

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Lucy Dillon (health issues)

Faye Hodges (currently hospitalized at Kernersville Medical Center and receiving treatment related to chemotherapy and COVID)

Bernie Krecklow (health issues)

Hamp Langdon (health issues)

Bob Myers (heart issues)

Norman Self (moved to Select Specialty Hospital, at Moses Cone Hospital, in Greensboro, for physical rehabilitation)

Gerry Sharp (health issues)

Shirley Smith (broken pelvis)

Millie Vernon (health issues)

Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Barham Mark Walker & Family (surg. To remove brain tumor)

Bolen Jimmy Quick (COVID19); Cindy Smith (stroke); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Amy Ikerd; Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)

Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—health issues)

Myers Keith Downs (Bob's nephew—cancer)

M. Newton Mike Lucire (Marcia's 41 yr. old son-in-law—stroke and Aortic leak)

Nicholson Steve Webb (son of dear friend—pancreatic cancer has returned)

Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)

Pruitt Jeannie Murray (recovering from Appendectomy)

Self **Connor Self** (grandson—kidney biopsy at Brenner Children's Hosp.)

S. Sharp Fran Tilley (airport co-worker—hospitalized recovering from a cancer procedure);
Dick Pauley (Ambassador at PTI—ICU with health issues)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen

Nicholson Diane Nichols (son's pancreatic cancer has returned)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

The family of Eileen MacHardy (passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021)

The family of Marjorie Bailey (passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2021)

Self **The family of Kendra Hall Goodman** (great niece passed away on January 16, 2021 of COVID)



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January 31, 2021 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Variations on "Holy Manna"

William Moore/R.H. Haan

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised. God's righteousness endures forever.

People: We come together as a congregation of believers. We give thanks to God with whole hearts.

Leader: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.

People: The works of God's hands are established among us. We can count on God's righteousness and faithfulness.

Leader: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom. All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

People: Holy and awesome is God's name. We call on God to empower our worship.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 396

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: All who know God are known by God, whose intention is that we live by eternal values, in loving relationship with one another. God applauds our efforts to rid our lives of pseudo-gods we create, habits that destroy, and prejudices that divide. We count on God to understand us, to free us from our bondage to sin, and to dwell among us, transforming our lives. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

"Brother James' Air"

James Bain

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

"In the Sanctuary"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Father of Eternal Grace"

Károly Köpe

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue (The Little) in d-Moll"

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.