

Order of Service 2.26.2023

First Sunday of Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross—arr. Krug

Acolyte—Ruby O.

Lenten Reading/ Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross

Caiphias, the High Priest—
Reader: Brian Brooks

Special Meeting

Welcome/Announcements

Volunteer Recognition

In the Sweet By and By CCLI# 6126856

Verse 1

There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain:

In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

Verse 2

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more—
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. [Refrain]

Verse 3

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days.
[Refrain]

Opening Hymn

Goodness of God (CCLI #7117726)

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer—UMH #895

Choir Music Special

Come to the Water— by John Foley

Offering

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed—arr. Thornton

Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of
all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

KIDS Central Music Program

Gathering Chorus

Blessed Assurance UMH 369 (V1, V3)

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

Baptism

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the
Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into
Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into
God's mighty acts of salvation and given new
birth through water and the Spirit. All this is
God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present *Harmony Anne Harper* for baptism

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do
you renounce the spiritual forces of
wickedness, reject the evil powers of this
world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God
gives you to resist evil, injustice, and
oppression in whatever forms they present
themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put
your whole trust in his grace, and promise to
serve him as your Lord, in union with the
Church which Christ has opened to people of
all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Harmony in Christ's holy
Church, that by your teaching and example she
may be guided to accept God's grace for
herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead
a Christian life?

I will

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm
both your rejection of sin and your
commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian
faith and life and include these persons now
before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good
news and live according to the example of
Christ. We will surround these persons with a
community of love and forgiveness, that they
may grow in their trust of God, and be found
faithful in their service to others. We will pray
for them, that they may be true disciples who
walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian
faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old
and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead. On the
third day he rose again; he ascended into
heaven, is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but
chaos, you swept across the dark waters and
brought forth light. In the days of Noah you
saved those on the ark through water. After
the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised. Sing to the
Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each
day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured
in the water of a womb. He was baptized by
John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his
disciples to share in the baptism of his death
and resurrection and to make disciples of all
nations. Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of
water and those who receive it, to wash away
their sin and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives, that, dying and being
raised with Christ, they may share in his final
victory. All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you
and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever.
Amen.

Harmony, I baptize you in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being
born through water and the Spirit, you may be
a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in
Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the
Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made
to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all
one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you as member of the family of
Christ.**

Closing Hymn

Because He Lives UMH #364 V1, V3

Verse 1

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Verse 3

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Chorus

Announcement of Vote

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Variants on "St. Anne"-arr. Williamson

The rosebuds on the altar are in honor of the birth of Elliott Anne and Emersyn Mae Bridges, daughters of Ramey & Matt Bridges, granddaughters of Faye & Clyde Kerns.

Mary's Breakfast Bunch will meet at Linwood's Restaurant on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 9:00 am.

KM Community Lenten Service Wednesday, March 1 at noon—Boyce Memorial Presbyterian ARP Church; Rev. Ron Caulder, Pastor, Eastside Baptist Church.

It's time to order your Easter Lilies. Cost is \$12 each. Please place your orders by March 22, 2023.

Ushers: Joe Patterson, Ricky Hall, Roger Putnam, Terry Edwards

Greeter: Mary Lou Ware

Save the Date! Our next **Ladies' Meeting** will be on **Monday, March 6th** at 6:30 pm in the CAC. We will be meeting to discuss ideas for future planning.

We are collecting plastic eggs for our upcoming Eggstravaganza on April 2 from 3-4pm. We will have egg hunts, food, games, prizes and fun for the whole family!

Community Kitchen March Food Drive Request Our partner, Second Harvest Food Bank has been running low on donations and we are asking for your help to supplement our pantry. This month, we are collecting **oatmeal, grits, pancake mix and syrup** to distribute. Please leave your donations in the food drive box in the CAC Hallway. Thank you for your support and for helping people in your community.

Join us for **Easter Service** on Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10:00 am.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elsie Livingston
By Paula Goforth*



Welcome Visitors!

Scan to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE

(2/19) 10:00a Service.....94

Operating Fund

Contributions 2/19 \$ 3,785.00

Contributions YTD \$ 45,677.40

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 2/19 \$0.00

Contributions YTD \$0.00

Thank you for your support!

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, John & Evelyn Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

Praises: Birth of twin girls on 2.23.23, Elliott Anne and Emersyn Mae, daughters of Ramey & Matt Bridges, granddaughters of Faye & Clyde Kerns.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry;

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Sidney Bridges (brain tumor) 9.19.21; Freida Grant 2.21.22; Sherry Curtis 4.20.22; Jennifer Wall 4.26.22; Parker Byrd 7.27.22; Clyde V. (motorcycle accident); Terry and Johnny Neil 10.17.22; Charles Bagwell 10.17.22; Tina Melvin 10.24.22; Marsha & Carl Morrow 12.1.22; Robert Childers, Sr., (death) 1.1.23; Sandy Edwards 1.5.23; Audrey Jackson (Aunt of Paula McDaniel) 1.9.23; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23; Allen McKinney (prostate cancer) 2.7.23.