

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Undie Sunday
Order of Worship**

March 11, 2018

10:55 AM

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Greetings and Announcements

(A nursery for young children is located in the Preschool area downstairs.)

Opening Voluntary *Prelude on "Wondrous Love"* Russell Schulz-Widmar

*Chimes of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

God loves us with a steadfast love.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

*Processional Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292

Sacrament of Baptism UMH 39

Drew Willa Plumley

Ministry Moment Undie Sunday Dedication

"For I was . . . naked and you clothed me . . . whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!" (Matthew 25:35-40).

For all who lack suitable clothing, especially during the winter months, may our response to their need ensure their warmth, their health and safety, and their dignity. **We pray to the Lord.**

For Christians whose closets are filled with extra, gently used clothing, may we recognize, as did our ancestors in the faith, that our extra coat belongs to the poor. **We pray to the Lord.**

For all who have been stripped of their garments through natural disaster, theft or other circumstances, may we strive to protect their human dignity by providing them with clothing. **We pray to the Lord.**

For all the children of God, may they be clothed with Christ's life, love and mercy. **We pray to the Lord.**

Blessed are you, Lord of Generosity. You provide us with all that we need in our lives. Give us generous hearts and make us willing to share all that we

have with your people who are in need. We thank you for all that you give to us. **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Concerns

Call to Prayer: ***Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!***

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Choral Response

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

I Surrender All

Weeden/Raney

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Time: ***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.***

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

(Pew Bible, 192 NT)

*Gospel

John 3:14-21

(Pew Bible, 94 NT)

For the Word of God in scripture.

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

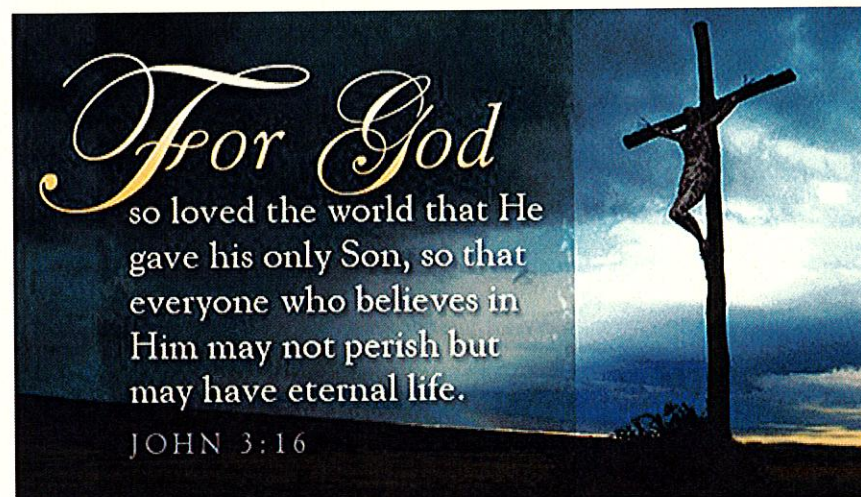
The Gospel in Miniature

Dr. Terry Matthews

SENDING FORTH

- *Closing Hymn *Because He Lives* UMH 364
- *Dismissal with Blessing
- *Chimes of the Trinity
- *Closing Voluntary *Postlude in G Minor* J. S. Bach
- *Congregation standing as able.

First United Methodist Church North Wilkesboro



Our Mission Statement

Sharing God's love with all people



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Our Vision Statement

Empowered, equipped, and engaged in ministry

We are a Safe Sanctuary Church. A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Welcome to First UMC NW and our Worship Service this morning.

Your presence here is our honor and joy. We pray that your heart is open, that the Word is clear. And that you go from this place renewed and refreshed. We encourage persons to make a commitment of their lives to Jesus Christ and to express that commitment through membership in the church. If you would like to take that step, please speak to the Minister following the service.

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