

Sunday Worship Service

April 21, 2024

*“This is how we know what love is:
Christ gave his life for us.”*

I John 3: 16

The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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*** Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”
Arr. Ron & Linda Sprunger

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Ream

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Leader: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Leader: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Leader: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

People: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Leader: Let Us Pray. Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. AMEN.

Written by B. J. Beu

*OPENING HYMN 381

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Vs. 1-3

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jill Rhinehart

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

ANTHEM
Vee & Mr. T

Amazing Medley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liz Ream

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

I John 3: 16 - 24
(NRSV New Testament page 240)

MESSAGE

“We Abide in Christ”

RECEIVING GOD’S GIFTS

Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY

“I Am Thine, O Lord”
Arr. Joel Matthews

*DOXOLOGY

*CLOSING HYMN 128

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”
Vs. 1-3

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE

“March Harmonique”
A. Gilbert

*Our service of worship has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.*

Announcements

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar - are dedicated to the glory of God and given by **Tim & Terri Kilmer**.

Sunday’s Ushers - Thank you to our Ushers! (8:30) **Maro Slaughter, Michelle Troxell (steward)** (11:00) **Pat Kirschner, Pam Rogalski, True Morse (steward), JoAnn McGough**

Meeting Reminders:

- **Outreach** - will meet **tomorrow, April 22, at 3:30pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.
- **Table of 16** - will meet **this Wednesday, April 24, at 11:30am** at Long Horn Steakhouse.
- **TL3 Leadership** - will meet **this Thursday, April 25, at 6:30pm** in the Jack Bass Classroom.

Blessing Box Sunday - This Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, marking our Blessing Box Sunday once again! We sincerely thank each of you for your generous donations. Some helpful suggestions: granola bars, canned goods (spaghetti, ravioli, etc.), snack crackers, fruit/applesauce cups, small boxes of raisins, travel size hygiene products (i.e. deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste).

Coffee Fellowship - Our coffee fellowship has **moved to Asbury Hall**. Refreshments will be served from **9:30 - 10am**.

Homebound Visitations - We are looking for volunteers to take Communion to our Homebound members! How it works: a team of two members would take Communion to a designated Homebound member once every quarter. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Gail Sherman: **828.231.6355**

Medicare 101: The Basics - The Council on Aging of Buncombe County is offering this **free** presentation to explain Medicare enrollment, costs, coverage for 2024 and answer questions you may have regarding this insurance option. The event will be on **Monday, April 29, from 6 to 7pm** in Asbury Hall. Call **828.277.8288 ext. 1304** to RSVP today!

Groce Talent Show! - The United Methodist Men are back with their annual Italian Dinner! As usual, this will be in conjunction with a talent show featuring **YOU!** If you have a talent that you would like to showcase, please contact Veronica Bagwell: **828.298.7647** or veronicab@groceumc.org *no later than Thursday, May 2*. The dinner and show will be on **Saturday, May 11**. Food will be served at **6pm** with the show starting at **6:45pm**.

Italian Dinner - The United Methodist Men are back with their annual Italian Dinner! Join them on **Saturday, May 11** for this wonderful event featuring good food and entertainment. Seating will begin at **6pm** with the Groce Talent Show beginning at **6:45pm**. See the RSVP form for pricing details. Please return your RSVP form to Veronica *no later than Wednesday, May 8*.