

~ The Table At Sardis ~

MARCH 5TH, 2017 ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

It dawns on us that our taking does not match your giving. In this Lenten season revise our taking, that it may be grateful and disciplined, even as you give in ways generous and overwhelming. ~ Walter Brueggemann

Greetings from the Host

Prelude

Work of the Church, Rev. Stillerman

Introduction to the Season of Lent

Chiming of the Trinity

Entering Into Worship

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS. **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**
LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS. **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**
LIFT UP YOUR HANDS. **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Today's Specials

Growing Our Table , Dylan Kreutzer

A READING FOR THOSE WHO DOUBT
THERE IS LIGHT AT GOD'S TABLE.
THERE IS LOVE AT GOD'S TABLE.
THERE IS ROOM FOR YOU AT GOD'S TABLE.
ALWAYS. AMEN.

Call to Worship

IN THE WILDERNESS OF LIFE, WE ARE NOT ALONE.
GOD IS WITH US, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF OUR LONELINESS.
ON TREACHEROUS PATHS, GOD'S GUIDANCE IS OURS.
WE WILL WALK IN GOD'S WAYS OF WISDOM AND TRUTH.
COME TO HEAR. COME TO LEARN.
COME TO THE HIDING PLACE OF GOD.
HERE WE FIND GRACE. HERE WE FIND LOVE.
HERE WE WILL WORSHIP AND PRAY.

Invocation, Kathryn Kreutzer

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 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. AMEN.

Hymn #241

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD - TRENTHAM

Today's Specials, Continued

Confessional Prayer

GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE TOO BUSY. SOMEHOW WE FIND TIME FOR EMAILS, AND APPOINTMENTS, AND PTA MEETINGS, AND PANTHERS GAMES, AND BILLING STATEMENTS. BUT IN OUR HASTE TO MEET THESE NEEDS, WE HAVE IGNORED THE PAIN OF YOUR CHILDREN: VIOLENCE IN SYRIA; TORNADOES IN GEORGIA; THE AIDS EPIDEMIC IN UGANDA; POVERTY AND ITS NASTY-ISMS HERE IN CHARLOTTE; THE NEEDS OF COUNTLESS NEIGHBORS UNMET BECAUSE WE WERE IN A HURRY. YOU HAVE GIVEN US OUR REQUIREMENTS: DO JUSTICE. LOVE MERCY. WALK HUMBLY. FORGIVE US WHEN WE FAIL TO DO SO, AND EMPOWER US TO MAKE TIME FOR THAT THING THAT MATTERS MOST: THE KINGDOM CHRIST BID COME. AMEN.

Silence

Choral Response

KYRIE ELEISON - (HILARY WILL GUIDE)

Words of Assurance

YOU ARE LOVED. YOU ARE FORGIVEN. SO BE AT PEACE.

Passing the Peace

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU.
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Starters

Pastoral Prayer, Rev. Eidson

Hymn #605

BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUCH - SEMINARY

Offertory Prayer, Melissa Bowlin

Offertory & Offering

Choral Response

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS - ST. BRENDAN'S
ALL PRAISE TO THE FATHER, FROM WHOM ALL THINGS COME.
AND ALL PRAISE TO CHRIST JESUS, HIS ONLY SON.
AND ALL PRAISE TO THE SPIRIT, WHO MAKES US ONE.
AND THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE, BY OUR LOVE.
YES, THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

Food For Thought

Anthem

JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE - ARRANGED BY HELVEY

Scripture Reading, NT #3

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Homily, Rev. Stillerman

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

Invitation to the Table

Sardis Baptist Church Covenant

WE, THE MEMBERS OF SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH, BELIEVING IN AND COMMITTED TO SERVING JESUS CHRIST, DO COVENANT WITH ONE ANOTHER.

AS A CHURCH FAMILY, WE PROMISE:

TO FAITHFULLY LIVE OUR LIVES IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE WILL HONOR CHRIST;

TO GLORIFY GOD THROUGH THE PRAISE AND PRAYER OF CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP;

TO OPENLY EXAMINE THE BIBLE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD;

TO DILIGENTLY PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THE CHURCH, AND FOR GOD'S PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD;

TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE AND SALVATION WITH THOSE WE MEET;

TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND GIVE TO GLOBAL MISSIONS;

TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S FAITH JOURNEY, DEMONSTRATE TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE, AND WILLINGLY RESOLVE CONFLICT IN A SPIRIT OF LOVE AND PATIENCE;

TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN LIVING THIS COVENANT BY RECOGNIZING AND ENCOURAGING THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS OF THIS CHURCH FAMILY.

A Sweet Treat

Call to Commitment

Hymn #375

A PARTING HYMN WE SING - DENNIS

Benediction

Postlude

Chefs

REV. BOB STILLERMAN, PASTOR

REV. JONATHAN EIDSON, PASTOR

HILARY KEARNS, MINISTER OF MUSIC

IRENA HRAMENKOVA, PIANIST

Announcements

- NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH OUR YOUTH WILL GATHER AT THE MEETINGHOUSE AT 4:30 FOR A JAUNT OVER TO INNER PEAKS CLIMBING CENTER FOR FITNESS, FUN AND FRIENDS. PARENTS OF YOUTH UNDER AGE 18 MUST COMPLETE A WAIVER FOR THEIR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE: INNERPEAKS.COM/WAIVER/. SEE PASTOR JONATHAN FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- NEXT SUNDAY MORNING FROM 9:45 UNTIL 10:45, SARDIS WILL HOST OUR INAUGURAL SECOND SUNDAY. THESE WILL BE CHURCH-WIDE DISCUSSION GROUPS ON FAVORITE TOPICS CHOSEN BY OUR STAFF. BOB WILL BE LEADING NEXT WEEK'S DISCUSSION ON **THE BIBLE: A BIOGRAPHY**. WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US.
- PASTORS JONATHAN AND BOB WILL BE LEADING A BAPTISM CLASS FOR YOUTH FOLLOWING WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH AND CONTINUING THE FOLLOWING WEEK. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. CLASS WILL END AT 2:00 PM. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE FAITH, FOLLOWING JESUS AND BELIEVER'S BAPTISM. PLEASE LET PASTOR JONATHAN KNOW IF YOUR KIDDO WILL ATTEND.
- PASTOR JONATHAN CELEBRATED HIS 4TH STAFF ANNIVERSARY ON FRIDAY. WE ARE HONORED TO CALL HIM PASTOR! PLEASE SHARE A WORD WITH HIM ABOUT HOW HIS PRESENCE AT SARDIS HAS IMPACTED YOU.
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS IN A WEEK. REMEMBER TO SPRING YOUR CLOCK AHEAD BEFORE YOU GO TO BED THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH!
- YOU SHOULD BE RECEIVING REGULAR EMAILS FROM SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH. IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THEM, PLEASE CHECK YOUR PROMOTIONS OR SPAM FOLDERS.

Lenten Dates to Remember

- MARCH 5TH (TODAY), 4:30 PM—YOUTH OUTING TO INNER PEAKS FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT THE SHEPARD-MOORE HOME
- MARCH 11TH, 10:00 AM—LEVINE MUSEUM OF THE NEW SOUTH
- MARCH 12TH, 9:45 AM—INAUGURAL SECOND SUNDAY DISCUSSION
- MARCH 12TH, 12:00 PM—BAPTISM CLASS / LUNCH FOR YOUTH
- MARCH 15TH, 5:45 PM—FELLOWSHIP DINNER
- MARCH 15TH, 6:30 PM—SARDIS ACADEMY: CELEBRATING THE SAINTS
- MARCH 19TH, 12:00 PM—HYMN CAROLING TO THE HOMEBOUND
- MARCH 19TH, 12:00 PM—BAPTISM CLASS / LUNCH FOR YOUTH
- MARCH 25TH, 9:00 AM—SATURDAY OF SERVICE AT THE HABITAT RESTORE ON WENDOVER ROAD
- MARCH 26TH, 6:00 PM—TAIZE WORSHIP AT SARDIS BAPTIST
- APRIL 1ST, 9:00 AM—SATURDAY OF SERVICE AT SARDIS BAPTIST
- APRIL 2ND, 12:00 PM—LUNCH FOR REV. DUNCAN, PASTOR EMERITUS
- APRIL 2ND, TIME TBD—YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT AT FAMILY TREE
- APRIL 8TH, 9:00 AM—SATURDAY OF SERVICE PROJECT FOR CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
- APRIL 9TH, 9:45 AM—SECOND SUNDAY DISCUSSION LED BY HILARY
- APRIL 13TH, 6:00 PM—MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SUPPER
- APRIL 14TH, 12:00 PM—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP AT ST. STEPHEN UMC; REV. BOB STILLERMAN WILL BE PREACHING
- APRIL 16TH, 6:30 AM, 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM—HAPPY EASTER! SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30 AM; BREAKFAST AT IHOP AT 7:30 AM; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; TRADITIONAL WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM

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