Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, April 20, 2014

The Resurrection of Our Lord



John Propst Interim Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: Baroque Alleluia J. S. Bach

DECLARATION

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death "by hanging him on a tree." Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear "to us who were chosen by God as witnesses" in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia! All Stand & Sing



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent. sts. 1–3: tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley. 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

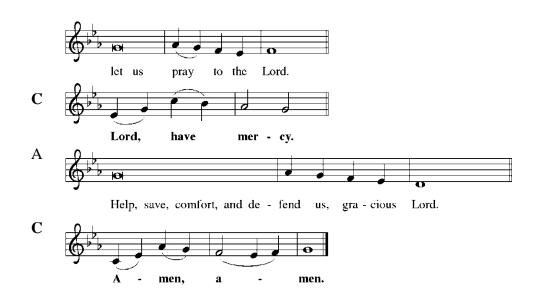
GREETING

- Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

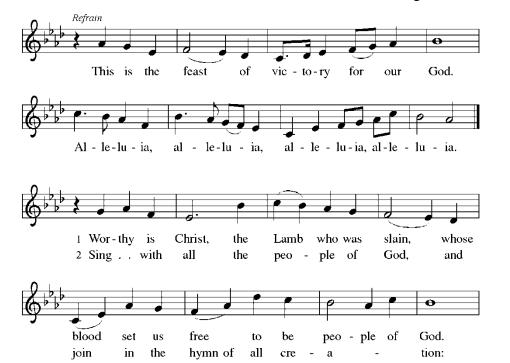
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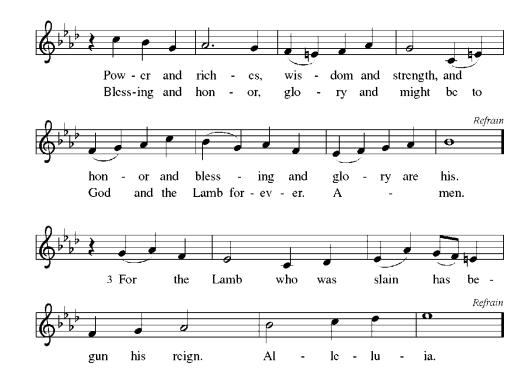


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



HYMN OF PRAISE All Sing Refrain & Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together immediately after the Children's sermon. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nursery.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34–43

A reading from the tenth chapter of Acts.

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1–4

A reading from Colossians, the third chapter.

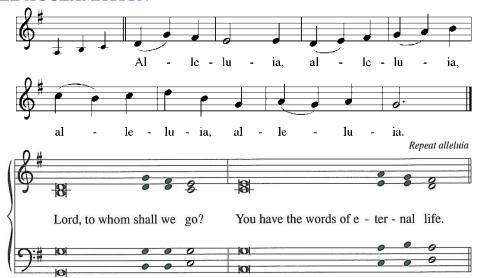
Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: The Congregation stands & turns to face the Processional Cross

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE GOSPEL Matthew 28:1–10

P The holy gospel according to the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Alive! All Stand & Sing vs. 1, 4 & 5

Women sing verse 2, Men sing verse 3



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made alive to God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in Christ's death and resurrection your church is reborn. Bless your people in every nation: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal. Raise us up to witness together to your undying love for the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, your faithfulness extends to all the earth. On this Easter morn, we pray for creation. Make terror and destruction cease, and renew all things in the bright dawning of your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, the resurrection of your Son means life for every nation. Show us that promise and hope. Heal nations scarred by injustice and greed; give hope to those ravaged by

^{*} catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

violence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, your Son healed all who were oppressed. Bless those who heal and show compassion in Jesus' name, even as we pray for the many among us who are still in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in the waters of baptism you call us by name and raise us to new life in you. Renew us with all faith, hope, and love, that we might be Christ's risen body in the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, we give thanks for the saints whose lives proclaim the victory of your love. With them, give us courage to follow our crucified and risen Lord, until all things are gathered in his name. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM & RESPONSE Heart and Voice to Heaven Raise Congregation Stands and Sings on Verse 5

- 1 Alleluia! Alleluia! Heart and voice to heaven raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross a ransom for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise: we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.
- 3 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field, which will all its full abundance at his glorious advent yield; then the golden ears of harvest will before his presence wave, rising in his sunshine joyous from the furrow of the grave.
- 4 Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heav'nly grace, rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face; that we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

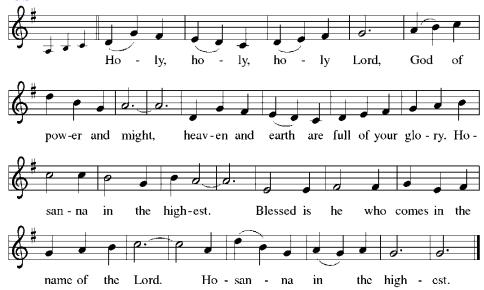
DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn...

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

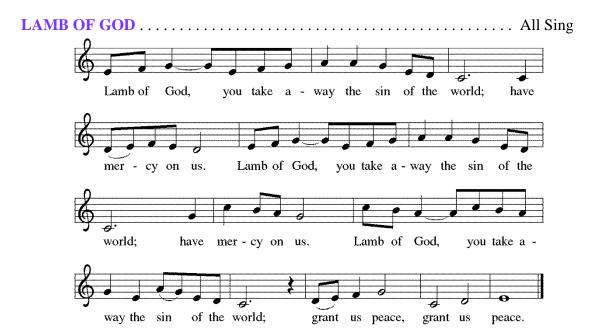
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to this table where you are known and loved.

C Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Music During Communion:Christ the KingHandbell ChoirSomebody's Knockin' At Your DoorChamber ChoirBread of Life From HeavenAll Sing





- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Loving God, by your Spirit we are born anew, and you nourish us like newborns with this holy food, by which we grow into salvation. Give us grace to live as your risen daughters and sons, shining in the world with your marvelous light, until you gather all creation to the heavenly table where Christ reigns in glory forever. Amen.

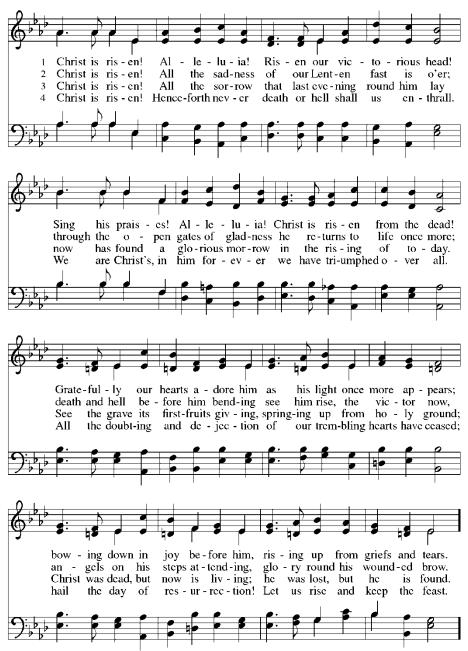
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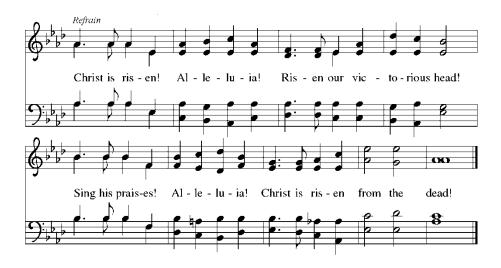
P The God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and + bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



RECESSIONAL HYMN: Christ Is Risen, Alleluia! All Stand & Sing





Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all of our visitors on this **Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday.** We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

<u>CHILDREN</u> are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.

KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Myra & Bill Hollar in honor of all the musicians.

<u>Those who have placed flowers on the altar</u> may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Greg Byrum, Worship & Music Committee

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, April 13, 2014:

Attendance: 183

 Budget Report
 April 13, 2014

 Current Offering Received 3/30/14
 \$ 8,015.68

 Weekly Expenses
 \$ 4,504.60

 Offering, Year-To-Date
 \$ 61,354.93

The Current Offering Received for the year through April 13, 2014 is \$ 6,070.90 more than Holy Comforter's expenses through that date.

Contribution Summary 1st Quarter 2014, January 1 - March 31, 2014

Total Contributions for the period \$72,497.52

Total includes all fund contributions for the period

Current Budget Fund Contribution for the period \$53,062.25 Vision Fund Contribution for the period \$3,909.00

Jack Teuch Financial Secretary

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr. + Julia Gunter **GREETER:** Need Volunteer

ACOLYTES: Becca Gatlin TELLERS: Jerri & Mike Wesson

Matthew Carr, Alec Via

CRUCIFERS: Hannah Carnes, Molly Koehler, Noah Rogers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain Brad Milton, Co-Captain

Carmen De Nicholas

Brandy Milton

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A)

Cynthia Buchanan Shelia Kelly Jo Singleton Jack Tench

OFFERTORY CONDUCTOR: Steve Bingham

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Myra & Bill Hollar

Tuesday, April 22

7:00 pm Nar-A-Non

USHERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Ashley Ange & Misty Koehler

PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon

Diann Halvorson

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: April 20-26

April 23 Tim Baker April 25 Tate Jackson Brooks
April 24 Mark Kline Julia Gunter

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS: Today, Sunday, April 20

7:30 am **SONrise** Service

Breakfast after the service No Children's Sunday School

10:05 am Chamber Choir in Choir Room 10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion & Flowering of the Cross

8:00 pm Nar-Anon



SAVE THE DATE: June 27-28 (Friday evening and Saturday) is the date for our **Vacation Bible School** for Pre-K through Grade 5. Make plans now to attend.





The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship application forms are due April 24th. Forms are available via email. Just email holycomforter@gmail.com and request an application form. You may fill in the form on-line, but must print it out so it can be signed by both student and parent/guardian. Only those applications including the required transcript and essay received by the April 24th deadline will be considered.

Carmen De Nicholas, Scholarship Committee

Sermon Notes: "You Know It's Going to be a Good Day When ..."

The women on the way to the tomb must have been thinking, "it's going to be a rotten day because ..."

Surprise! Surprise!

<u>Bad day</u>: knowing that sin is more costly than we think -<u>Good day</u>: realizing that Jesus paid the price; that God's grace is greater than our sin

<u>Bad day</u>: knowing that death will intrude on all of our lives <u>Good day</u>: realizing that death is not the end of the story

God's Word assures us that ...

- ✓ <u>Sins are forgiven</u> "In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." (Ephesians 1:7 from <u>Today's NIV</u>)
- ✓ Eternal life is assured "This is exactly what Christ promised: eternal life, real life! And it's yours in Christ." (1 John 2:25 from <u>The Message</u>) "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand." (Jesus John 10:28 from <u>NKJV</u>)
- ✓ We're given New life with God "nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us."

 (Romans 8:39 from The Message)
- ✓ God is never far from us "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Jesus Matthew 28:20 from NRSV) "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

(Jesus - John 14:26 from *Today's NIV*)

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Don't accept an imitation + live the real, purposeful new life in Jesus!



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin Virginia Crump Daniel Dowd Ferrie Hedrick Richard Holden
Zac Hullander
Chase Lineberger
Rochelle Potter

Liz Propst Mabel Ratchford Mark Reese

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Angela & Derek Abernethy

Kathy Beam
Dale Burris
Ronnie Hagy
Brian Hedrick
Kathy Helton
Betty Fox
Claudia Frazier
Ronnie Hersey
Dennis Jordan
Wesley Jordan & Family

Betty Kannapel Becky Knick

Laura Lanuto & Family

Jason Gardner

Ruth Lail
Pierce Lee
Peggy McKenney & Family
Grady Nichols
Sandra Nix
Roger Norris

Jean Peters
Leland "Lee" Peterson
Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty
Mara Rappleyea

Earl Riedley
Joel Rivers (NY)

Steve Sanford Kelly Shoe Shore Family Megan Sigler Ramona J. Sinclair Jimmy Surratt Harrison Swindell Charmaine Townsend Buck Weatherford

Buck Weatherford Beverly F. Wall Gloria Ward Bryan Wayburn

OUR SERVICEMEN

Dillon Kasmer Jeremy Shaver

OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Trudy Whitener know or tell

Dianne in the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holvc.org.



Our beautiful Easter lilies were given to the Glory of God, in honor of, or in memory of loved ones by the following:

Donna Bean & Horace Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean
Steve Bingham in memory of Robert and John Bingham
Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Libby) Byrum
Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum
Eric, Renee, Wil & Garret Carpenter in memory of Frank Carpenter
Tom & Shirley Causby in honor of Greg Cline
Greg Cline in honor of Tom & Shirley Causby and Faye & Warren Heller
Greg Cline in memory of father, Gene Cline

Jane & Bryant Deaton in memory of Gisela Stone, longtime neighbor and member of Holy Comforter

Jane & Bryant Deaton to the Glory of God in memory of Harrell & Dessie Underwood Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in honor of Mrs. William Kannapel Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega and Dr. William Kannapel

Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas to the Glory of God Ned & Becke Featherstone in honor of their children Kathy Graves in memory of husband, Bill Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of their children Shelia & Tim Kelly in memory of Mary Kelly Marsha Kinley in memory of May Cloninger Marsha Kinley in memory of Thelma Kinley Dianne Lail in memory of father, Odie Lail

Stan & Sue Lahr in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Bess and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lahr Charles & Bev Mauney in honor of Ginger, Chuck & Jake;

Jimmy, Katie & Henry; and Laurel

Charles & Bev Mauney in memory of Heather M. Yount, Ray & Betsy Mauney and Mary McCoy

Paul, Tracey, Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault in memory of Melvin D. Costner Paul, Tracey, Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault in memory of Mrs. Judy H. Summey Paul, Tracey, Caroline, Aaron & Ashton Nault in memory of Isabel D. & Robert L. Nault Paul Outlaw in honor of Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via Paul Outlaw in memory of Judy Outlaw

Paul Outlaw in memory of Judy Outlaw Phil & Carol Posey in memory of William Posey Phil & Carol Posey in memory of Norris & Althea Pruitt Nancy Powell in memory of parents, James & Margaret Sipe
Beverly Reynolds in memory of husband Joe
Khloe June Tench in honor of Mommy Elizabeth Tench
Khloe June Tench in honor of God Parents Tim & Shelia Kelly
Jack, Laura, Sarah, Elizabeth & Khloe June Tench in memory of
Howard Tench and Dot Thulin

Sarah, Elizabeth & Khloe June Tench in honor of Jack & Laura Tench & Bonnie Tench Denise & Bob Wiegand in honor of their family

Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Judy "Grandma" Outlaw

This is the list that was turned into the church office. We apologize if there were names omitted from this list.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

John Propst, Interim Pastor; email: JohnCPropst@gmail.com
Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Rev. Beth Brittain, Christian Education
Kristen Clanton, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager