

***we should listen, and act when we should wait. We walk blindly past your glory, while we are absorbed in our worries. We count the faults in others, and refuse the self-reflection that would make our own faults apparent. We are quick to anger and slow to forgiveness. Help us Lord, in your light, to see our shortcomings, to walk the path of forgiveness and to trust in your steadfast mercy.***

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
Congregational Response (responsive)  
We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

***Thanks be to God.***

The Peace (responsive)  
The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church -- New Bern, NC Chili Cook-Off and Auction

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC *Sonata in D Major* Francesco Corelli  
Grave - Allegro - Allegro - Adagio - Allegro

✦ Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia,  
alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known;  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hymn 702 *Christ Be Beside Me*  
Children's Time 4 Cents-A-Meal

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER (responsive) Psalm 51: 1-10 OT (p. 492)  
GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9: 28-36 NT (p. 65)  
SERMON *Getting Close to God* Sarah L. Hill

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE TABLE IS SET

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to God.***

Let us give thanks to God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing  
and the trees of the field clap their hands.  
Your earth summons us to break silence  
and be one with the song of creation.

***We give you thanks and praise.***

For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms  
and countless languages honors its Savior.  
Millions upon millions invite us  
to be one with them in the drama of worship.

***We give you thanks and praise.***

In heaven, beyond our seeing,  
the angels and saints are caught up in song.  
And those we have loved and lost  
are part of that great company.  
They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

***We give you thanks and praise.***

So gladly, we join our voices  
to those of earth, sea and sky,  
in the universal hymn of praise  
which echoes through time and eternity.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

***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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

HYMN 506 (sung seated)

*Look Who Gathers at the Table*  
[tune: Beach Spring]

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

ANTHEM *Bread for the World* Bernadette Farrell

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

✦ HYMN 193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Life of Christ, Renew Me* Margaret Rizza

✦ BLESSING IN MUSIC [You are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

*Fantasia on 'Antioch'* Emma Lou Diemer

✦ You may stand in body or spirit.

**Music Notes:**

*Choir Music:* The **anthem** during communion is one of the many wonderful songs and hymns by Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957), who, with her colleagues in the "St. Thomas More Group," a productive cell of liturgical creative scholars, brought new light and energy in worship around the world in the last third of the twentieth century. The soprano descant line is newly composed by William McCorkle. The text:

*Bread for the world, a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples, people who thirst. May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life, broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain. Where we divide your people, you are waiting there on bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.*

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The closing **choral response** is taken from one of the many mesmerizingly beautifully short liturgical works by the English composer, Margaret Rizza (b. 1929). The text:

*Life of Christ, renew me; way of Christ, direct me;  
Truth of Christ, restore me; peace of Christ, surround me.  
Word of Christ, instruct me; prayer of Christ, enrich me;  
Work of Christ, inspire me; light of Christ, shine through me.  
Peace of Christ, surround me; light of Christ, shine through me;  
Fire of Christ, enflame me; love of Christ, transform me.*

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*Congregational Hymns:* "**No Longer**" is one of the many inspirational hymn texts by the Presbyterian pastor/writer, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961). We sing her words to the well-known tune, "Leoni." This tune, sung by the famed Jewish cantor in London, Meyer Lyon (1751-1797), was adapted for Christian hymnal use by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), a Wesleyan minister. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. At the children's time we sing "**Christ Be Beside Me**," an adaptation by the great Scottish priest/poet, Fr. James Quinn SJ (1919-2010), of an Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick. We sing these words to the Gaelic melody "Bunessan," named for a village on the great Scottish Isle of Mull. "**Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table**" is one of the many inspiring hymn texts by the noted pastor/writer, Thomas h. Troeger (b. 1945). We sing his words to the tune "Beach Spring," attributed to the American singing-school teacher, composer, and tune-book compiler, B. F. White (1800-1879), and first published in his and Elisha James King's collection, *Sacred Harp* (Philadelphia, 1844). "**Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**" is an engaging hymn on the Transfiguration by the Lutheran pastor, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008). The tune ("Unser Herrscher") dates to a German collection of 1680. The choir's descant is by the English church musician, John Dykes Bower (1905-1981).

MUSIC NOTES CONTINUED

*Organ Music:* The **prelude** is one of twelve organ pieces based on Gregorian chant melodies, and published in 1947 (op. 8) by the French organist/composer, Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968) one of the most brilliant organists (and composers for organ) of her time, who died much too young. The **postlude** is one of a huge number of organ works by Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927), prolific composer, keyboardist, and respected scholar/teacher, a leading figure in American academic music. Today's piece, one of three hymn-based 'Fantasias' which Diemer composed in 1979, is an exciting work on the hymn tune 'Antioch,' with which we associate the text "Joy to the World."

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUN (3/3)	4:00	<i>4¢-A-Meal Offering</i> VITA Tax Assistance in Room 113
	5:00	Wholeness & Healing Service
	5:30	Youth Group
	7:00	Handbells Practice
TUES (3/5)	10:00	Lectio Divina
	7:00	Session Prayer
	7:30	Session
WEDS (3/6)		<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
	9:00	Indoor Farmer's Market
	12:00	Ashes to Go in front of sanctuary
	5:45	Ash Weds. Supper & Service
THURS (3/7)	12:10	Lenten Service at Manly Baptist
	7:30	Adult Choir Practice
SUN (3/10)		<i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>
	8:45	Worship
	9:15	Youth Choir
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	5:30	Youth Group
	7:00	Handbells Practice

**RARA Pantry** Item of the Month (March): Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce

If you are carrying a **cell phone** or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.

**Assisting** with worship leadership this morning is Mary Ellena Ward.

The **flowers** for the 11:00am service are given to the glory of God. Her 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 granddaughters, honor Jean Proctor Robinson on her 93rd birthday today and thank her for her many years of inspiration and love.

**Congratulations** to Courtney Baker on the birth of her first great grandchild. Amy Elisabeth Okleson was born in Richmond on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to parents are Sarah Courtney and Stephen Okleson.

Our sympathy to the friends and family of Annette John, who died Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our sympathy to Dick Emrey on the death of his brother-in-law, Ray Bastnagel, husband of Susan Emrey Bastnagel.

Our sympathy to friends and family of Bill Bean, who died on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

COMMUNITY TABLE VOLUNTEERS for March 11th: Volunteers are needed at the Community Table, Monday, March 12th. Setup at 1:00 pm, Servers (6), 5:30-7:30 and clean-up crew (6) 7:30-8:30. Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or contact Pam Luecke at [lueckep@wlu.edu](mailto:lueckep@wlu.edu).

This Sunday we receive our monthly **4¢-a-Meal Offering** during the Time With the Children.

This Sunday evening at 5:00 we will have our monthly **Wholeness and Healing Service**. This 45 minute service is held each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6th. A meal of soup, salad, bread and fruit, prepared by Skip Hess and his kitchen helpers will begin at 5:45pm. The informal Ash Wednesday Service will begin at 6:30pm. The service will include scripture, hymns, responsive prayers and the imposition of ashes for those who would like to do so. All are invited to mark the beginning of Lent with this quiet and reflective service. Dunlap Auditorium, price is \$6 per person or \$16 per family.

The **Rockbridge Area Ministerial Association** (RAMA) will offer Lenten services again this year. Each Thursday during Lent an ecumenical service will be held at 12:10 in the sanctuary of Manly Memorial Baptist Church. All services will be approximately 30 minutes in length. There will be two ministers responsible for each service. One will provide the order and structure for worship and the other will preach. Make this ecumenical time of worship a part of your Lenten discipline this year. The speakers will be as follows: March 7<sup>th</sup> - Paul Carter; March 14<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Clark; March 21<sup>st</sup> - Carl Pattison; March 28<sup>th</sup> - Fr. James Hubbard.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: This year's retreat is at beautiful Massanetta Springs, near Harrisonburg, Virginia, on April 6, from 9-5. The theme of this year's retreat is Women Together in Community, led by Rev. Sally Robinson. Cost for the retreat, including lunch, is \$40. Online registration: <https://womenincommunity.weebly.com/registration.html>.

Montreat's MUSIC AND WORSHIP CONFERENCE 2019 will take place the week of June 16-21. The theme is John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." Call the church office at 463-3873, or Barbara Winfrey at 463-5500 to reserve room for you and family.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

The nursery will be available from 8:30 a.m. (for Early Worship attendees) until 12:15 - after the final worship service.



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
3 March 2019  
11:00 AM

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

PRELUDE *Ubi Caritas* Jeanne Demessieux

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC AND DANCE

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY (responsive)  
Great God of dazzling beauty  
and overshadowing majesty,  
**in Jesus Christ, your beloved,**  
**we glimpse the image of your glory.**  
Teach us to listen to him  
**so that we may hear your voice**  
**and follow your holy way.**  
**Amen.**

✠ HYMN *No Longer* Carolyn W. Gillette  
No longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free —  
In you, O Christ, we're given wondrous unity.  
Here in your church we learn that nothing can divide;  
Here men and women, called by God, serve side by side.

No longer in your church should there be rich or poor —  
You taught us kingdom values worth our struggling for.  
Here some have wealth to give, and some, great faith to share.  
The life we live together is an answered prayer.

No longer left or right, defending our own case —  
O God, we're sinners in your sight, in need of grace.  
The common bond we know is Christ who sets us free;  
In Christ we live and love and grow in unity.

O God, we look around and know (each one) our guilt;  
By your own Spirit, now break down the walls we've built.  
When we were all baptized, we died to our old ways;  
A church diverse, yet one in Christ, we give you praise.

Tune: Traditional Hebrew melody  
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**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

Prayer of Confession (unison)  
**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the**  
**light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted**  
**by our own plans. We confess that we speak when**