

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

May 13, 2018 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action



Founded 1859

The Rev. William Robert (Rob) Martin III, Pastor

Dr. José Rivera, Director of Music

Mr. Sean McDonald, Organist

Supported Missionary

Christopher McReynolds

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 13, 2018

Eleven o'clock

Thoughts for Reflection

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore God made mothers."

— **David C. Gross**, Dictionary of 1000 Jewish Proverbs

"This is what we do, my mother's life said. We find ourselves in the sacrifices we make."

— **Cammie McGovern**, Neighborhood Watch

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew, and return it to its starting place. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we invite you to leave your address on the pad. This will give us the opportunity to share with you the work and witness of our community of faith—and to welcome you into our midst!

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The Prelude

Hymn of Promise

arr. Ferguson

The Call to Worship

One: In celebration of lives well-lived,
In remembrance of people well-loved,
we come to this time of worship—

**Women: We come as our mother's prayers and dreamings,
as our mother's expectations and expressions—
for we are held in the encircling arms of our
Mothering-God.**

One: In celebration of lives well-shared,
In remembrance of people well-cherished,
we come to this time of worship—

**Men: We come as our mothers' longings and meditations,
as our mothers contemplations and concerns—
for we are all held in the encircling arms of our Mothering-God.**

One: In celebration of lives fully lived,
In remembrance of people well-honored,
we come to this time of worship—

**All: *We come as our mother's joys and hopes,
as our mother's dreams and desires—
for we are all held in the encircling arms of our Mothering-God.***

The Prayer of Ingathering

***Congregational Hymn** 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

***The Call to Confession**

***The Litany of Confession & The Assurance of Grace**

**Unison: God beyond all gods,
we do not ask forgiveness for our questions—
the honest "why?" in the face of death,
the heated "why?" in the midst of great injustice,**

**the Job
the Jeremiah
the Jesus in us feeling sometimes
God-forsaken.**

**But we are asking forgiveness
for the atheism of our superficiality
our skimming along
our ordered utopias
our constant cravings for safety
our trivial demands
our preference for
religion over faith
and for Law over Gospel.**

**Love us,
shake us, O God.
Lure us,
lead us to the gaps,
to the very edges of life—
to where it is more dangerous
and extravagant
and bright—
that place where your glory
freely flashes
before our very eyes! AMEN**

***Musical Response Sung to NETTLETON Hymnal # 441**

**Like a child outgrowing childhood, setting
childhood things away,
We will learn to live in freedom in the light
of God's new day
Now we see as in a mirror—then we'll see
both face to face,
Understand how love's compassion blossoms
through God's gentle grace.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Time for The Child in Us All & The Blessing of Mothers

After the time with the children, children age 4 through Grade 5 may follow their Sunday School teachers upstairs. Parents, please collect your children from Room 207 at the conclusion of worship today.

The Prayer for Illumination

The First Lesson

Psalm 1 Pg. 489

The Choral Anthem

I Am the Vine, Young

The Second Lesson

The Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-26 Pg. 118

The Prompting

The Rev. W. Robert Martin, III

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Faith

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***The Hymn of Response**

Jesu Christ Now Moving Still

(Sung to ABBOT'S LEIGH **Hymnal # 309**)

Words by W. Robert Martin, III / Music by Cyril Taylor

**Who made home among the outcast
set his table with the poor**

**Bound the wounds of all afflicted,
heard the doubts of those unsure?
Who called forth new ways of living
where the least and last came first?
Jesu Christ who moved among us,
Jesu Christ now moving still!**

**Who refused both wealth and power,
turned away from throne and crown
Beat his sword into a plowshare,
drove war's grief into the ground?
Who called forth new ways of living
where the loathed and lost were loved?
Jesu Christ who moved among us,
Jesu Christ now moving still!**

**Who crossed every block and bound'ry,
pushed religious law aside
Raised God's love to new dimensions,
vanquished hate and human pride?
Who called forth new ways of living
where the sick and scarred were healed?
Jesu Christ who moved among us,
Jesu Christ now moving still!**

***An Affirmation of Our Faith**

One We believe in God, maker of an unfinished world,
who calls us to participate in bringing about the
fullness of Creation—

Many: **God, who creates abundant resources to provide for all; God, who does not divide people into categories of rich or poor, owners or slaves, nor pits us against each other because of age, color, social class or sexual orientation.**

One: We believe in Jesus the Christ, who was ridiculed, tortured, and executed on a political cross—

Many: Jesus, who took his place among the outcast and the ostracized; Jesus, who still stands with those who find themselves on the margins of justice, grace, and love!

One: We believe in the Spirit of God—

Many: The Spirit, whose flame confronts us with Divine presence; the Spirit, who causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and equity.

One: And we believe in the reconciling power of God in our lives and in the world—

Many: For we know that God, through people just like us, can bring about peace and hope, justice and equity, the relief of suffering and pain, and the final triumph of love and grace!

One: Thanks be to God!

All: *Halleluiah! Amen!*

The Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory—forever. AMEN**

The Invitation to Offering

The Offertory

O Worship the King

Raney

The Response to Our Offerings:

The Doxology # 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

***The Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

**For the gifts we offer this day and every day we give thanks,
O God. Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted
to our care. May our gifts be used to serve your beloved
creation, to sustain this faith community in all that it says
and does, and to build up your just and equitable reality
throughout a globe we inhabit and are called to help and
heal. AMEN.**

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***The Hymn of Departure** 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***The Benediction (The Good Word)**

***The Postlude**

Hyfrydrol

Burkhardt

Lay leader today is Edna Ann Loftus

Welcome to everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May each of us know the presence of the risen Christ as we worship and feel the warmth and love of the community of Christ here today. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in the worship and work of Jesus Christ through the ministries of this congregation. To receive information about the life of this faith community, please mark the Friendship Pad.

In lieu of flowers this Sunday a donation has been made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Connie and Doug Harris to honor new grandson Andrew Paul Harris. He is welcomed by parents Meredith and Brad Harris and brother Grayson Douglas Harris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14

6:00 pm Presbyterian Women Birthday

May 15

5:00 pm Membership/Stewardship

May 16

7:00 pm Finance & Administration

May 17

5:30 pm Childcare

May 20

6:00 pm Pentecost Service at Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church

May 21

7:00 pm Session

MAY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

***Jacque Britt, Co-chair, Georgia Dye, Lynn Mason, Heidi Poage, Carolina Caddell, Kathy Williamson**

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***Bradley Williams, Lead, John Clark, Mike Coughenour, Joel Hartwell, Barbara Bateman, David Herr, Wayne Hobbs, John Massey, Michael Sellers, Jamie Sutherland, Greg Wood, Drew Williamson**

NOTES AND THANKS

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PENTECOST – SUNDAY, MAY 20

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate Pentecost.

Observed around the globe, Pentecost is the holy day where we commemorate the coming of the Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the Church." From an historical perspective, Pentecost is the day on which the church was birthed and brought into being. Thus, Pentecost is nothing less than the Church's birthing day!

2018 PENTECOST OFFERING



The Pentecost Offering will be collected next Sundays, May 20, the day of Pentecost. This denominational offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministries benefiting these age groups in their communities.

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised more than \$8 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

COMMUNITY PENTECOST SERVICE

A Community-Wide Pentecost Service will be held at 6:00 PM at Bright Hopewell Baptist Church, 601 North Main Street, here in Laurinburg. Rev. Martin and other area pastors will be leading the service. If you would like to lift your voice in song with the community choir, you are asked to arrive at Bright Hopewell Church at 5:30 pm for a brief rehearsal. Please make plans to attend this very special and important service!

Please remember these in your thoughts and prayers—

Continuing Concerns: Joel McCanna, Hewitt Fulton,
Will Faulk-Custodian (LPC) Lucile Bridgeman

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
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