

# May Memorial Baptist Church



*February 28, 2021*

*11:00 a.m.*

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

*This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!*

# *The Community Gathers for Worship*

Prelude

*Give Thanks Unto the Lord, Our God*

Peter Edison

Franklin Ritter

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Congregational Call to Worship

Ashley Edwards

We come to worship this morning from different places.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

"Deny yourselves."

**O God, do not be far from us.**

"Take up your cross."

**O God, do not be far from us.**

"Follow me."

**O God,**

**we thank you for drawing near to us**

**in this place, in our lives. Amen.**

\* Invocation

Michael Edwards

Solo

*Consolation*

Peter Edison

Franz Liszt

Prayers of Confession

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Andrew Snead

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Andrew Snead

Children's Sermon

Ashley Edwards

(The children will come down to the front during the children's sermon. After the sermon, they will follow Ashley out for extended session.)

Prayer of the People

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Words of Celebration

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Edwards

The Lord's Prayer

## ***The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word***

Scripture Reading

Michael Edwards

***Verses from Genesis 17 and Romans 4***

Small Ensemble

***The Gift of Love***

Hal Hopson

Gospel Reading

Jon Flower

***Mark 8:31-38***

Sermon

Michael Edwards

***A Hard Sell***

## ***The Community Responds to God's Word***

Solo

Andrew Snead

***Come Sunday***

Duke Ellington

Charge

The cross,  
**we shall take it;**  
the bread,  
**we shall break it.**  
the pain,  
**we shall bear it;**  
the joy,  
**we shall share it;**

the Gospel,  
**we shall live it;**  
the love,  
**we shall give it;**  
the light,  
**we shall cherish it;**  
the darkness,  
**God shall perish it.**

## ***The Community Departs for Ministry***

Benediction

Michael Edwards

\* Postlude

***Fanfare and Trumpeting***

Peter Edison

David Paxton

**Adult Choir Two Opportunities - Virtual Choir Rehearsal** will begin on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. After nearly a year away from choral music, this option serves as a way to connect choir members and make music from the safety and comfort of one's own home. Watch for a link to be sent by email soon. **Small Ensembles** are also practicing, see Andrew Snead if you would like to participate.

**Handbell Choir** - If you are interested in participating in handbell choir please email Andrew Snead at maymemorialmusic@gmail.com

**Life Savers for Life Savers!** You can bring Life Savers to the church office (or worship), you can also donate for the cost of the mugs. They are \$7 each, and you are encouraged to give to buy several for this project. If you write a check to purchase mugs, write "Life Savers" on the memo line. Place cash in an envelope with "Life Savers" written on the outside.

**Scholarship Applications for 2021** – Scholarship applications are ready to pick up. Please complete and return to the church office before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **This Week at May Memorial**

#### **Sunday, February 28**

9:15 a.m. Zoom Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship,  
Extended Session  
5:30 p.m. Youth Soul Food

#### **Monday, March 1**

6:30 p.m. Deacons Zoom Meeting

#### **Tuesday, March 2**

6:30 p.m. Virtual Choir

#### **Wednesday, March 3**

4:30 p.m. Zoom Kingdom Kids  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Gathering  
"The Pandemic Vices"

#### **Saturday, March 6**

9:30 a.m. Food Pantry Ministry

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

**March 13-14** - Mission Madness in a Box. Saturday we will meet at the youth house at 10:30 am for breakfast and Bible study. Meet Sunday after church for mission work.

### **Upcoming Children's Events**

**April 4 - Egg Hunt** – On Easter Sunday we will hold an egg hunt with the children between the two services

### **Upcoming Church Events**

**On Easter Sunday**, April 4, there will be two worship opportunities in the Sanctuary, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m.

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