

Entrance

Gathering *(As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)*

Prelude *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)*

Give Me Jesus - arr. M. Kim

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley - arr. D. Edwards

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome *(During this time please pass the pew notebooks.)*

Time of Centering Hand Bell Choir

Ah, Holy Jesus - arr. L. Larson

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship *(read responsively)*

Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

All: According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

All: And put a new and right spirit within me.

*Extinguishing of a Lenten Candle John 3:19

...the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light...

*Invocation

*Opening Hymn No. 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Proclamation

Old Testament Lesson Micah 4:1-5

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-33

Meditation Deborah Horton

Response

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers

Congregational Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Loving and gracious God, you know the chaos of our lives. You know our hope for more centered times--times to deepen our life and faith. We pray that during these closing days of the Lenten season you will lead us to this place of respite. Uphold our hearts as you guide our feet. We ask this prayer in the name of the one who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer *(please pray in unison)*

**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.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory Chris Dodson, organ

Poco allegretto from L'Organiste - C. Franck

*Doxology *(sung in unison)*

**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 No. 2158

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*Pastoral Benediction

*Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory - arr. G. Sewell

**please rise in body or in spirit*

If you are looking for a church home in the Raleigh area we would love for you to become part of our church family here at Pleasant Grove. Please contact the church office for more information about church membership.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Drew & Claire Sullivan in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.

Today's worship service is being broadcast live on the internet and recorded for later viewing.

Weekly Prayer List

Concerns: Evelyn Castleberry; Diana Barbee; Brenda Cantu; Robbie Stewart; Helen Hill; LeRoy Hurd; Sandy Castleberry; Doug Blackley; Mabel Whitaker; John McGlaughlin's wife, Terrie; Cindy Hardy's mom; Melissa Krassy's dad; Purabi Dey's mom; Bill Krieski's mom; Warren Williams's mom; Heather Wilson's dad; Martin Schreiner's mom & dad; Nikki Williams's mom; Kirk Pedersen's mom; Sandy Jennekens's mom; Lisa Beers's mom; Cathy & Wes Anderson's daughter, Sarah, & grandson, Eli; Melissa Kennedy's grandson; Vickie McGee's brother, John; Nancy McGee's sister, Margie; John McGlaughlin's brother, Jim; Purabi Dey's sister-in-law, Sumitra; Michele Baitsholts's brother, Anthony; Brenda Cantu's sister, Lillian; Nancy Glasgow's sister-in-law, Linda; Beverly Skinner's sister-in-law, Alice; Jane & Dale Stokes's sister-in-law, Doris; Betty Pierce's niece, Donna; Jeff & Kristin Hoffmann's niece, Angie; Niki Speri's aunt; Virginia Benner's uncle, Chuck; Susan Paxton's cousin, Lori; Ellen Rogers's cousin, Wayne; Kenny Hill's friend, Debbie; Dian Banker's friend; Jane Albright's friend, Jerri.

This Week's Calendar

Today:

4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs

Monday:

1:00 p.m. Lenten Study

4:30 p.m. Great Minds

7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday:

1:15 p.m. YarnCraft Ministry

5:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. MOPS Social

Wednesday:

4:30 p.m. Great Minds Tutoring

6:00 p.m. Sewing Group

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Little Seedlings

11:00 a.m. Sewing Group

11:30 a.m. Bring Your Own Lunch

12:00 p.m. Singing Through the Hymnal

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Friday:

10:30 a.m. Friday Folders

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal

Holy Week at Pleasant Grove

Palm Sunday:

Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service with communion:

Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross:

Friday, March 29, 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

Worship Service followed by a light breakfast: 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service & Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Please join us next Sunday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. for our next performance of the 2023 - 2024 PGUMC Concert Series. Isaac Pyatt will present a recital featuring marimba and vibraphone, including brand new music by local composers. Invite your friends and neighbors - all are welcome!

On Easter Sunday we will decorate our worship spaces with arrangements of lilies and include a listing of gifts made in honor/memory of loved ones in the worship bulletins. To make a gift, please complete an Easter lily sponsorship form located in the pew notebooks. Completed forms with payment may be placed in the offering plate.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for next Saturday, March 23, at 9:00 a.m. Children ages 2 - 5th grade are invited to join us for a light breakfast followed by a fun Easter egg hunt. For more information, or if you'd like to help with the hunt, please contact Ashley Yohman.

Volunteers are needed (ages 5 and up) to help package 15,000 meals at our Rise Against Hunger event on April 20! There will be 2 shifts and all volunteers need to register at this website:

events.riseagainsthunger.org/PleasantGroveUMC.

We'll also need a few volunteers to help with set up. Please email Meredith Berry at meredith.berry@gmail.com if you can help set up.

An information session on the upcoming United Methodist General Conference will be held next Sunday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Francis United Methodist Church in Cary. Rev. Belton Joyner will offer a brief history of the UMC connection, key points in our shared history, and an overview of what will be on the agenda for the conference, followed by a Q&A session. This gathering will be appropriate for youth and adults.

Interested in giving to PGUMC electronically? Visit our website, www.pgumc.org, and click on the "Give" tab. From there you'll be able to set up a secure online giving profile. For more information please contact Julie Lebria at julie.lebria@pgumc.org.

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