



Noli Me Tangere – Maurice Denis

Sunday March 27, 2016

Easter 10:30 am

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Greetings and Announcements

Yolanda Adams

Please pass the red friendship pads to sign in at this time. If this is your first time visiting, please legibly write your name and address so we may send you a letter of welcome and more information about our church.

If you have a prayer concern, you may fill out a prayer card located in the pew pads and place it in the prayer box in the Narthex or in the offering plate.

Choral Introit “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” -arr. Kelly

*Call to Worship

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn #233 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Prayer of Invocation (Spoken by all)

**This is the day you have made, O Holy One, and we rejoice in it!
Come Holy Spirit, be in our midst as we worship this joyous
morning.**

Let the world know you dwell with us.

Stir our souls with love and hope,

**And let our feet dance for joy on your good earth. Open our eyes
to the hopes and needs of this planet, and all who share its life.**

Embolden our hearts to works of justice in your name.

**Be present to us. Empower us with your resurrected life that our
lives and our lips may sing:...**

Sung Response #765

“Alleluia” verse 1

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Amen

Anthem

“Come, Let’s Rejoice”

edited-Nelson

Time with Children

Gary Mitchell

(The children are invited to stay in worship this morning.)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Amen

Sermon

“The Marvels of Easter”

Rev. Margot Pickett

***Hymn # 245**

“The Day of Resurrection”

We Offer our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Lord’s Supper

Invitation

One: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather around Christ’s table.

One: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God’s people.

Communion Prayer

One: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High

People: We offer our thanks and praise to the One who gives us new life.

One: We give you thanks, O God, . . . As we believe what we may not understand, we trust that mystery we call faith:

People: Christ has died, but death does not have the final word; Christ is risen, and Easter begins for us when Christ calls us by name. Christ will come again and lead us into God's glory.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all your children. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(All are welcome at this table. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return by one of the side aisles. Each station has a gluten free option. The dark liquid is wine, the lighter liquid is juice. There will be a communion station in the balcony for those seated there.)

Music

“Voluntary” – Trans. McChesney

“This is my Father’s World” – arr. Mitchell (Merissa Gail, Violin)

“Acclamation in G Minor” – Thompson

Prayer of Thanksgiving (said in unison)

We marvel, gracious God, that Jesus lived and died and was raised from the dead. With gratitude we affirm that nothing shall separate us from that love—not tribulation or distress or power or sword. We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us. Amen

***Hallelujah Chorus**

Benediction

Benediction Response

One: Christ is risen!

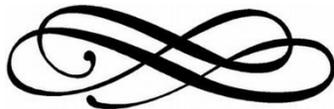
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Go now as risen people.

All: Alive in the spirit and way of Christ!

Postlude

*Please join us in the Friendship Hall for a time of fellowship,
light refreshments, and hot cross buns!*



Welcome!

We are a progressive, risk-taking Christian faith community.

We follow the way of Jesus as the Christ and are welcome, open, and affirming to all.

We believe God is vibrant, alive, and still speaking to us!

We believe that God encourages us to engage the world through acts of mercy, peace, and justice.

For Today's Service

Greeters/Ushers: Before Service: Judy Slater, Matt Graham, Terry Kaeser (Handicap Door)
Liturgist: Rev. Paul Frelick.
Communion Prep: Carol Duin.
Communion Servers: Rev. Phil Sageser, Rev. Kristy Helton-Moeller, Sondra Helton-Moeller, Mary Ann Brackett, Rev. Margot Pickett, Judy Slater.
Deacon of the Month: Matt Graham.
Security/Floater: Matt Graham.
Greeters After Service: Rev. Margot Pickett & Cathy McGaughey (Vice Moderator)
Nursery/Childcare: Denise Potts & Kerby Wyatt.

Our Staff

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Our offices will be closed Monday (tomorrow) in observance of Easter.

Events and Opportunities to Connect *More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org*

Lunch Bunch: Most Sundays, a varying group of us leave from the church around noon and head to a local eatery close by and just have a good time getting to know each other. All are welcome and for more information please contact Beaver Wyatt at 828-231-3113 or beaverwyatt@bellsouth.net OR just find her at church. Ask a greeter or usher for help finding Beaver or the lunch bunch!

Sacred Pause: Come and use artmaking/coloring as a way to find some meditative quiet and self-reflection in your life. Mondays 5:45-8PM Room 105 in the education wing of FCUCC.

Stir the Soul Café: Usually on Wednesdays, this will be on break until April 13th.

Weekly Book Club: You are welcome to join a book discussion group that meets each week on Tuesday's at 10 am at 48 Dover Street, Asheville. We would very much like to have YOU!!! Please call Spence or Carol Duin 828-254-4068 or Doug or Carol Groben 828-712-4417 for details. The new book that will be discussed is "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancey. This study will start in mid-April.

Faith Formation Classes *More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org*

Big Change to Youth Sunday School: We are transitioning away from Youth Sunday School class in the morning and will instead be having **Teen Church during the service**. When the children leave the service for Children's Church the teens will go up to the youth tower for Teen Church. Some Sundays, everyone will stay in worship.

Children's Church: Children may go with JP or Gary to Children's Church following a Time with Children. On communion Sundays, they will remain in worship. Parents/guardians must pick up their kids from E-205 after worship. JP will be leading the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month, and Gary will lead the 2nd.

New Faith Formation Class beginning April 3rd: "Joy of Sects"– The class will be delving into the history and basic ideas of some of the major religions such as Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism. Class will continue through May 15th, Pentecost Sunday, and will be facilitated by Rev. Brenda Lewis.

Book Discussion Group with Rev. Margot Pickett: Beginning on April 6th, Rev. Margot will be facilitating a Wednesday night group study based on the book "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time" by Marcus J. Borg. Questions like "What does it mean to take the Bible seriously but not literally?" will be explored along with many others. Group discussion will start promptly at 5:30 pm in E-107 and end at 6:30. Please pick up a copy of the book so you can join the discussion! Margot has two copies of the book to lend; contact her if you'd like to borrow one (margot.pickett@uccasheville.org). **Please read chapters 1 and 2 for the first meeting.**

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 27th

10:30 am Easter Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett
11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus

Monday, March 28th

OFFICES CLOSED

5:45 pm A Sacred Pause (meditation through
creativity) E-105

Wednesday, March 30th

10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 3rd

9:15 am "Joy of Sects" Faith Formation with
Rev. Brenda Lewis E-101
9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in E-107
10:30 am Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett
11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus
12:00 pm Laundry Love (off campus)

Monday, April 4th

5:45 pm A Sacred Pause (meditation through
creativity) E-105

Tuesday, April 5th

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 6th

5:30 pm Book Group with Rev. Margot Pickett
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 10th

9:15 am "Joy of Sects" Faith Formation with
Rev. Brenda Lewis E-101
9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in E-107
10:30 am Worship, Rev. Scott Hardin-Nieri
11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus
12:00 pm Earth Team Garden Planning Meeting
5:30 pm Youth Group in Tower Room
5:45 pm Faith & Flicks Movie in Library

Monday, April 11th

5:45 pm A Sacred Pause (meditation through
creativity) E-105

Tuesday, April 12th

10:30 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm FCUCC Game Night

Wednesday, April 13th

5:30 pm Book Group with Rev. Margot Pickett
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Staff Parish Relations Ministry

The Staff Parish Relations Ministry (SPR) is seeking interested people who feel a passion for helping to serve a pastoral role in the life of the church. Members work to complement the ministry of the clergy and deacons. We currently have three people who have agreed to serve and are looking for an additional three people. Members of this Committee will keep discussions confidential except when appropriate to share with the Personnel Committee.

If you have an interest in serving FCUCC in this role, please contact Carol Bennett, Chair of Personnel (ckbennett10@gmail.com). Please include a brief description of the talents you believe you would bring to this group. Deadline for applications is April 5, 2016.



Three Marys at the Tomb – William Bouguereau

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