

**Order of Service 3.12.2023**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Liturgical Color: Purple**

**Prelude**

*All Glory, Laud & Honor* -arr. Lamb  
*Performed by the Bells of Praise*

**Acolyte**—Olivia H.

**Lenten Reading/  
Extinguishing of the Lenten Cross**

*From I am Guilty* by Audrey Surma—  
*A Voice from the Mob* Reader: Jim Larson

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Opening Worship**

*Because He Lives* (CCLI # 16880 )

**Verse 1**

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled 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 2**

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days  
Because Christ lives

**Verse 3**

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

**Waymaker/Crown Him  
With Many Crowns**

(CCLI # 7115744/23938)

**Verse 1**

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

**Chorus**

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker  
Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who  
You are (Repeat 2x)

**Verse 2**

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

**Verse 3**

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

**Chorus (Repeat 2x)**

**Tag**

That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are (Repeat 4x)

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

**Morning Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer* UMH 895

**Special Choir Music**

*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*  
*By Haldor Lillenas*

**Offering**

*Crown Him Triumphant*—arr. Lamb  
*Performed by the Bells of Praise*

**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!

**Centering Hymn**

*Open Our Eyes (The Faith We Sing #2086)*

**Verse 1**

Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him,  
And say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

**Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 12:13-28 (NRSVEU)**

*13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." 22 He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry*

*about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith!*

**Sermon**—Pastor Bruce Gwyn

**Apostle's Creed** (No. 881)

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

**Closing Hymn**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
(UMH #298)

**Verse 1**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

**Verse 2**

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

**Verse 3**

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

**Verse 4**

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Benediction**

**Chiming of the Holy Trinity**

**Postlude**

*Postlude on "Irish"* —arr. Smith

*The altar flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in honor of Abbie,  
Layla, Johnny & John Harris' Birthdays  
by Jean Harris*

## Central News and Events

**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.

**Our next Family Fellowship Night will be on** Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Our planned program will be Chair Volleyball and the menu is currently being planned. RSVP by 4/10/23.

**Sunday School News** Join us for Sunday School in the CAC at 8:30 am.

**Our Nursery** is available during worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.

**KID Central** is our church's church for ages 5-12. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org).

**UMYF** United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at [kayla@cumckm.org](mailto:kayla@cumckm.org) or 704-739-2471.

If you need to contact **Pastor Bruce Gwyn** please contact/text him at 704-291-0212 or [pastor@cumckm.org](mailto:pastor@cumckm.org).

**Ushers:** Joe Patterson, Allan Propst

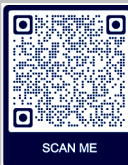
**Greeter:** Cecelia Meade

**The next Kings Mountain Community Lenten Service will be** Wednesday, March 15 12:00 pm at First Baptist Church with Dr. John Houze, Pastor of Peoples Baptist Church.

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

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

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### Welcome Visitors!

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

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

(3/5) 10:00a Service.....100

#### Operating Fund 2023

Contributions 3/5	\$ 19,194.00
Contributions YTD	\$ 72,559.15

#### Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 3/5	\$0.00
Contributions YTD	\$0.00

### 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.