

Please remain standing as the Light goes out into the world.

Our service of worship has ended, let our worship through service begin.

† Please stand as you are able

Participating in today's service:

Emily Anderson—Liturgist, Cindy Roberts—Choir Director,
Jennifer Amos—Piano, Keith Bullin—Organ

Our Sympathy to:

The Friends and Family of Curtis Dalton Hill

Prayer Concerns

Jenifer Amos' father, Robin Hardin's Mother, Curtis Elaine Lewis,
Nedise Northcutt, Mike Roberts, Luanne Self, Louise Shelton,
Ruth Ann Spencer, Caleb Tilley

Birthdays

March 15—Drake Price, March 16—Rob Brown

Mark your calendar!

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

Thursday—April 13, 7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 14—Good Friday Requiem—
Greensboro or Winston-Salem

Sunday—April 16 Easter Sunrise Service—Delta UMC

10:50 Easter Worship

SNOW HILL GOES TO THE MOVIES—You are invited to go with us to see *The Shack* on Saturday, March 18. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:00, you may ride the church van, drive, or meet us at The Grand 18 on University Parkway in Winston-Salem. Please let Pastor Pat know if you are attending and will be riding in the van. Invite your friends and neighbors to go. We'll stop for a quick dinner and a chance to discuss what we have seen on the way home.

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Church Calendar

Today	5:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
Monday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women
Wednesday, March 14	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Snacks
	6:15 p.m.	He Chose the Nails —small group study—Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
Thursday, March 15	9:00 am—5:00 pm	Northern Stokes Food Pantry
Open		
Sunday, March 19	8:00 a.m.	Francisco Presby. Church United Methodist Men's Breakfast /Meeting—Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Food and Fellowship— Fellowship Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Assembly
	9:50 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:50 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday, March 21	9:00 am—1:00 pm	Terrific Tuesdays Together
Wednesday, March 22	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	8:00 a.m.	UMM transport food from Second Harvest Food Bank to Northern Stokes Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Snacks—Choir Room
	6:00 p.m.	Children's Church
	6:15 p.m.	He Chose the Nails — small group Lenten study, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Announcements

PICTORAL DIRECTORY—Have you taken a look at your picture from the last church directory? We've noticed that some of us look a bit different. There are also new church members and new family members. So, it's time to publish a new directory. Pictures will be taken on March 28 and 29 from 1:00—8:00 p.m.. See Judy Fain to reserve your picture time.

SWEAT TO SERVE—On Saturday, March 25 all members of SHUMC are asked to join us as we prepare the building and grounds for Easter and other spring activities. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a gathering prayer and then spread out to clean, paint, spruce up, and fixing up.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY—Enrich your observance of Lent through this study of Max Lucado's *He Chose the Nails*. This five week study began on Wednesday, March 8, it's not too late to join in. *Linger on the hill of Calvary. Rub a finger on the timber and press a nail into your hand. Taste the tinge of cheap wine and feel the scrape of a thorn on your brow. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart.*

All sessions will be held in the Sanctuary from 6:15—7:25.

**SNOW HILL
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



**FOLLOW JESUS, MAKE DISCIPLES,
TRANSFORM THE WORLD**

MARCH 12, 2017

**REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER
PASTOR**

**SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
IN WORSHIP**

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Liturgical Color—Purple

Second Sunday in Lent

WORSHIP SERIES: Are You Ready For A Change?

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME We welcome all who have gathered to worship this morning. We ask visitors to please complete a visitor card, located in the pew card holder, and drop it into the offering plate.

† **GREETING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

ENTRANCE

May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds to enter into worship as the Word of God and light of Christ come into the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE *Change* Tracy Chapman

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT *Change My Heart, Oh God* Espinosa

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist—Emily Anderson

(Leader) In this season of Lent, a time of preparation,
(All) God calls us to gather to worship, to pray, to sing, to listen for God's voice.

As we walk with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem,
We see looming before us a cross, a shadow on the horizon.

We gather as fellow travelers to the city, the cross, and what lies beyond.

God has called us together, and so we worship, we pray, we sing, we listen. Amen.

† **OPENING HYMN** *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*
On Screen

† **COLLECT**

Loving God, you save all who seek refuge in you. Grant that we who know your salvation may walk always in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice in your astounding goodness to us. Though Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LENTEN WREATH *Poem by Ann Weems*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 1: 1—11, 12: 13—14

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

Thanks be to God

THE PSALTER Psalm 119: 26—31

Here ends the reading of the Psalter. Amen.

ANTHEM *Through It All* Crouch

† **GOSPEL READING** Mark 2: 23—3: 6

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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SERMON *Rut or Pathway?* Dr. Spicer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

LITANY OF CONFESSION *(from Isaiah 40)*

Pastor: Have we not known? Have we not heard? Has it not been told to us from the beginning?

All: Even though we know, we have heard, and we have been told, it is so hard to remember that God is the creator of all that is.

We cling so desperately to our thoughts, our ways, our beliefs, thinking that we are in charge and have authority over all that is.

Yet in the presence of the One Who Made Us, we are little more than grasses blowing in the wind for a short while. God calls us by name and we continue to treat the earth and one another as if we have not been appointed as stewards over the whole of creation.

When it is convenient for us, we believe that God does not know, does not see, does not care about the harm we have done to our planet, to our neighbors, and to ourselves.

Our ways are not hidden from God now or ever. God knows what we have done, sees what we are doing, and, even still, calls us out of ourselves into a way of love.

It is not too late to change our ways. It is not too late to face what we have done and what we have left undone.

Knowing that God's understanding is unsearchable and God's love for us never grows faint, we can turn from all that is harmful and embrace the forgiveness and grace offered to us in Christ.

Just as Jesus went to Simon's mother-in-law and healed her, Christ comes to us, offering healing and wholeness that we, too, might begin again in a life of service.

We can let go of our demons of selfishness, fear, anxiety, addiction, judgment, ignorance, racism and all the other beliefs and behaviors that cause us to bring harm into this world.

We remember that God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Through Christ, we will, indeed, run and not grow weary and walk and not grow faint. Amen

CONCERNS FOR OTHERS

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 95

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

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** *Where He Leads Me* No. 172

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**