

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Faye Hodges (Summerstone Rehab receiving treatment for health issues)
Bernie Krecklow (health issues)
Hamp Langdon (health issues)
Bob Myers (heart issues)
Norman Self (recuperating at home)
Gerry Sharp (health issues)
Millie Vernon (health issues)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Barham Mark Walker & Family (surg. To remove brain tumor)
Bolen Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Brett Tuttle (health issues with a brain tumor); Tricia Dowdy (COVID); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment); Amy Ikerd; Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)
Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—health issues)
Budkey Patricia Kenndy (Joy’s aunt—end stages of condition)
Conrad Helen Foster (serious back surg.)
Myers Keith Downs (Bob’s nephew—cancer)
M. Newton Mike Lucire (Marcia’s 41 yr. old son-in-law—stroke and Aortic leak)
R. Newton Dolly Newton (mother—two broken wrists)
Nicholson Steve Webb (son of dear friend—pancreatic cancer has returned)
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)
Pruitt **John Fair** (organist—Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem—cancer); Julian Pruitt (John’s father—health issues)
Self Steve Rierson (Tom’s Plant House who supplies church Easter & Christmas plants—throat cancer); Paula Self (daughter—recuperating from back surg. on Thursday, February 18)
Watts Wayne Baldwin (Eggs—recuperating from serious back surg.)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Bolen Catherine Bolen
Nicholson Diane Nichols (son’s pancreatic cancer has returned)
Vernon Prayers for family members

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Conrad The family of Rex Evans (past Grand Patron, Eastern Star)
Myers **The family of Janet Ruff** (Donna’s aunt—died on 3/15 at age of 95)



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April 4, 2021 — Easter Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a great and joyful festival day. Come to celebrate good news.

People: We gather for worship in awe and wonder. The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Leader: Sing songs of praise, for God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

People: God has answered our prayers with salvation. Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.

Leader: Open your hearts and minds to the risen Christ. You are greeted by name and welcomed here.

People: This is the day that our God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We cannot truly worship you, loving God, until we recognize how unloving we have been. We cannot truly live until we admit the many ways we have been dwelling in death. We cannot know forgiveness until we honestly face the wrong we have done and the good we have neglected. We admit before you now the anger and spite we have carried in our hearts, the doubts and fears we have allowed to paralyze us, the misplaced priorities that have led us from your will and way. Help us to break down the barriers we have erected so we can experience new life today. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God shows no partiality, but every person who fears God and does what is right finds forgiveness and acceptance. The One who came to embody love among people is ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. In Jesus' name, our sins are forgiven, and we are being saved. The grace of God is extended to each of us on this day of resurrection. Friends, believe the good news...

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

*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Isaiah 25:6-9

Mark 16:1-8

SERMON

"Frightfully Good"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

*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

*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. 826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.