

GREENSBORO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 17, 2024 | 5th Sunday in Lent

Hal Parker, Music Director

Rev. Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Pastor

Prelude

solo piano, Hal

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

One: New life rises!

Many: That which rises, must first fall and die.

One: Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are released to the ground.

Many: The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and nourish.

One: Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the Living God.

Many: And God will raise us up anew. Amen.

Opening Prayer

***Gloria Patri #36**

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Hymn: #424 (Songs of Spirit)**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Scripture

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John Howard

Anthem

“The Old Rugged Cross” by George Bennard 1903

Sermon

From the Least to the Greatest Rev. Ed Sunday-Winters

A Time of Silence

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O God who causes our lives to rise, we lay down to you the abundance you have given us and allow it to fall so that you may multiply it to give life to your world. May it be so. Amen.

***Hymn: #303 (Songs of Spirit)**

Softly and Tenderly

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Prayers of the People and The 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever.



***Hymn: #18 (Songs of Spirit)**

Praise to the Living God

***Benediction**

***Musical Benediction #334 (Songs of Spirit), Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name, verse 2**

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day;
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

Postlude

solo organ, Hal

Our Church’s Wider Mission: As we support Our Church’s Wider Mission, we lift up the work of the Association for Theological Education in Myanmar (ATEM), trying to address the needs of our institutions and the churches while Myanmar has been witnessing an increasing number of crimes, suicides, kidnappings, assassinations, and mental health and trauma challenges. The risk has been high because holding training and worshiping in the church is illegal in present-day Myanmar, as the Junta ordered and made a law that no more than five persons could assemble without permission. This prohibition order is still enforced and the military government is watching Christians and our institutions for violations. Therefore, we have much to do in 2024 and beyond, including addressing the urgent needs of the people. Please remember to uphold in your prayers ATEM, its member theological schools, and the Christian community here in Myanmar so that we may be part of the efforts to secure a better future for people in Myanmar, a future filled with peace and justice.

PARISH NEWS:

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after Sunday service for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

Weatherization Pays You Back - Expert Panel and Q&A: Join local energy efficiency experts to hear tips and ideas on how to improve the comfort of your home while reducing energy bills. Tues, March 19, 5:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Greensboro UCC. Free! For more details and information for registration, see this week's email newsletter

Save the Date: "Just Getting By: A Day In the Life" a documentary on Vermonters struggling with food and housing insecurity, Highland Center for the Arts April 4 at 7 pm.

Peace Vigil: Wednesday mornings from 7:45- 8:30 am at the Hardwick Peace Park. We are horrified by the violence on both sides. Join us in calling for an end to the bloodshed.

GUCC Directory: Have an edit? Send it to greensborochurchdirectory@gmail.com!

FELLOWSHIP HALL CLASS SCHEDULE:

- ☉ Bone Builders: Mon & Wed 10-11 am ☉ Global Campus: Tuesdays, 12-3pm
☉ TaiChi: Thurs, 9:15-10:30, 10:30-11:30 am ☉ Pilates: Tue & Thurs 4-5 pm

Trustees Meeting: Monday, March 18, 1-2 pm, Library

Set up and Energy Education Event: Tuesday, March 19, 9-11 am, 445-715pm

Parents Group: Wednesday, March 20, 11-1, classroom

Next Week's Lectionary: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12- 16

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To Our Visitors

*If you are new among us, welcome!
Whoever you are, wherever you are on
life's journey, you are welcome here.
You are invited to become a part of our life together.
Our goal is to be a loving and caring church,
and we hope you feel this
Please help us to know you by introducing yourself,
filling out a green pew card, and joining us in
fellowship following the service
May you go forth refreshed by the Spirit here.*

Our Mission: To love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community and our world.

Worship During COVID: Masking is now optional

- *Stay home if you are ill (even a little)*
- *Distance from others around you*