

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)
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

Myers The family of Janet Ruff (Donna’s aunt—died on 3/15 at age of 95)



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April 11, 2021 — Second Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season. Gather once more to testify to life.

People: *We declare to each other what we have experienced. In community we find the life God intends.*

Leader: Early believers were of one heart and soul. We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

People: *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.*

Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection. Christ is with us to renew our faith.

People: *We are here to testify to God’s grace. We will share our story and ourselves.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

***HYMN NO. 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

*Those who are able, please stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we think we are good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. *(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: If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us. When we are one with God through Christ, we extend forgiveness to our sisters and brothers, that all may come to faith and have life in Jesus' name. 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.*

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

SERMON

"Finding Peace"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

*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.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God's Gifts

The Communion Prayer

*HYMN NO. 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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