your child when weather permits.





OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING** *John 12:20-32*

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Paul Towery (outpatient surgery)
Jack Power (fell at home)
Debbie Crotts (heart-related issues)
Carole Cross (another cardioversion)
Joyce Potts
Cal Harmon
Sarah Hoffman
Marjorie Reaves
Virginia Brown
Wanda Sue Ammerman

HOMEBOUND

Martha Sigmon
Diane Loftin
Lula Towery
Peggy Wright
Bobbie Whisenant

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson—Room 240
Peggy Hollis—Apt 219
Joe Schell—Apt 205

CAROLINA REHAB CTR OF BURKE

Peggy Miller—Room 110

CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn

Mary Crump—Room 114

Pender Memorial Hospital

Jackie Kanipe—Room 204

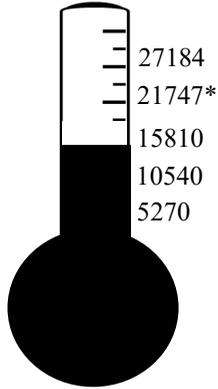
ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Garland Whittaker
Brenda Adams (no surgery on knee)
Randy Steelmon
Linda Hill
Wally Davis
Vae Hamilton

*Paul Dietz (Kathleen Shuford’s uncle)
*Jean Reader (Jeanne Michael’s sister-in-law’s sister) - brain tumor
*Sandra Foster (Rev. Peggy’s friend)
*Mayson Archer



I want to send a very special **THANK YOU** to the ladies of the Hugs & Stitches group at Trinity for the beautiful prayer blanket that was delivered to me. Thank you for thinking about me. - Jean Gurley



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
March 07	—	94	—	94	—	\$ 10,044.49
March 14	—	81	—	81	—	\$ 3,127.50
March 21						
March 28						
TOTALS	—	175	—	175	—	\$ 13,171.99

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747* and for a five week month is \$27,184.

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
10:30am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

MONDAY, MARCH 22

***Easter Lily Orders/Money Due**

9:00am—Volunteers to ECCCM
(until 4:00pm)

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

***Deadline for April Tablet Info**

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

1:00pm—Kidz EGG-ed at Homes

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)
10:30am—Radio Broadcast
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

Our **Flower Calendar** is incomplete for this year!!

We have a few dates available - May 30th, July 25th,
September 5th, & November 21st.

If you would like to choose one of those dates,
please let Tamara know - or contact Becky Setzer
at 828-962-5625.



On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

Ministry of Intercessory Prayer

Offertory

Doxology

*“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

HYMN

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

Choral Ensemble

***BENEDICTION**

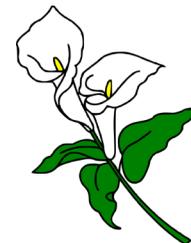
Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light (*recording*)

THE FLOWER on the table today is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Martha Whitener Fox, my beloved wife. They are also in Loving Honor of Martha's birthday.

- Given by Larry O. Fox



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY to the family of Odessa Laatrice Whitmire, who died on March 15th at Trinity Ridge in Hickory. A funeral service was held this past Friday at Trinity. Memorials may be made to: Trinity Reformed UCC, 217 2nd Ave NE, Conover, NC 28613.