THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

Your name is fire.

~ translation of "hallowed be thy name," by our church youth.

Now you reveal the meaning of my story That I, who burn with shame, might blaze with glory.

~ "Emmaus 1," by Malcolm Guite, contemporary English poet, singer-songwriter, academic, and Anglican priest.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fantasy on WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

Anne McClain, organ

Dan R. Edwards

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WELCOME Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

† INVOCATION

Ad. in part from <u>The Book of Common Prayer</u>, Mr. Beddingfield Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter (the Emmaus Road)

O God, who reveals yourself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear:

Your resurrected Son walked with his friends along a country road,

talking with them about failure and disappointment, about promise and miracle.

Then he sat down with them at the table,

where they finally recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

Open now the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, and stir our hearts, that they too may burn with the fire of recognition and joy,

of devotion and service, of faith, hope and love;

in the name of that same risen and present Lord we pray, Amen.

† HYMN OF PRAISE 173

Christ Is Alive stanzas 1, 3, 4 and 5

TRURO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE Meredith Lanier Craddock,

Associate Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF DELIVERANCE (responsively)

Brittany Montgomery,

Supervised Ministry Student

Psalm 116: 1-7, 12-14, 16-19

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

I will call on the Lord as long as I live, who has listened to my cry.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of the grave laid hold on me; I suffered great distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful, protecting the simple.

When I was brought low, the Lord saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you. The Lord has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Once again I walk upright before the Lord in the land of the living!

So what shall I give back to the Lord in return for all the Lord's bounty to me? I will lift the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

O Lord, I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people, in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

PROCLAIMING

GOSPEL

Luke 24: 13-35 The Emmaus Road: Mr. Beddingfield and Mrs. Craddock

Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us on the road?

† WORSHIP CHORUS

Open My Eyes

Jesse Manibusan

Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are opened And we'll hear like never before And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll see God's face In places we've never known.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

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

SERMON

Hearts on Fire

Mr. Beddingfield

Craig Courtney

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though my body be destroyed, and though my body be destroyed,

yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives.

Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face; Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known. Allelu, alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives. I know that my Redeemer lives.

PASTORAL PRAYER and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Mr. Beddingfield

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

arr. Carol Tornquist

SHINE

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 579 Shine, Jesus, Shine

stanzas 1 and 2

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Ad. fr. John Claypool Mr. Beddingfield

POSTLUDE Sent Forth by God's Blessing Douglas E. Wagner

Memorial Baptist Church is blessed with talented and devoted staff members. This week - today for Phil, Wednesday for Susan - marks the Morrows' sixteenth anniversary as our ministers of music. As you wait in silence before the service today, offer your own prayer of thanksgiving for their presence and work among us, and find a moment to thank them personally. God is good!

PRAYER FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

<u>Members</u>: 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

<u>Family and Friends</u>: Marshall Woodall (father of Cindy Avrette), Amanda Huggins (director of Stokes Childcare Center), Grover and Holly Blackburn, Danny Thomerson (former MBC organist), Lacy Massey (step-father of Jeff Pope)

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

<u>Prayers of Comfort</u> are extended to the family of Lalia Turlington in the death of her sister-in-law, Norma Jenkins, on Wednesday, April 19th.

In order to keep our prayer list current, we will place names on the list for one month. After one month we will remove names from the list. If there is a need for a name to be on the list for a longer period, please notify us and we will be happy to comply.

Deacons for April 2023: Laura Rich and Tammy Scarborough

<u>Deacons for May 2023</u>: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

<u>Ushers Today</u>: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

<u>Ushers April 30</u>: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

<u>Kids' Church Today</u>: Meredith Craddock and Brittany Montgomery

[†] The congregation is invited to stand.

TODAY, April 23rd

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)

WEDNESDAY, April 26th

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

Simple Supper - Hotdogs, Baked Beans, Chips & Fruit: 5:45 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Mission Kids: 6:30 p.m. (Classroom) Youth Activity: 6:30 p.m. (Library)

Adult Bible Study - Responding to the Resurrection - Amen and Alleluia:

6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, April 27th

Coffee & Conversation - Coffee Break with Meredith:

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Creek Coffee)

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MAY 2023

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Adult Bible Study - *Responding to the Resurrection* - *Yes*: 6:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Friends Class - Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.

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No Kids' Church



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*it is tab on the website. Thank you for giving to Memorial Baptist Church.

Financial Position for the Period 1/1/23 - 3/9/23

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 4/13/2023	\$	109,043
» Total expenditures	\$	(91,075)
» Support exceeded expenditures	\$	17,968
» Total 2023 Budget Proposal	\$	413,084
» Percent of year passed	28%	
» Support needed to meet budget	\$	116,569
» Undesignated support received as of 4/13/2023	\$	100,769
» Budget support shortfall as of 4/13/2023	\$	(15,800)
» Principal due on line of credit for church renovation	\$	80,602



We would like to celebrate our 2023 high school and college graduates!

If you know of a graduate that would like to be included, please send the graduate's name, school attended and degree (college).

Please send this information to Meredith as soon as possible so the planning can begin!



For April, we still 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.

Check the bulletin board for more community announcements.

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Other Staff: By Appointment



MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 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