



Mary Anoints Jesus - Julia Stankova

Sunday March 13, 2016
Fifth 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.

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.

Chimes

Voluntary

Call to Worship

One: We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

ALL: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

One: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

ALL: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.

*Hymn #43

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession

One: O God, you lavish the universe with life, poured out from the bounty of your blessedness.

All: You share the aroma of your holiness with all creatures, great and small.

One: We thank you for Jesus, who poured out his life that we might have the priceless gifts of salvation, forgiveness and mercy.

All: We confess, O God, that while you lavish us with unconditional love, we have not always shared that with others.

One: On the feet of those who hate us,

All: We have not poured the aroma of love.

One: With those who have hurt us,

All: We have not shared the fragrance of forgiveness.

One: On those who war with us

All: We have not lavished enough of the scent of reconciliation.

One: On those who misunderstand us

All: We have not offered the bouquet of patience.

One: On those who love us

All: We have not modeled the gentle humility of Christ in us.

One: We confess, O Creator, that in our human stinginess

All: We have not lavished enough.

One: Forgive us, and pour your love into our hearts, that our souls will hold the precious gifts that flow from your grace. Transform the remains of our sin into the sweet smell of holiness, that we may bless others with the fragrance of love.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

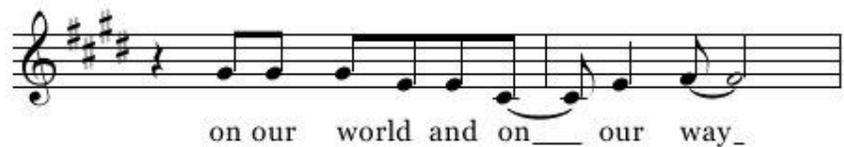
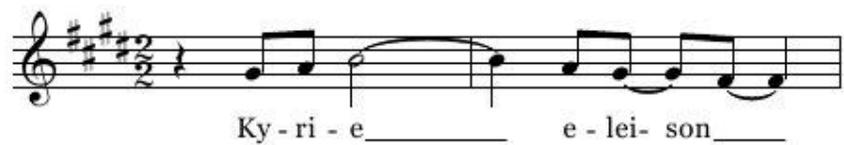
“Kyrie”

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

All: Amen. Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life.

One: Amen.



First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Anthem

“Jesus Wept”

Billings

Time with Children

Gary Mitchell

After a Time with Children, children may go with Gary to the Education Wing for a time of religious exploration and education, and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

Children are also welcome to remain in worship.

*Passing the Peace

Second Reading

John 12: 1-8

Sermon

“Prodigal Perfume”

Rev. Margot Pickett

***Hymn #223**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Sharing Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer that Jesus Taught *(From Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993, Great Bend, KS)*

Side 1:

Side 2:

Our Father

Our Mother

Who are in heaven

Who are in all the earth

Hallowed be thy name

Holy is your truth

Thy kingdom come

May your wisdom come

Thy will be done,

Your circle be one uniting

On earth as it is in heaven

heaven and earth

Give us this day our daily bread

Give us today a nurturing spirit

**And forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass
against us**

**Heal through us as we ourselves
are healed**

Lead us not into temptation

Lead us into fullness of life

But deliver us from evil

And liberate all that is good

**For thine is the Kingdom, and
the Power and the Glory**

**For the wisdom, the Presence
and the Goodness are yours.**

All: Now and forever. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #224**

“When I survey the Wondrous Cross”

Benediction



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

For Today's Service

Greeters/Ushers: Al Mojonier & Matt
Graham

Liturgists: Ruth & Richard Howe

Deacon of the Month: Matt Graham

Alternate Deacon: Terry Kaesar (Handicap)
along with Judy Slater

Childcare/Nursery: Marcella Gonzalez

Security & Floater: Randall Bowman

Our Staff

Rev. Margot Pickett, Interim Senior Minister
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Viviana Altamirano, Custodian

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.

Attention Parents! The church is having a build your own pizza dinner with chef David Jacobs TODAY at 5:30 for children, teenagers, and their parents! We'll be talking about the future of children and youth ministry in this church and don't want you to miss it. We will also be handing out registrations forms for this summer's Wild Goose Festival, which we are already excitedly planning for! Bring any special toppings that you like and we will take care of the rest. Call me or tell me if you're coming so I can have enough dough and beverages! - Yolanda, 279-4899.

Faith Formation Classes

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

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

Youth Sunday School: Typically 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 April 3rd.

Lenten Study: Wednesdays 2-3pm in the lower level education wing led by Rev. Loraine Tuenge. Join her for coffee and tea in the library following the study.

Children's Church During Worship: Exciting news for children grades K- 6th grade! Beginning March 20th there will be religious exploration and education for kids held in the children's church room (E-205 next to Yolanda's office) several Sundays a month. We'll sing, do crafts, perform, and read stories while we get to know each other, and learn about how our faith can fit in our lives. JP Morrill will be the teacher, and the kids will leave worship with him after a Time with Children. Parents and guardians will need to pick them up from the Children's Church room after worship. More information and dates at www.uccasheville.org/children-and-infants.html

Events and Opportunities to Connect

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Faith & Flicks: TONIGHT at 5:30 pm in the library. Screening of *Gods and Monsters* with brief conversation following screening. Everyone is welcome! Director and master storyteller James Whale opens the storybook of his life to a new employee during his final days. Whale was the creator of the original *Frankenstein* (1931), *Bride of Frankenstein* (1935), and *Show Boat* (1936).

Lunch Bunch: 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 and self-reflection in your life. Mondays 5:45-8PM Room 105 in the education wing of FCUCC.

Staying Informed

Would you like to receive our weekly e-newsletter? It's a great way to stay up to date and informed about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, next week's liturgical text, notes from Rev. Margot and Yolanda and more. It's easy! Just go to our website, scroll down on the homepage and enter your info in the sign-up provided! www.uccasheville.org

A Ministry Opportunity

Please think prayerfully to see if you can help. Our Inn Keepers, Kristy and Sondra Helton-Moeller will not be available the next time we host Room in the Inn so they would like some volunteers to help coordinate that week. If you can help please contact me at 828-252-8729 or ministry@uccasheville.org or Sondra and Kristy 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

On Maundy Thursday we will not only celebrate Jesus' last supper but we will also spend some time "in the shadows" (that is origin of the word Tenebrae), trying to imagine the emotions and the events of the turbulent days of Jesus' betrayal and death through music, readings, and actual shadows. I hope you will join us as we pause, reflect and ponder all that happened on those days between Palm Sunday and Easter. Join us March 24th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 13th

9:15 am On the Road to Jerusalem Bible Study
In 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

5:45 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

Tuesday, March 15th

10:30 am Staff Meeting in Library

6:30 pm Men's Group in Library

Wednesday, March 16th

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 20th

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

9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in E-107

10:30 am Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett

Palm Sunday

11:00 (ish) am Children's Church in E-205

11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall

12:00 pm Earth Team Meeting in Library

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus

5:30 pm Youth Group in Tower Room

Monday, March 21st

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

Tuesday, March 22nd

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 23rd

2:00 pm Lenten Study in E-105

3:00 pm Stir the Soul Café in Library

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 24th

7:00 Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service in
Sanctuary

Friday, March 25th

12:00 pm Good Friday Concert in Sanctuary

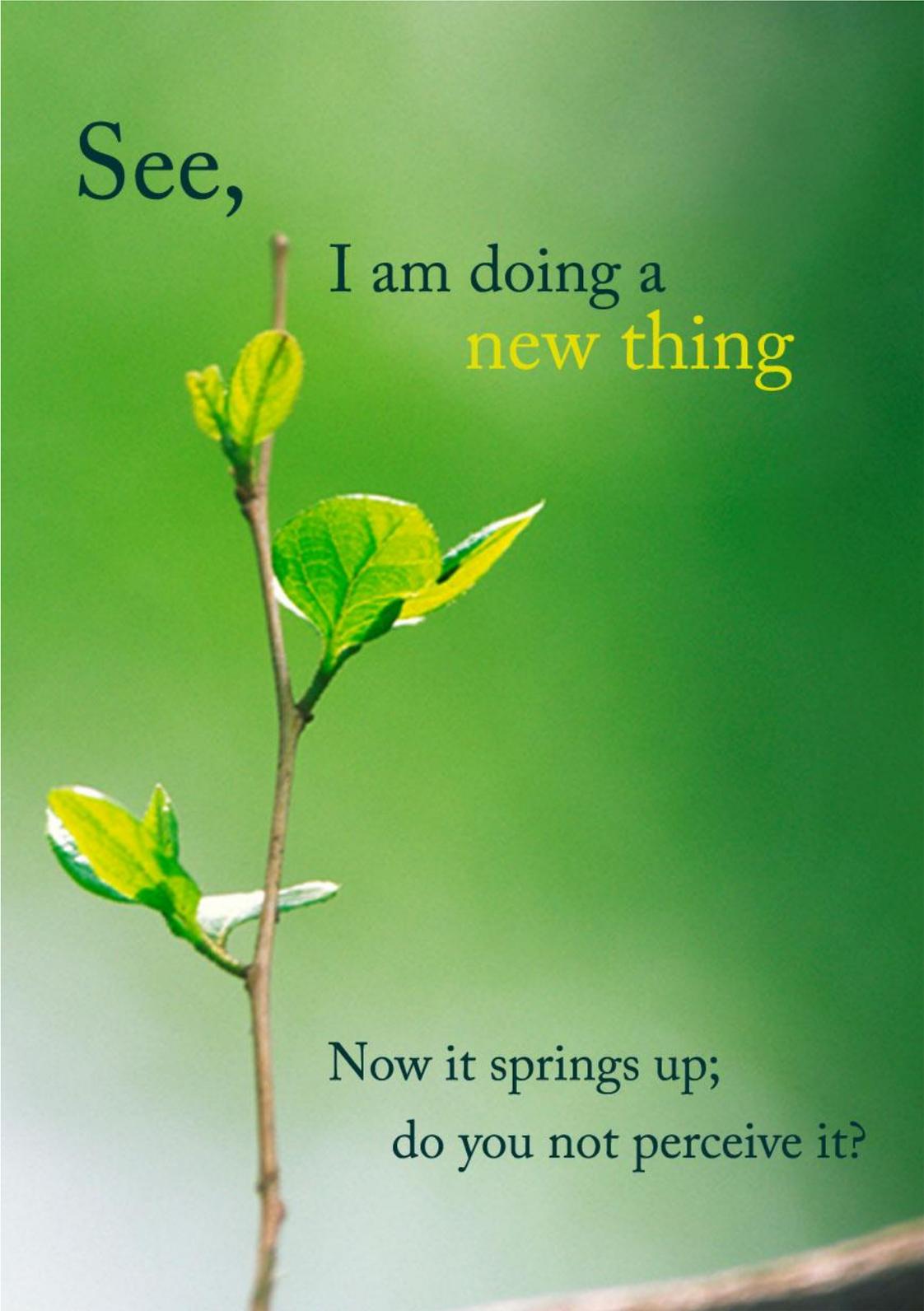
Sunday, March 27th

9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in E-107

10:30 am Easter Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett

11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus



See,

I am doing a
new thing

Now it springs up;
do you not perceive it?

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