# May Memorial Baptist Church



March 21, 2021 11:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

This is the House of God, All Are Welcome!

# The Community Gathers for Worship

Prelude Peter Edison
Arioso J. S. Bach

Greeting and Announcements

Michael Edwards

\* Congregational Call to Worship

Wyatt O'Quinn

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant... it will not be like the old covenant:

written on stone.

This will be a radically new covenant, my laws will be within you

Written on hearts.

And God added these wonderful words—I am your God and you are my people. Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God, so that we know you in all your fullness, love you as you love us, and worship you as you deserve. Let us worship God.

\* Invocation Michael Edwards

Solo Peter Edison

First Arabesque Claud DeBussy

Prayers of Confession

Call to Confession Andrew Snead

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Andrew Snead

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

We have eaten without a thought for the hungry.

We have spoken without an effort to understand others.

We have kept silence instead of telling the truth.

We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge.

We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands.

Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

**Silent Confession** 

Assurance of Pardon Michael Edwards

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

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Stewardship Moment Bob Wood

\* Doxology No. 253

Offertory Prayer Michael Edwards

## The Community Proclaims and Hears God's Word

Gospel Reading Andrew Snead

John 12:20-33

Small Ensemble

A Clare Benediction John Rutter

Old Testament Reading Michael Edwards

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon Michael Edwards

Hope in the Midst of Change

# The Community Responds to God's Word

Solo Andrew Snead *More Precious than Silver* Lynn Deshazo arr. Stan Pethel

Prayer Michael Edwards

Called Church Business Meeting Billy Boelt, Moderator

## The Community Departs for Ministry

Benediction Michael Edwards

\* Postlude Peter Edison

\*\*March George Frederick Handel

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand as you are able.

**Called Business Meeting -** A business meeting has been called by the Online Ministry Team and the Finance Committee following worship today. The purpose of this meeting is to entertain a motion to upgrade our equipment so that: 1) Sanctuary services will be able to be viewed in the fellowship hall by way of a screen(s), and 2) our Sanctuary services will be better presented online for those who view and worship from home.

**For Our Homebound Members** - DVD's of our worship services will be available soon for our homebound members. If you want to receive one each week please let the church office know. If you do not have a DVD player, one of our deacons will provide one and set it up if needed.

**Small Missions Project for March** – Easter themed goody bags for the homebound. Complete information is in the *Newsletter*.

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, March 21

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

#### Tuesday, March 23

6:30 p.m. Virtual Choir Practice

#### Wednesday, March 24

4:00 p.m. Small Ensembles

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

#### **Upcoming Church Events**

**Maundy Thursday Worship** – April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**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. Reservations are encouraged.

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

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

#### **Youth Events**

June 12 – Youth Pool Party June 13-18 Passport Camp, Greensboro College

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