

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Session will meet following our coffee fellowship this morning.

The Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m., will try once again to have our study on Hinduism. Please join us for this informative study and discussion.

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting after worship next Sunday, March 26, to approve Pastor Kathy's Terms of Call for 2017.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Military Bible Sticks February Mission Project. We collected \$600 which will make it possible for 24 service men and women to receive an MP3 player with the New Testament and the Psalms. Their families will also be eligible to receive a Bible Stick and a Children's Bible Stick. Thank you for caring for and sharing with our service men and women in such a special way!

Thanks to everyone who welcomed Rev. Pat Rabun and Marcia Rabun last Sunday and for those who provided the delicious and abundant Soup Lunch following worship. Pastor Kathy had a great time at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk this past Sunday. The congregation made her feel very welcome with five hours of snow on Sunday morning.

Jack Walrath's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m., in our Sanctuary.

It is time to schedule a sanctuary cleanup workday as we prepare to move worship back upstairs in April. The workday will be Saturday April 1, from 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

OUR ELDERS: ; Class of 2017: Tommie Tennant, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley; Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila., Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music
Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator
Attendance last Sunday: 15

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Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace: ****Bobby Taylor** had a successful full hip replacement on February 28 and is recovering well. His address is: P.O. Box 102, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Barbara Hrabal, Shellie Duncan's sister**, passed away from lung cancer on March 2. She was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer two weeks earlier. Please keep Barbara's four children and their families and Shellie and Frank Duncan in your prayers in this time of grief. Shellie's address is: 820 S. Oak Ave., Bartow, FL 33830-5749. ****Tasha Reid has had a relapse of her multiple sclerosis and would appreciate your prayers.** Her address is: 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. ****Amanda Frazier has stopped chemotherapy and is in home hospice care.** She and Ben are enjoying every day God gives them. Their address is: 3337 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Gary Sovel**, a friend of Pastor Kathy's, would appreciate prayers as he continues cancer treatments. ****Bill Paul** is in the final leg of his journey on this earth. His wife, Juanita, his daughter, Pamela, and his granddaughter, Beta, are with him. Cards only, no phone calls. Their address is: 551 Cypress Way East, Naples, FL 34110. ****Carroll Berkley's brother, John Berkley**, is preparing for surgery on his esophagus and John's wife, **Kay Berkley**, was diagnosed with three brain tumors—two of which are inoperable. Their address is: 12905 Barnsanlaw Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. ****Charles Berkley**, Carroll Berkley's uncle, is fighting pancreatic cancer. His address is: 270 Battlefield Dr., Dandridge, TN 37725. ****Karen Phillips**, Kathy's twin sister, is still struggling with pressure on the brain. There is no diagnosis as of yet. Her address is: 1816 N. 111th Street, Omaha, NE 68154. ****Deborah Garrison's father, Don Jendrey**, is struggling with liver disease. Her address is: P.O. Box 261, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Dedie Andrews** is suffering from cancer and is in need of our prayers. ****Lorraine Alls** will be having surgery on her legs. No date has been set. Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. **Sherry Snodgrass**, a neighbor and friend of the Gaceks, continues her chemotherapy for cancer. Beth and Greg's address is: 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche**, continues her battle with cancer.

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people?"

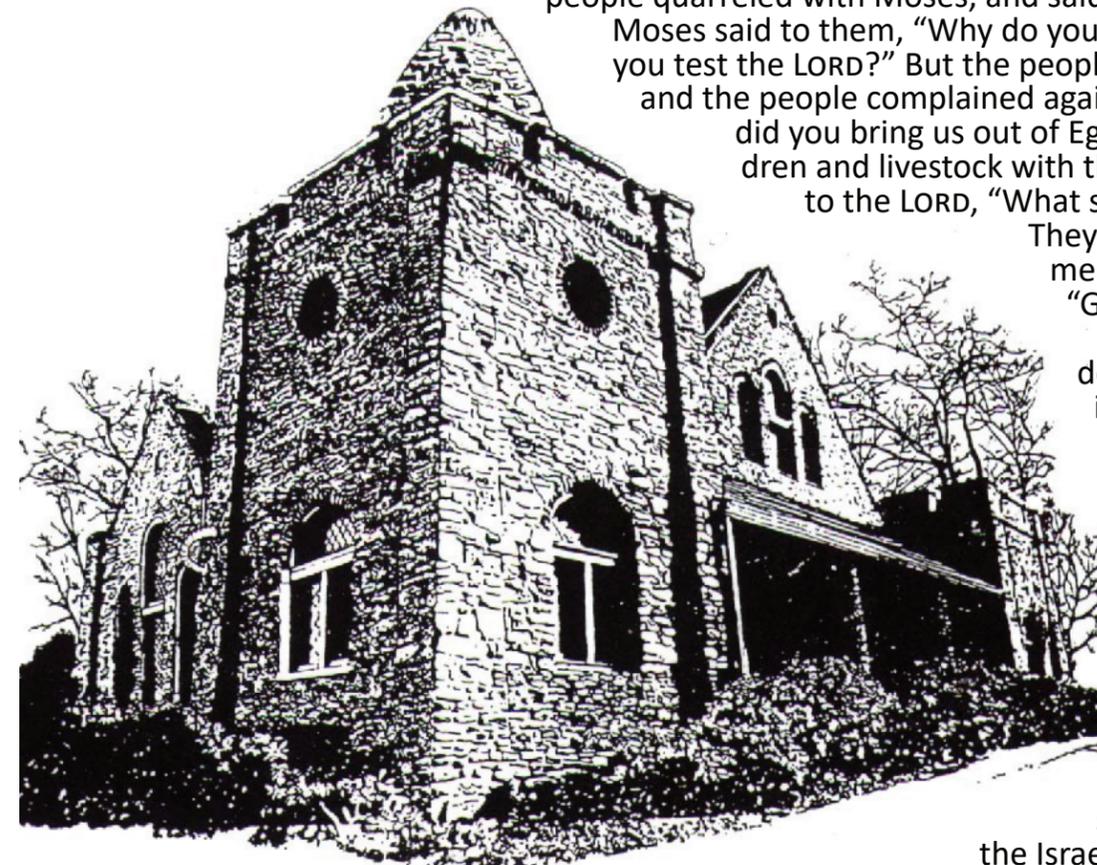
They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses,

"Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.

Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Mas-sah and Meribah, because

the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

~Exodus 17:1-7



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REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 19, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Morning Has Broken*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Daniel Johnston

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 175 *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

***Call to Worship:**

Come and see the ambassador of God's friendship for us.

We will find Jesus waiting to meet us: in classrooms, at a shopping center, in all the common places and moments.

Come and hear the One who speaks of God's joy in us.

We will listen to Jesus, whose words of grace and peace raise the rafters of our hope.

Come and know how much God loves you.

We will discover Jesus, who offers us the gift of reconciliation.

Hymn of Praise: # 396 *Bretheren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession:

Let us confess the excuses we have made for not living in the reality of the kingdom of God.

Litany of Confession:

For our blindness to the needs of others
and our preoccupation with our own agenda...

(silent prayer)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For our failure to pay attention to the still, small voice in our lives,
for our surrender to fear and self-protection...

(silent prayer)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For harsh words spoken to our friends
and love withheld from our enemies...

(silent prayer)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For seeking success rather than faithfulness,
for praying without acting...

(silent prayer)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For our life choices this past week
that have not contributed to greater love and justice in the world...

(silent prayer)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon:

Listen to what God says: "I have taken away the judgments against you; I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it."

With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 434 *Restore in Us, O God*

BAYLOR

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

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*Congregation stand as are able

"Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Choir Anthem: *God So Loved the World*

based on John 3:16-17r, arr. by Thomas Ahrens

Second Lesson: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Sermon: "Thirsty?"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Meditation: # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I'll Fly Away*

Daniel Johnston

Doxology: # 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

God of hope, you have called us to walk a journey of faith. Sometimes we follow closely. Occasionally, we wander off the path to explore something new that has caught our eye; and often we forget the journey all together. Then there are times when, in fear, we want to stop moving at all, and we cower in our uncertainty. May the offering we receive this morning remind us of why we are on the journey. May it be a reaffirmation of our trust in the one who leads and encourages us. May it be used to shine light in the dark places, so that others will follow on the journey as well. In Christ's Holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *I Saw the Cross of Jesus

based on WHITFIELD from an anonymous source, arr. by Bob Borroughs

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister:Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Guest Musician: Daniel Johnston