

We're glad you're here!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I am interested in membership
- I would like a visit from the minister
- I am going to the hospital
- Please note my change of address
- Visitor

PRAYER REQUEST

Please place in the Offering Plate or give to the Pastor.

I ask your prayers for:

Prayer Request:

May we send this person a note of encouragement? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, please include their address:

May we include this in the prayer list for next week's bulletin? ___ yes ___ no

Person making request _____

Phone _____



First United Methodist Church

March 4, 2018 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

9:00 a.m.

Song of Praise

Welcome

Song of Praise

Song of Preparation

Message

Holy Communion

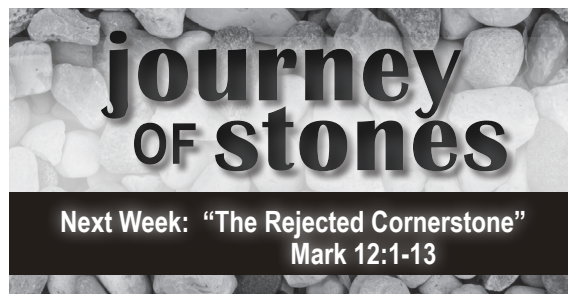
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit

make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Service of Giving

Closing Blessing



FIRST CHURCH STAFF

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First United Methodist Church

March 4, 2018 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

We welcome all who worship with us today, and we are glad that you have joined us as we come together to praise God. Your presence is appreciated and we invite you to worship with us again.

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Paulette Moss (8:30)

Stephen Sims (11:00)

Leader: Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.

People: Let us walk his way with joy.

Leader: Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

People: Let us walk his way with joy.

Leader: Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

People: Let us walk his way with joy.

Leader: Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

People: Let us walk his way with joy.

People: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

People: Let us walk his way with joy.

*Hymn, No. 269 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (verses 3 & 4 a capella)

To mark the season of Lent as time of penitence and preparation, we are joining congregations around the country in singing part of our congregational songs a capella (without instrumental accompaniment). By singing a capella, we are offering to God ourselves in our most basic form. Soli Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory.

*Affirmation of Faith, No. 881 The Apostles' Creed (8:30 & 11:00)

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 rose 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.

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

*The Gloria Patri (11:00)

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.

Anthem **You Are Mine** D. Haas, arr. M. Hayes

Invitation to Prayer (11:00)

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon (11:00) Julie Braswell

*Passing of the Peace Hymn, No. 369 (11:00 verse 1)

Children 3 years old-2nd grade are invited to follow the leaders downstairs to the Children's Dept.

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. 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.

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 NT Pg. 18

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message **Journey of Stones: On This Rock** Rev. Bob Silber

Moment of Reflection (11:00)

Service of Giving (11:00)

*Doxology UMH #95 (11:00)

During the season of Lent, we will sing an Alleluia-free version of the doxology. The discipline of "burying the Alleluia" until its renewing reappearance on Easter has been practiced by Christians since the Middle Ages.

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

*Hymn, No. 368 (11:00) **My Hope is Built**

During the singing of this hymn, you are invited to lay your stone at the foot of the cross and kneel at the altar in prayer.

**Please stand in praise of God if you are able.*

*Benediction (11:00)

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity (11:00)

*Postlude (11:00)

Holy Communion (8:30)

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*Benediction (8:30)

BASKET OFFERING: Today's basket offering will be given to support the ministries of Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministries (ECCCM) and The Corner Table Soup Kitchen.

ECCCM WORKDAY THIS WEDNESDAY

The first Wednesday of each month has been designated as the day for First Church to volunteer at ECCCM (Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry). No registration or sign-up is required, just show up! Work a couple of hours or the whole day depending on what your schedule allows.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Melba Nichols, Anne Hunsucker, Debbie Propst and Family, Brenda Saunders, The Orange Family, The Family of Louise Barkley, Sonia Foster and Family, The Family of Carmen Spencer

Military: Scott Beal, Taylor Bean, Todd Houtz, Michael Howard, Tai Orange, David Parker, Camaron Sills, President Trump

Nurseries: For children up to 4 years
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon (Level 1)

Sunday School: For children 2 years to 5th Grade from 10 - 10:45 a.m. on Level 1

Children's Church: Children K to 2nd Grade leave the Sanctuary for a worship enrichment program during the 11 a.m. Worship Service. Children may be picked up after worship in the Children's Church Room located on Level 1.

Children's Sunday Sacks: Located at the entrances of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall; filled with quiet activities for little hands.



THIS THURSDAY

March 4, 2018

in the Fellowship Hall

Coffee and cookies at 9:30 a.m.

Program begins at 10 a.m.

DEVOTION:

Helen Bledsoe,
Covenant Christian Church

PROGRAM:

"Senior Safety" presented by
John Helton from the Catawba
County Sheriff's Office

LUNCH MENU:

Tomato Basil Soup, Grilled
Cheese Sandwich, and
Homemade Desserts

Please complete the form below and drop it in the collection place OR call the church office by Monday, March 5 at noon to make your reservation for lunch (828-464-8422).

For more information about
JOY contact Bev Underwood
at 828-465-0481.

NAME:

Attending: _____