

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Our Father 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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

All who seek to turn from sin and to turn to the following of Christ are invited to come and kneel at the altar railing to receive the elements and to pray.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in the bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve You every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN** *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

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

Our Service of Worship has ended, our Worship through Service begins.

† *Please stand as you are able*

*Participating in today's service: Keith Lawson—Liturgist,
Emily Anderson—Reader, Cindy Roberts—Choir Director,
Jennifer Amos—Pianist, Keith Bullin—Organist,*

Prayer Concerns

Baby Ruth, Alyssa Hawkes, Eddie Priddy

Sympathy To:

The Friends and Family of Luck Hall
The Friends and Family of Audrey Stovall

Church Calendar

Tues., March 7	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Terrific Tuesdays Together
Wed., March 8	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:00—7:15 p.m.	Children's Church
	6:00 p.m.	Snack Supper
	6:15 p.m.	He Chose the Nails —small group study, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sun., March 12	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
Mon., March 13	7:00 p.m.	March meeting of the United Methodist Women, Fellowship Hall
Wed., March 15	6:30—8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Snack Supper
	6:15 p.m.	He Chose the Nails —small group study, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Announcements

LENTEN SPIRITUAL GROWTH STUDY—Heighten your observance of Lent through this study of Max Lucado's **He Chose the Nails**. This five week study will begin on Wednesday, March 8. *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.

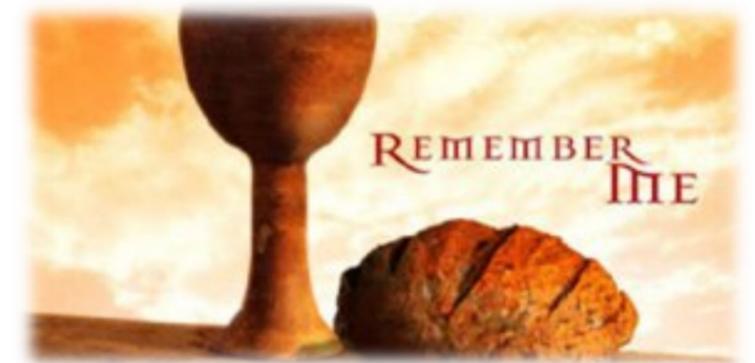
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY—Have you taken a look at your picture from the last church directory? We've noticed that some of us look a bit different. There are also new church members and new family members. So, it's time to publish a new directory. Pictures will be taken on March 28 and 29 from 1:00—8:00 p.m..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

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. There will be something to do for everyone

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MARCH 5, 2017

**REV. DR. PATRICIA SPICER
PASTOR**

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Liturgical Color—White

First Sunday in Lent

Worship Series: *Are You Ready for 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 SISTERS AND BROTHERS 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

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

May we all be in a spirit of prayer as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude and as the acolyte brings in the light of Christ to light the candles upon the altar.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT *Change My Heart, Oh God* Espinosa

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist—Keith Lawson

In this season of Lent, a time of preparation,
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.

† **OPENING HYMN** *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days* No. 269

LENTEN WREATH Emily Anderson

PROCLAMATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 6: 10—18

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God

PASTORAL PRAYER

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 6: 10—18

May God bless the reading of the Epistle. Amen

ANTHEM *Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes* Whitney

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:22-36

SILENT PRAYER

MEDITATION

Courage

Dr. Spicer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CONCERNS FOR OTHERS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Congregation is invited to respond to each, "Lord in Your mercy" with
"Hear our prayer."

LET US PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us reverently offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

THANKSGIVING TO GOD THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

† **THE DOXOLOGY** No. 95

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

With him, we will walk the path to life.

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come,

giving thanks to God, our maker,

and offering our praise!

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace;

You guide our wayward steps toward home.

You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner.

You reveal Your kindness in every sorrow, Your mercy even in death.

All Your creatures see Your works; they sing Your steadfast love.

We too declare Your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Now, O God, we remember Jesus.

He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried.

He relied on you for everything.

He was obedient to You and scorned by the powers of this world.

He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.

You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer our Savior and friend.

He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new.

Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

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Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age.

Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the new age comes, and every creature beholds it.