

Grace Weekly: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

Education Classes for all ages at 9:15 am throughout building.

**denotes music in the 10:30 am liturgy*



***Prelude**

Meditation on The Lord's My Shepherd

Mary McDonald

Mark A. Kelly, *Guest Organist & Choir Director*

***Gathering Hymn 304**

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Land of Rest

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23 (*Read responsively by whole verse, beginning with the lectern side.*)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

***Sequence Hymn 178** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord *Alleluia No. 1*

The Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

***Anthem at the Offertory** *Alleluia* J.S. Bach
Alleluia, Alleluia, O praised be God, All raise your voices, Sing with thankful voices;
Thou God today hast giv'n us joy, Hold fast to Him And praise His name eternal.

***Communion Hymn 343** Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless *St. Agnes*

***Recessional Hymn 708** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us *Sicilian Mariners*

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune in D* David Johnson

The altar flowers are given in thankfulness for Hannah Rose Clary Loman and in honor of her 28th birthday.

Our Prayers

Members of Grace Church: Anne, Barbara Jo, Ben, Bill, Diane & Maribeth, Carol, Doug & Mary Elizabeth, Evelyn, Kathleen, Linda & Al, Mackie, David & Heather, & Scott.

For those who have died: Joan Evelyn Fuqua Kitchen, sister of Kathy Alley

Friends of Grace: Al, Andy, Andy & Beth, Andrew & Carol, Angela, Barbie, Ben & Cassie, Bill & Katy, Billy, Bob, Clint, Drew, Francis, Fred, George, Heather, Helen, Jack, Jackie, James, Jeff, Jerri, John, Josh & Jennifer, Kristen, Lana, Logan, Louise, Matthew, Mazie, Pat, Patricia, Pauline, Rina, Sue, Stephanie, Steve, Jesse, Lori, Mahalia, Sarver, Sascha & Megan, Wendy, and the men and women in our Armed Forces.

In Our Cycles of Prayers this week, we remember: Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers, Hayesville, and Tryon; The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

Serving This Week

Choir: Kathy Alley, Jackie Blevins, Diane & Bill Collins, Pam Davis, Nancy Fergusson, Mary & Mike Hartman, Marlene Hyatt, Mary Alice & Michael Lodico, Ann Rothermel, Joanne Thrower, Kathleen & Bob Vogt, Paula & Peter Welling

Altar Guild: Melanie Cyre

Coffee Hour: Jim & Janine Geenen (8:00) (10:30)

Collection Counters: Bob Tope & Dan Linker

Crucifer/Server & Torchbearers: Jack Geist, Karley Wells, Sara Tyburski (10:30)

Lectors: Carol Lans (8:00) Diane Collins (10:30)

Eucharistic Ministers: John Mozelewski, Donna Buckner, Louisa Lunt (8:00)
Jason Heinz, Sara Tyburski, Betsy Stecher (10:30)

Ushers: Les Taylor; Martha Bradley, Edwina Costley (10:30)

Eucharistic Visitor: Natalie Bayless visiting Betty Shore; Dn. Ray visiting Bob and Gwen Breese

Today

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

***Children: Ages 3 – 6 – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Downstairs)
Ages 7 – 10 – Godly Play (Downstairs)**

***Youth: Rite 13 (across from Library)**

***Adults: "Every Day is Earth Day." Susan Williams and Emily Chatfield-Lusto.** All people are one family, all people share one wisdom and all people share one small planet. What we do has profound ripple effects on the planet and on each other--physically and spiritually. So what does healing the way we walk on the Earth look like? In this session, we will view Joanna Macy's *The Great Turning* and discuss our own "great turning" toward resurrected life as faithful tenders in God's garden of Creation.

Announcements

May 6 is Rogation Sunday! Join us at 9:30 am during Education Hour for a special liturgy as we process around the "bounds" of the parish, singing, reading Scripture, and asking God's blessing on our harvest (both our literal harvest in the Grace Giving Garden and the harvest of good works from our ministries together). The word "rogation" comes from the Latin rogation, which means asking. This liturgy dates from the fifth century in France. We'll begin on the Green in front of the Church and end in the Grace Giving Garden. Special, vibrant music will add joy and rhythm to our process.

Join us for our **annual spring grounds cleanup on Saturday, April 28.** You are invited to lend a hand for just two short hours, beginning at 10:00 and ending at 12:00, at which time the church bell will ring, and we will all gather on our deck for fellowship and lunch. How fantastic is that? You get a little exercise (not more than you can handle), you savor what is sure to be a gourmet lunch and you get to visit with your church family. Bring your own garden tools if you can (rake, trowel, clippers etc.). **Bring friends and family. Mark your calendars for 10:00 on Saturday, April 28th.** If it's raining, our rain date is June 16th. Please email Mary Alice Lodico marylodico1@gmail.com or Bob Vogt rsvogt@swbell.net and let us know you are coming and so we can all be prepared.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed & Training Scheduled: Eucharistic Ministers proclaim the Good News of God's forgiveness and promise of new life in Christ through the sacred act of administering the chalice at Communion. We'd like to have teams of 12 to serve on a monthly basis at either the 8:00 am or the 10:30 am service. Please speak to the rector about discerning whether this ministry might be right for you. Mandatory training for current and future EM's is available on Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 pm or Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 am, as we are making a few changes to simplify the flow.

AED Training Dates: The Men of Grace are organizing training opportunities for the new automatic external defibrillator purchased for the parish and located in the parlor. All are invited. Ushers are strongly encouraged to attend. The last training session, **Session II is April 24 & 26 from 6 – 8:00 pm.** Only four slots remain. Contact Prescott Lunt to sign-up, prescottlunt@aol.com.

Formation Course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offered at Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville. Part 1 meets June 18 – 23, 2018 and Part 2 meets June 24 – 29, 2019 from 8:30 – 4:30. The contemplative teaching method of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) invites us to journey with the child toward fullness of life in Christ. During the course we will hear, ponder, and celebrate the essential mysteries of the Christian life, and how those mysteries are experienced by even the youngest among us. This formation course is open to all adults who wish to deepen their understanding of scripture, liturgy, and the sacraments of the church. Contact the Rector or Louisa Lunt or Paula Eachus to learn more.

Beyond Our Doors

Hope & Healing Rally to support survivors and family members of those who have experienced sexual harassment or assault. Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 – 6:30 pm in front of the Haywood County Courthouse. This is sponsored by REACH and the Haywood County Domestic Violence/ Sexual Assault Task Force.

Sharing Solutions: A Haywood County Community Opioid Forum, Monday, April 30, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Haywood Community College Main Auditorium. Organized by Haywood County Health & Human Services Agency & Mountain Projects Prevention Services.

The **Eco-Chaplaincy Initiative** is offering a day-long workshop on May 5th, 2018 in Black Mountain titled, "The Work That Reconnects," modeled from the work of the renowned Joanna Macy, PhD. We stand at the threshold between the unraveling and destruction of our planet, or a Great Turning toward a life affirming society. Several Grace members will attend. Learn more at <http://www.ecochaplaincy.net/WorkThatReconnects.html>

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Retreat at Lake Logan, May 18-19, 2018: You are invited to our Women's Retreat and Silent Auction at Lake Logan Conference Center, Canton, NC. Keynoter Speaker, Katerina Whitley. The retreat will explore the first century church and the role of women. For more information contact Diane Mance at mancediane40@bellsouth.net or Mary Ann Ransom at mransom1@bellsouth.net. **Please register by April 1.**

4th Quarter Retreat: Lifespan Playing & Planning at Lake Logan, May 20 – 22, 2018: The 4th quarter of life presents new challenges and opportunities as we face issues related to health care, legal concerns, loss of life partners, and the potential of new living arrangements. Whether you are in your 4th quarter or just planning for it, this retreat is for you. We will delve into practical and spiritual resources that are designed to take you through a solid planning process for your next 10, 20, or 30+ years. The format will be a light 'n lively mix of serious information, skill building, and whimsy - with plenty of time for recreation! Learn more at <http://www.lakelogan.org/events>.

Regular Gatherings April 23 - 28, 2018 (* = open to all to attend)

- *Dream Group, Tuesday, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Library
- *AED Training, Tuesday (Thatcher Hall) and Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Choir Room)
- *Open Library Use, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
- *Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Wednesday, 12:00 noon, Church
- *Grace Thomas Group, Wednesday, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Church
- *Marthas Knitting Group, Thursday, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Marthas Room
- *Outreach Committee, Thursday, 5:30 pm, Library
- *Sisters of Grace, Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Location to be announced)
- *Friday Morning Prayer, 8:00 am, at Panacea Coffee House
- *All Parish Grounds Cleanup, Saturday, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Louisa Lunt (2018)

Linda Sexton (2018)

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