



**Welcome to**  
Maggie Valley United Methodist Church  
March 19, 2023                      Fourth Sunday in Lent  
10:30 am Worship Service

**THE GATHERING**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY  
PRELUDE  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We greet our neighbors in Christ's name*  
A Lenten Prayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

**P: We are learning to follow Jesus.**

L: On this Lenten journey, where do we find God's presence among us?

**P: One thing we know: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

L: On this Lenten journey, how does God's presence work among us?

**P: One thing we know: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us to one another.**

L: On this Lenten journey, what does God's presence do in our midst?

**P: One thing we know: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

L: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**ALL: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! AMEN.**

HYMN OF WORSHIP    **"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"**                      **#128**

**PRAISE AND RESPONSE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of miracles and mighty deeds, **we acknowledge your healing and comforting presence in our lives.** We confess that we have been drawn in by materialism and driven by consumerism. **Open our hearts to a new way of being.** Send your anointing and grant us fresh insight for spiritual breakthroughs. **Shine the light of your truth into our relationships and grant us victory**

**over every secret and shame.** We thank you in advance for healings and renewals in our lives. (Silence is kept.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear this great news for our journey: God forgives — freely and always. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ. Go and sin no more. **Thanks be to God who forgives and restores. AMEN.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 9:1-7

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Bill Chamberlin*

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.**

GLORIA PATRI

**#71**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE    **"Spirit Of The Living God" (2 times)**

**#393**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you tenderly care for each person you have created. You miraculously restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. Guide us so that we will not regard others according to outward appearances but seek to find your love in their hearts. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves to contribute to the work of your kingdom on earth until Christ returns in glory. **AMEN.**

OFFERTORY

Precious Lord Take My Hand  
*Choir, Lillian Chamberlin and Mark Strayer*

DOXOLOGY

#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

**GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  
SERMON

"In the Presence"

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
*Pastor Cole*

**WE ARE SENT TO SERVE**

HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Take My Life And Let It Be"

#399

THE BLESSING  
POSTLUDE

I Sing The Almighty Power Of God

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***The Fast We Choose***

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES

## Upcoming Events

**Our Church Food Pantry operates on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until noon.** We are asking that everyone in the congregation **bring INSTANT OATMEAL pkgs., REGULAR OATMEAL(14oz), GRANOLA BARS, PINTO BEANS(dry 16oz), and CANNED FRUITS(no applesauce) this month.** Personal hygiene items are appreciated also. Thank you for helping!

**If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily or multiple Easter Lilies** to place in the sanctuary in memory or honor of someone, please call or email Belinda. We will be placing these in the sanctuary in April. **The deadline to order is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** The cost is \$10.00 per lily.

**The following items will be for sale after church today and next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> if items are still available: sugar eggs, Easter/Christmas ornaments, and books. All proceeds will go to the food ministries.**

**The youth group will meet on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the library. If you can provide a meal in April, please call Belinda to sign up.**

**The Men's Group will have breakfast on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** All men are invited.

**The One Board will meet on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**All "Love in Action" newsletter articles are due to Belinda by Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**We will be taking a meal to the Wesley Foundation at WCU on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.** If you would like to help with this, please contact Wanda Messer at 828.734.7848

Plans have begun for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon. We do not need plastic eggs, but we are requesting bags of **individually wrapped candy** which can be dropped off at the office. We will fill eggs on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Help is also needed hiding eggs at 10:00 on Saturday morning and serving refreshments after the hunt. Please check the sign-up sheet in the lower entrance, or feel free to call Wanda Messer (734-7848) if you can help with this fun event!

**Pastor Cole's Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.** We invite everyone to come!

**Winter 2023 Wednesday Night Spiritual Growth Group meets on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm in the Grace Classroom. The last meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Join us for four meaningful services of worship during Holy Week:**

April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday	6pm
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday	6pm
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunrise Service	7am
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service	10:30am

**Lectionary Scriptures for Next Week:**

**Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45**