



Barbara Newton

Sunday February 21, 2016
Second Sunday of Lent
10:30 am

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Welcome

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.

Chimes

Voluntary

“Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein”- Engel

Call to Worship

One: Walking the path,

All: Following Jesus.

One: Sometimes there is joy in our step.

All: Sometimes we are not so sure- what may lie ahead?

One: Hosanna or angry crowds?

All: A prayerful garden or a stark cross?

One: A holy meal or an empty place at the table?

All: Journeying toward Jerusalem, please walk with us, Jesus.

*Hymn #172

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

*Prayer of Confession

One: As those who have been touched by your Son, as those who have been awakened by your Spirit, as those who have come together out of conviction, and yet as those who – despite our spiritual pedigree- are empty vessels waiting to be filled, we ask for your grace and your mercy, O God.

All: Kyrie Eleison.

One: Where our familiarity with the Gospel has desensitized us to its demanding truth; where our relationship with Christ has become more nostalgic than dynamic; where we have lost our first love and become lukewarm, we ask for your grace and your mercy, O God.

All: Kyrie Eleison.

One: Where we have regarded as mission what we do, rather than what Christ does; where we have regarded mission as the prerogative of the strong rather than the gift of the weak, where our hands have been quick to give, but our hearts reluctant to receive, we ask for your grace and your mercy, O God.

All: Kyrie Eleison.

One: On us, in us, for us, through us, around us, before us, and – if need be – despite us, we ask for your grace and your mercy, O God.

All: Kyrie Elieson.

One: Listen, for these are the words of Jesus Christ and they can be trusted: “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Whoever does God’s will is my... brother and sister. Never mind what the others do...you... follow me.” Thanks be to God who meets and mends us in Christ. Amen.

Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

If you don’t feel comfortable sharing your prayer concern aloud at this time, you may fill out a prayer card located in the pew pads and place it in the prayer box in the Narthex.

Pastoral Prayer

Paul Frelick

The Lord’s Prayer (spoken by all)

**Our Mother-Father alive over all,
Blessed be your kingdom.**

Your will be done on earth as in Heaven.

Give us, each day, our daily bread.

Forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil.

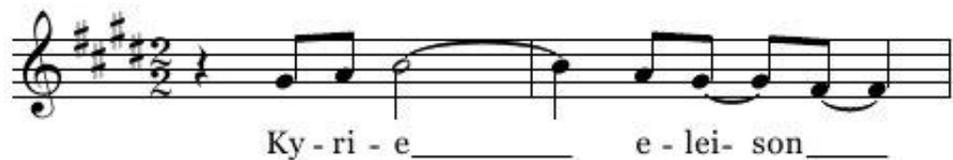
**For yours is the kingdom, yours the power,
yours the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

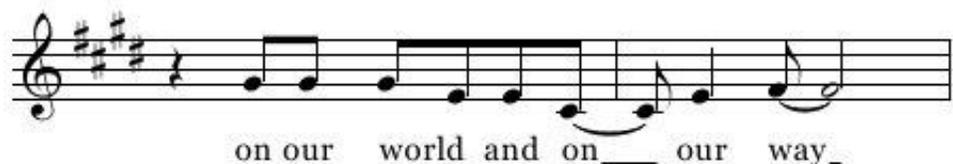
Prayer of Dedication



Time with Children

Lorraine Tuenge

*Children will remain
in worship today.*



*Passing the Peace



Anthem “Kyrie Eleison”

Meditation

“Holy Journeys”

***Closing Music**

“Kyrie Mr. Mister”

**Kyrie Eleison, down the road that I must travel.
Kyrie Eleison, through the darkness of the night.
Kyrie Eleison, Where I’m going will you follow?
Kyrie Eleison, on a highway in the light.**

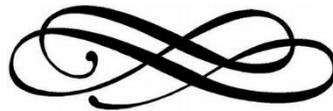
***Benediction** (Spoken in unison)

Christ Jesus,

You called your disciples to go forward with you-

**In all that we do as your disciples, save us from false familiarity
with your journey.**

**May we never presume to step into your shoes, but make us small
enough to fit in our own, and to walk in love and wonder with
you. Amen.**



Please join us in the Friendship Hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

Our 'Joyful Voices Readers' are pleased to be able to share the message with you this morning. The members of this ministry are: Yolanda Adams, Linda Comer, Colin Covell, Ellenor Frelick, Wes Heath, Paul Gillespie, Alison Langley, Michael Dawn Martoccio, Cara Pollard, Dorri Sherrill, Jacque Wuelling and today we are grateful to Rev. Paul Frelick for leading us in prayer.

Our program, **Holy Journeys**, has been created from gathered resources including original material blended with *Kneeling in Jerusalem* by Ann Weems, and Iona Community's *Present on Earth* and *Stages On the Way*.

Loraine Tuenge, Director

For Today's Service

Greeters/Ushers: Joanna Crew, Ricky Haralson, Julie Everett
Readers/Liturgists: Joyful Voices
Deacon of the Month: Julie Everett
Alternate Deacon of the Month: Beaver Wyatt (Handicap Door)
Nursery/Childcare: Denise Potts

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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.

Faith Formation Classes

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

On the Road to Jerusalem Bible Study: Sundays February 28, March 6, 13, 20 at 9:15 am in E-101. Bible study led by Rev. Julie Everett which will cover the text of that day's service.

Youth Sunday School: The last Sunday of each month, Youth Group (middle and high schoolers) will have Sunday School in the tower room starting at 9:15 am. Breakfast will be served. Next meeting is Feb. 28th.

Lenten Study: Wednesdays 2-3pm in the Library led by Loraine Tuenge

Events and Opportunities to Connect

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

Joyful Voices: Joyful Voices Readers are always in recruitment mode. If you are interested in joining us, or have any questions about how we do things, please speak to Loraine Tuenge, or email her at revltuenge@gmail.com.

Eco-Justice/ Earth Team: Meeting again today at noon in the library. Everyone is welcome.

Lunch Bunch: Are you new to the church or Asheville and looking for an informal way to meet new people? Most Sundays, a varying group of us leave from the church 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!

Stir the Soul Café: Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, you can join Loraine Tuenge in the church library for a time of conversation and coffee or tea. Everyone is welcome to stop by! During Lent, there will be a Lenten study from 2-3 in the downstairs education wing and coffee/tea 3-4 in the library.

Sacred Pause: Come and use artmaking/coloring as a way to find some meditative quiet in your life. Mondays 5:45-8PM Room 105 in the education wing of FCUCC. Everyone is welcome but please arrive on time.

Friendship Time: Each Sunday after church, please come to the Friendship Hall for light refreshments. To help us keep our Hospitality budget in line we are always looking for donations of food or funds to set a nice Welcome Table. Will you consider bringing some savory items, such as cheese, hummus, nuts and fruit? We also take cookies and decadent goodies as well. Please leave all items in the kitchen prior to Sunday School or worship.

MID-WINTER DINNERS: Host sign-up sheet now ready in the Narthex.

These dinners are a way to enjoy the warmth of each other's company by either attending or hosting a dinner at a home. For three weekends beginning Friday, February 26th we are looking for hosts and hostesses to have a dinner at your house. You may have a potluck, provide a complete meal, have a theme or co-host with others. You could even host at a local restaurant and dine out! There will be sign-up sheets available in the Narthex beginning on February 14th. Coordinators are Julie Everett and Terry Kaeser. Julie's phone number is 414.803.0496 and Terry's is 618.889.9082. Call them if you would like to host. Each host will state how many people may attend and what the menu will be.

Volunteer Opportunities

From Inn Keepers Kristy and Sondra: TODAY is the last time after church to sign-up to assist with caring for our homeless women. Please consider bringing a dish, driving, spending the night or assisting with set-up and/or clean-up. We appreciate your spirit of generosity as we help these women move towards permanent housing! **The dates are Feb 28th to March 5th!**

THANK YOU! We really need more volunteers! Please contact us at:

kdmstrong@yahoo.com (Kristy)

sondra.helton@yahoo.com (Sondra)

Upcoming Special Worship Services

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 20th at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 pm

Good Friday Concert: Friday, March 25th at Noon

Easter: Sunday, March 27th at 10:30 am

Can you help?

Can you help provide community housing for folks who have registered for Campaign for Southern Equality's LGBT in the South Conference? Dates are March 18-20th. Please contact Cloe Stuber of CSE at 828-242-1559 or chloe@southernequality.org for more information or to offer your housing.

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 21st

9:15 am Bible Study with Brenda Lewis
9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in Choir Room
10:30 am Worship, Joyful Voices
11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus
12:00 pm Earth Team meeting in Library
5:30 pm Youth Group in Tower Room

Monday, February 22nd

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

Tuesday, February 23rd

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 24th

2:00 pm Lenten Study in Library
3:00 pm Stir the Soul Café in Library
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 28th

9:15 am Youth Sunday School (Middle and High School)
9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in Choir Room
9:15 am On the Road to Jerusalem Bible Study
In E-101
10:30 am Worship, Paul Gillespie Preaches
11:30 am Friendship Time in Friendship Hall
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus
12:00 pm Laundry Love (Youth Group)
Room in the Inn

Monday, February 29th

Room in the Inn
NO Sacred Pause today

Tuesday, March 1st

Room in the Inn
10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 2nd

Room in the Inn
2:00 pm Lenten Study (location TBD)
3:00 pm Stir the Soul Café in Library

Thursday, March 3rd

Room in the Inn

Friday, March 4th

Room in the Inn

Saturday, March 5th

Room in the Inn

Sunday, March 6th

Room in the Inn

9:15 am On the Road to Jerusalem Bible Study
In E-101.

9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus

5:30 pm Youth Group in Tower Room

Monday, March 7th

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

Tuesday, March 8th

10:30 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Game Night in E-105

Wednesday, March 9th

2:00 pm Lenten Study in Library
3:00 pm Stir the Soul Café in Library
5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, March 13th

9:15 am On the Road to Jerusalem Bible Study
In E-101.

9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett

11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus

5:30 pm Faith & Flicks in Library

Monday, March 14th

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

5:30 Executive Board Meeting in Library



Kim Schmidt

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