THE WORSHIP OF GOD Second Sunday of Easter Low Sunday				INVOCATION	Ad. fr. <u>The Book of Common Prayer,</u> Collect for the Holy Day of St. Thomas	Mr. Beddingfield	But Thomas said to t		
				Everliving God, who responded to the doubts and questions of your apostle Thomas by confirming his faith and strengthening his resolve: Grant that we also may firmly believe in Jesus Christ,				ut my finge	
April 16, 2023Memorial Baptist ChurchI'en O'clock in the MorningBuies Creek, North Carolina			worshipping him in truth and hope and serving him with gladness, so that in spite of our doubts, our faith may not be found wanting in your sight; in the name and by the power of your Son we pray, Amen.			† WORSHIP CHORU	US (
There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me, than in half the creeds. ~ Alfred, Lord Tennyson, "In Memoriam," XCVI Our doubts are traitors, And make us lose the good we oft might win, By fearing to attempt. ~ William Shakespeare, "Measure for Measure," Act I, sc. 4				† HYMN OF PRAISE 169 PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<i>Look, Ye Saints! The Sight is Glorio</i> stanzas 1, 3 and 4 Brittany Montgomery <i>, Super</i>				
				AFFIRMATION OF THE EASTER FAITH <i>(responsively, organ and pulpit sides)</i> Mr. Beddingfield and Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor I Peter 1: 3 and 8; I Thessaslonians 5: 12a and 19-23; Philippians 2: 12b-13 and 3: 12-14; Hebrews 10: 35, and 39; and II Corinthians 4: 16a					
PRELUDE	JDE Fanfares on EASTER HYMN Robert Lau Anne McClain, organ			(Organ side) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (Pulpit side) Although we have not seen him, we love him;			* Follo	owing the V	
GREETING	-			and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him, and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters: do not quench the Spirit, and do not despise the words of the prophets,				Brittany a	
CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Beddingfield, Choir and Congregation My Faith Has Found a Resting Place LANDÅS			but test everything; hold fast to what is good, and abstain from every form of evil. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you,						
 Choir: My faith has found a resting place, not in device or creed; I trust the Everliving One, his wounds for me shall plead. I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. 				that everything you think and do may be according to God's good pleasure. Not that we have already attained this or are already perfect, but we press on to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has made us his own. And this one thing we do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.			PASTORAL PRAYER Our Father, who a thy kingdom com	art in heav ne, thy will	
All responsively: Ad. fr. II Peter 1: 3; II Corinthians 5: 7; Hebrews 3: 12 and 4; Mark 9: 24; and Luke 17: 5				Most of all, let us not abandon that great confidence that is ours; for we are not among those who shrink back and are lost, but those who keep the faith and so are saved. So we do not lose heart.			Give us this day o as we forgive thos And lead us not ir	ose who tre nto tempta	
God's divine power has granted to us all things necessary for life and godliness, through the knowledge of the One who died for us, who rose again, and who called us to his own glory and excellence. For we walk by faith, and not by sight. But be careful, sisters and brothers, lest there be in anyone an unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.				(ALL) And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, keeping us sound and blameless in spirit, soul and body until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls us is faithful, and will do this.			for thine is the kir OFFERTORY INVITA OFFERTORY	-	
Lord, I believe; help now my unbelief! Instead, let us continue to live in Christ by holding fast to our first confidence until the very end.			PROCLAIMING						
Lord, increase our faith!			SONG OF TESTIMONY	Simple Gifts Chloe Donesky, soprano	arr. Mark Hayes	† INVITATION and			
My Faith Has Found a Resting Place LANDÅS			GOSPEL READINGS						
Choir: Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt; A sinful soul, I come to him, he'll never cast me out. I need no other argument, I need no other plea,			Thoma	John 11: 1, 5-16 is, called the Twin, said to his fellow discip et us go also, that we may die with him."	Mr. Beddingfield les,	† LIFE IN THE COM	IMUNITY		
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.				John 14: 1-5 Cherry DeVane, <i>Deacon</i> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"			+ BENEDICTION POSTLUDE	Ца	
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Mrs. Craddock

Paul Baloche

John 20: 19-28

ut Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Open the Eyes of My Heart Charissa English, vocalist

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see you I want to see you. (Repeat)

To see you high and lifted up Shining in the light of your glory Pour out your power and love As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

> Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy I want to see you. (Repeat)

* Following the Worship Chorus, children may meet Mrs. Meredith and Ms. Brittany at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.

Ants in the Pants of Faith

RESPONDING

PRAYER and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

er, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

om come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

is day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

give those who trespass against us.

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mr. Beddingfield

Tracey Craig McKibben

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

SENDING

N and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 335 Standing on the Promises stanzas 1, 2 and 3

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Ad. fr. John Claypool

Honor and Glory, Power and Salvation

Edward Broughton

PROMISES

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TODAY, April 16th

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m. Sarah's Open Door Class - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library) Youth - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) Kids' Church: 10:15 a.m. (Library)

MONDAY, April 17th

Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

Children's Choir: 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)

Simple Supper - Sliced Ham, Baked Sweet Potato, Roasted Green Beans: 5:45 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. Mission Kids will deliver activity packets to the hospital and visit with residents at Emerald Health and Rehab Center.

Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

Adult Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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- Coffee & Conversation Coffee Break with Meredith: 27 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Creek Coffee)

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

🚈 You may place your offering in the offering plate during the service, or use this QR code to donate using your phone, or click the *Donate*

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Members: Susan Johnson, Shelby Stancil, Al Upshaw, David Price, Will and Christine Roberts, Betty Wallace, Jimmy Jung, Carolyn Walker, Linda Smith, Mary Lou Ellen, Pauline Calloway

Family and Friends: Family of Thomas Claude McClay (father of Tom McClay), Amanda Huggins (director of Stokes Childcare Center), Grover and Holly Blackburn, Danny Thomerson (former MBC organist), Lacy Massey (step-father of Jeff Pope), Christopher Hoyle (son of Ofelia Hoyle), Bethany Blosch (great-niece of Ofelia Hoyle), Amanda and Melanie Alexander (cousins of Gracie Jonas), Marshall Woodall (father of Cindy Avrette)

Emerald Health and Rehab Center (Lillington, NC): Pat Stiller

Deacons for April 2023: Laura Rich and Tammy Scarborough Deacons for May 2023: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

Ushers Today: Jeff Pope, Derek Hogan, Ron McLamb and Joshua Taylor Ushers April 23: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Kids' Church Today: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

BACKPACKS

For April, we need full-sized containers of Shampoo and Body Wash as well as Soap.

We also welcome monetary donations to go toward the purchase of backpacks and Bibles. Designate your donation as 'Backpacks.'

Deliver your items to the church office during the week or place in the basket on Sunday mornings.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECTS

Clothes Closet: Next Date TBD

• Harnett Food Pantry: collecting non-perishable foods and egg cartons



Needed for April - - Canned Fruit Cocktail You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line.

Buddy Backpack: collecting "nab crackers"



[cheese with cheese or cheese with peanut butter] You may also make a monetary donation to Memorial Baptist Church and put 'Buddy Backpack' on the memo line.



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MEMORIAL **BAPTIST CHURCH**

Second Sunday of Easter Low Sunday

April 16, 2023

Memorial Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith open to all persons who want to walk with us in following the way of Jesus. If you mourn and need comfort; if you're weary and need rest; if you feel friendless and need friendship; if you need a Savior; if you need love; if you need help; whoever you are and whatever your circumstances, we open the door and in the name of Jesus bid you come.

The Rev. Edward Beddingfield, Pastor Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor Dr. Phillip and Susan Morrow, Ministers of Music Anne McClain, Organist Mariamarta Conrad, Worship Assistant Ashley Nelson, Administrative Assistant Wayne Smith, Custodian