

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Alcolyte: Ocean Spain

Cross Bearer: David Setzer

Elder(s) of the Month:

Kathy Alexander and Deb Hill

Nursery Attendant:

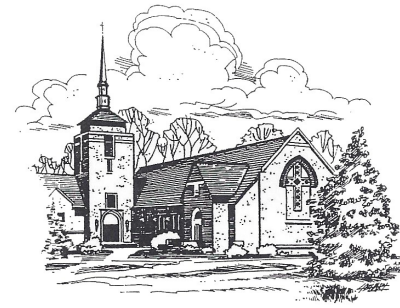
Sonya Starnes

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Liturgist: Richard Bowers

Lay Reader: Todd Dickerson

Flower Calendar: Larry Fox



Trinity Reformed
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 12, 2023—10:30 A.M.**

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

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Kelle Love, Pianist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Deb Hill, Liturgist

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" #528 Blue Book

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Deb Hill, Liturgist

God of grace, fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and worship in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Merciful God, we will not try to hide from you the wrong we have done or the good we have neglected. You know our faults and our pretenses. (*Please pause for silent confession.*)

O Lord, we ask for your forgiveness and pardon, and for a renewed sense of relationship with you and with each other.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

We will be using **Abundant Life Florist in Newton** for our Altar Flower vases. Please call (828) 465-1996 to order your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Setzer at 828-962-8282.

I really appreciate the cards, calls, and prayers sent in regards to my brother's passing in Ohio. **THANK YOU** all so much for thinking about me during this time. Love you and God bless!
- Carole Cross

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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evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*PRAISE RESPONSE "O How He Loves You and Me" (vs 1) #622 Blue Book
*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.*

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jessica Spain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Gina Setzer, Lay Reader
Holy and Loving God, we come before you as open vessels ready to be filled. Send forth your Holy Spirit that we may hear your Word and internalize it for our lives. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-8 Gina Setzer, Lay Reader
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Near the Cross" Chancel Choir—Martha Caldwell, Director

*GOSPEL READING John 4:5-15, 24-26, 28-30 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

PIANO INTERLUDE "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (#621 Blue Book) Kelle Love

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed) Scott Love
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*

Our **Kidz Club** will meet **TODAY**, immediately following Worship. We will be having lunch and F.R.O.G. ("Fully Rely On God") activities. Then, we will take a trip to Sweet Frog for frozen yogurt. Lunch and activities will be provided, but please bring money for Sweet Frog.
Open to any youth who want to attend as well.



Homemade "Soup & Share" Fellowship Dinner
TONIGHT at 5:00pm in the LEC!

Please bring your favorite soup to share!

Our next **Good Timers' meeting** will be held **THIS Wednesday, March 15th**. We will be meeting for lunch at O'Charley's in Hickory at 11:45am. O'Charley's offers chicken, fish, sandwiches, salads, and more. Average cost: \$15-\$20. Anyone age 55+ is welcome to join us for lunch!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING—Offering Received March 19th
We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to OGHS provide immediate and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world. The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. It's time to share.



Adam Hamilton's—**LUKE: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws**

**Join us on Wednesday, March 22:
at 11:30am OR at 6:00pm in the Parlor.**

*Please bring a bagged lunch for the day meetings.
Snacks will be provided for the evening sessions.*



NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-8

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we^a have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we^b boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we^c also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL READING**

John 4:5-15, 25-26

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” ¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

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

Congregational CARE NOTES today! There are notebooks provided at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person’s home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Jeanette Bita—CVMC (434)

RECUPERATING AT HOME

Yvonne Propst Ted Setzer
Margie Griffin Martha Null
Eric Misenheimer Debbie Dickerson

HOMEBOUND

Diane Loftin
Peggy Wright
Joan Saine
Virginia Brown
Wanda Sue Ammerman

IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES

ABERNETHY LAURELS

Joan Williamson (Room 240)
Joe Schell (Apt 205)

GATEWAY (Lenoir)

Pat Roark (Room E-146)

PIEDMONT CROSSINGS (Thomasville)

Jack Power (Room 512)

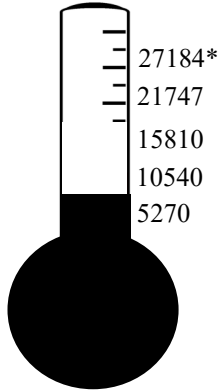
ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:

Martha Sigmon—heart issues
Margie Reaves
Lawrence Warf
Jeanne Whitmire
Jane Bartholomew
*Frank Dickerson

*Michael Gantt-son of Charles & Brenda
*Dr. Bob Andrews (husband of Barbara)
*Nancy Greer (friend of Libby Overcash)



About 8-10 volunteers are needed to help serve lunch at The Corner Table on Wednesday, March 29th. We will meet at the church at 10:45am to Carpool or meet there at 11:00am. If you can help, please let the church office know or sign-up at the back of the Sanctuary.



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH</u>				
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Livestream	Envelope Giving
March 05	88	14	22	\$ 5,410.00
March 12				
March 19				
March 26				
TOTALS	88	14	22	\$ 5,410.00

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

This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Third Sunday in Lent
 *Daylight Savings Time begins!
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream
 11:30am—Kidz Club Meeting
 5:00pm—SOUPer Sunday!, LEC

MONDAY, MARCH 13

9:00am—Preschool in Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00am—Preschool in Session
 5:30pm—Board of Property Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00am—Preschool in Session
 11:45am—Good Timers’ Outing
 (O’Charley’s)
 7:00pm—Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00am—Preschool in Session
 6:00pm—Sweet Adelines’

FRIDAY, MARCH 17—St. Patrick’s Day

9:00am—Preschool in Session

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent
 *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
 9:30am—Sunday School (all ages)
 10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
 10:30am—YouTube Live Stream

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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated 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.

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 #587 Blue Book
“He Keeps Me Singing”
 (vs 1, 3, 5, & refrain—all sing; vs 2, 4—choir only)

*BENEDICTION Rev. Peggy Stout

*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir
“Threefold Amen”

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE Kelle Love



We are looking for **donations for the Easter Egg Hunt** (April 1st, April 8th Rain Date). We are in need of candy, canned drinks, and Krispy Kreme doughnut coupons (usually found in the Hickory Daily Record). Please drop off your donations at the church office.

THE FLOWERS on the altar today are given in Loving THANKS to God for the beauty and promise of Spring.
 - Given by Cindy Abel