THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 Ten O'clock in the Morning

Memorial Baptist Church Buies Creek, North Carolina

It'll be just like starting over. ~ John Lennon, <u>Double Fantasy</u>, 1980

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Robert J. Powell

Anne McClain, organ

WELCOME

† INVOCATION

Brittany Montgomery, Supervised Ministry Student

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the life, death and resurrection of your Son established the new covenant of reconciliation, giving to us new life and making of us new creatures: May we who have been reborn into the fellowship of Jesus Christ show forth in our lives what we profess by our faith, so that the worship we know here may not just be a matter of word and speech, but also of deed and truth;

† HYMN OF PRAISE 163

ANTHEM

GOSPEL

SERMON

How Can I Keep From Singing

RESPONDING

PROCLAIMING

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises;

I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;

From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,

Lord I lift Your name on high.

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess

That Jesus Christ is Lord!

John 21: 1-14

The Last Breakfast

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to

his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

* Following the Gospel, children may meet Mrs. Meredith and

Ms. Brittany at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Kids' Church.

Like Starting Over

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Rick Founds

Johnson/Cloninger

Ellie and Nate

The Rich Family: Wes, Laura,

Edward Beddingfield, Pastor

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing; It sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing; All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?

PASTORAL PRAYER and The Lord's Prayer

Mr. Beddingfield

Traditional Text

† WORSHIP CHORUS

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, your 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 and ever; Amen.

Yous is the man of da crib,

Help us not to be trippin'.

we'll be real with you.

Paraphrase by MBC Youth

Your kingdom's the G.O.A.T.,

as long as you're real with us,

your name is fire.

you spit true fax.

Lemme get a sip;

Our homie, who lives in the sky,

You finna last forever.

INVITATION TO GIVE and OFFERTORY

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

arr. Mark Hayes

ACKLEY

SENDING

† INVITATION and HYMN OF SENDING FORTH 533

He Lives

stanzas 1 and 3

† LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY Mr. Beddingfield

† BENEDICTION Mr. Beddingfield Ad. fr. John Claypool

POSTLUDE Fanfare Postlude Douglas E. Wagner

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 Norma Jenkins (sister-in-law of Lalia Turlington), Noah Rayon (student at Cape Fear Christian Academy), 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

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 Deacons for May 2023: Earl Savage and Jac Whatley

Ushers Today: Nancy Brady, Bob Cisneros, Barrett Kesling and Miles West

Ushers May 7: Al Hardison, Randall Johnson, Susan Johnson and Linda Lunney

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

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Meredith Lanier Craddock, Associate Pastor

Ad. in part from The Book of Common Prayer, Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter with II Corinthians 5: 17 and I John 3: 18

we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Thine Is the Glory

II Corinthians 5: 14-21

Mrs. Craddock

Ms. Montgomery

MACCABEUS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF THE EASTER FAITH (responsively)

The love of Christ compels us:

because we are convinced that One has died for all, therefore all have died. And Christ died for all, so that those who live might no longer live

for themselves, but for the One who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;

and even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we no longer consider him that way.

So whoever is in Christ has become a new creation; the old is passed away, and look! Everything has become new.

All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting our trespasses against us,

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So then we are ambassadors for Christ, with God appealing to you through us; therefore we beg you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God!

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might take on the very righteousness of God.

† *The congregation is invited to stand.*

TODAY, April 30th

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, May 3rd

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

Simple Supper - Nacho Bar: 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* - *Yes*: 6:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

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

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Children - Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. (Library) **Youth - Sunday School**: 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

No Kids' Church

Deacon's Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

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

Simple Supper - Pizza and Salad: 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* - *Uh-oh*: 6:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

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

Happy Mother's Day

DEACON NOMINATION DAY

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

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

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

Simple Supper - Ham, Potatoes and Veggies: 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 - Thank You, Jesus:

6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

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

» Total support, 1/1/2023 - 4/13/2023 \$ 109.043 \$ (91,075) » Total expenditures \$ **17,968** » Support exceeded expenditures » 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 their name, school attended and degree (college) 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.



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

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MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 30, 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