

39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."
 40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED: Charles Blume, Darrell Baker (brother-in-law of Chuck Quimby), Martha Deal, Louise Moore (mother of Derek Albea), Carol Fleming, Barbara Morgan, Alisha Dowell Dollar, Rodger & Margie Erickson (friends of Ruth Quimby), Unspoken prayer needs, Pete Skinner (son-in-law of Chuck & Ruth Quimby), Telka Gullett (sister-in-law of Donnie Whitesides), Johnny Myers, Joy Brown, Randy Grant, Charlotte Gehrke (great niece of Mary Helen Myers), Pat Chaffin, Malcolm & Peggy Bullock, Sam & Gloria Correll, Kate Wilson, CC. & Peg Williams.
Public Safety Personnel: Probation officers, firefighters, paramedics, sheriff and police officers. **Military:** James & Sarah Fullwood (Marines), Logan Willis (National Guard). **Missionaries:** The Raymer Family
Pastor Nominating Committee, Next Pastor for Unity Church, Salem Presbytery, Our Nation.

DEACONS TO COUNT OFFERING: Jason Whitley & Helen Dickson
 (Next Sunday: Renae Kluttz & Stan Moore)

NURSERY TODAY: Kim Foster (Next Sunday: Lynn Shumaker)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to (8) Donnie Whitesides, John Wetmore (9) Joe Morgan (11) Spence Nelson Chandler.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to (7) Brad & Julie Fleming Reavis.

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in
 memory of Willie Perrell given by his family.*

Women's Circle meetings will resume this Tuesday at 2:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. We will continue where we left off in our book "God's Promise I Am With You". Study lesson 5 "God With Us When We are Powerless".

MEMORIALS- In memory of Vera Kluttz by Chuck & Ruth Quimby.

In memory of Virginia F. Talley and Meredith Hylton by Bill & Nancy Hylton.



*"I am the
 resurrection
 and the
 life."*

John 11:25

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

PENNIES FOR HUNGER

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 104

One: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

All: When you give to them, they gather it up;

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

One: When you hide your face, they are dismayed

When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

All: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created

And you renew the face of the earth.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the law, Christ of the cross, Spirit of purity; we confess that we have broken your commandments, commercialized your church and compromised the wonder of our faith. We are too ready to choose our favorite commandments and to ignore the others to minimize our guilt. We excuse our habit of breaking some commandments by pointing out that we are keeping the others. Forgive our self-righteousness that ignores the need for the sacrifice of Christ for our sins and the cleansing of the Spirit for our holiness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giving God, receive what we give to you in response to the loving gift of Jesus, your divine Son. Your Spirit gives us assurance that you know of our love for you, however small, in comparison with your gifts to us. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 11:17-44

MESSAGE

"Lord of Compassion"

Sue Moore

STATEMENT OF FAITH "Apostle's Creed"

HYMN

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John 11:17-44

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles[a] from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." 28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

There will be a fundraiser for

Meals on Wheels Rowan on Thursday, March 10.

Port-a-Pit BBQ is preparing meals that will include 1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Slaw, Roll and Dessert for \$12 each. Meals must be pre-ordered and pre-paid by March 6. There is an envelope available in which to place your order and your money in the vestibule. If you would like to add a donation you may place that in the envelope also.

Please make out checks to Meals on Wheels Rowan. A person from our church will place all our orders, pick the meals up and bring them to the church at 5 pm on March 10. This is another way that we can help members of our community.

ONE CHURCH/ONE CHILD: Several years ago, our church joined with the Dept. of Social Services in supporting this mission/outreach program. We have previously donated leftovers from our yard sales and have taken donations at Christmas to help purchase gift cards for the children under their care. They currently have a need for new or gently used shoes for children and teens (that can be worn year-round), new underwear, and new socks for children. The Session approved the request of the Outreach Ministry Team to collect these items throughout the month of March. There will be a tub in the narthex to receive these items. Thank you for your support!

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