

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Liturgist:** Dennis Falder

**Lay Reader:** Todd Dickerson

**Flower Calendar:** Larry Fox



*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 14, 2021—10:30 A.M.**

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



**EASTER LILIES**

If you would be interested in purchasing an Easter Lily this year, please contact Tamara in the Church Office. Cost is \$10/each—and orders may be placed through [March 22nd](#).

**ATTENTION GRADUATES:** The Dewey A. Houston and The Graves Family Memorial Scholarship applications are now available in the Church Office. Please pick up yours as soon as possible. Deadline for return: April 9th.



**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  
Marty Light, Organist  
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary  
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**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**HYMN**

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Choral Ensemble

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kathleen Shuford, Liturgist

Friends of God, believe this — God loved the world, God loves the world, and we are His beloved! May the truth of this great love shine through our worship today and renew our sense of calling.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Kathleen Shuford, Liturgist

Holy and Merciful God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each of us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**PIANO INTERLUDE**

Marty Light (*recording*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

God of mercy, who longs to gather us in the wide embrace of your love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands. In thought, word, and deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name.

***Forgive us, O Lord!***

In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

***We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Peggy Stout

The psalmist assures us that God’s goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our lives. As God’s forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

*Thanks be to God!*

**PRAISE RESPONSE**

“His Name is Wonderful”

Choral Ensemble

*His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord;  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.  
He’s the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,  
Almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

**LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Kara Wise, Lay Reader

Holy and Sovereign God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

Kara Wise, Lay Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**ANTHEM**

“Wondrous Love”

Choral Ensemble

**GOSPEL READING**

*John 3:14-21*

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.

*All praise to you, Christ our Lord!*

**SERMON**

Rev. Peggy Stout

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**HYMN**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Choral Ensemble

*Each year the United Church of Christ collects an offering to help with disaster recovery. This year’s theme is “Let Love Flow” and will help those around the world impacted by the pandemic, wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and flooding.*

**TODAY, we will be collecting donations for the “One Great Hour of Sharing.”** If you would like to donate, please mark your envelope and place it in the offering plate.



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.*

**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 on Monday, March 22nd from 9:00am-4:00pm.** Please let us know if you would be interested in helping!!



**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.

**Please sign-up by March 19th for your child to be EGG-ed.** You may sign-up by calling or emailing the church office (828-464-8226, [trinityucc@trucc.net](mailto:trinityucc@trucc.net)) OR Jessica Spain (828-228-0035, [jessicaspain2008@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaspain2008@gmail.com)).



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, <sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. <sup>17</sup> Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. <sup>18</sup> They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. <sup>20</sup> He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. <sup>21</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. <sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy.

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**\*GOSPEL READING**      *John 3:14-21*

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Garland Whittaker  
Gloria Hill              Cal Harmon  
Sarah Hoffman        Marjorie Reaves  
Virginia Brown  
Wanda Sue Ammerman

**HOMEBOUND**

Martha Sigmon    Diane Loftin  
Joyce Potts        Lula Towery  
Peggy Wright      Bobbie Whisenant

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**

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

**TRINITY RIDGE**

Odessa Whitmire—Room 807

**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:**

Carole Cross—cardioversion for Afib

Brenda Adams—broken knee cap  
Ted Setzer—hernia surgery  
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  
\*Lori Cannon (Jennifer Lingle’s best friend’s mother)  
\*Sandra Foster (Rev. Peggy’s friend)  
\*Mayson Archer

**Updated Address & Phone #s**

Ted Setzer  
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Debbie Spencer-Ahrens  
(828) 929-9126

Jenny Fox & Tiffany Hathaway  
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Hickory, NC 28602

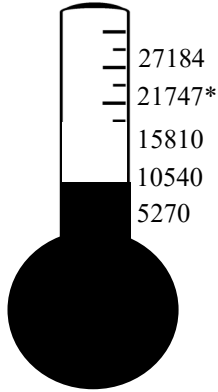
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Troy Lawrence on his recent Military Transfer from Alaska to Hawaii! We will update his address as soon as it’s available!



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

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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 elementary school children!***



<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						
March 21						
March 28						
<b>TOTALS</b>	—	94	—	94	—	\$ 10,044.49

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

*This Week*

- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17  
St. Patrick's Day!
- THURSDAY, MARCH 18
- FRIDAY, MARCH 19  
\*Deadline for Kids' Egg Hunt Sign-Up
- SATURDAY, MARCH 20
- SUNDAY, MARCH 21  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)  
10:30am—Radio Broadcast  
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

- SUNDAY, MARCH 14  
\*Daylight Savings Time Begins!  
(Spring FORWARD one hour!)  
\*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
10:30am—Traditional Worship (LEC)  
10:30am—Radio Broadcast  
(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

- MONDAY, MARCH 15
- TUESDAY, MARCH 16

**CAN YOU HELP?**

- The Board of Christian Education is collecting **CANDY DONATIONS** for our upcoming Single-Family Easter Egg Hunts. The last day for collecting will be next Sunday, March 21st.
- Our **Flower Calendar** is incomplete for this year!! We have a few dates available - May 30<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, & November 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to choose one of those dates, please let Tamara know - or contact Becky Setzer at 828-962-5625.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
*The Lord's Prayer (piano recording)* Rev. Peggy Stout  
Marty Light

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**  
**Invitation** Rev. Peggy Stout  
**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** "I Love to Tell the Story" Choral Ensemble

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout  
God's great love and rich mercy has filled our lives and strengthened us for service. Let us depart to live lives of grace and to do good works for the glory of God!

**\*POSTLUDE** Marty Light (recording)



**THE FLOWER** on the table today is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Faye & Paul Smith.  
- Given by David & Jeanne Michael

**THANK YOU** for your various expressions of sympathy in the death of my brother, Harry Lee Whitener.  
- Jane Hamilton

**THANKS** to all the ladies that gave their time and skills for the beautiful afghan. The colors are beautiful and the skills are perfect! Also thanks to this "Giving Church" for all the love and cards. God bless all of you.  
- Ted Setzer