

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Fifth Sunday in Lent/March 17, 2024

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Liturgist: Ann Ragland   Organist: Pam Wilson   Acolyte: Rachel Hawk  
Greeters: Dale Dixon & Connie Madison/Chris Shumaker & Thomas Gardner  
Ushers: Stuart Walton & Bud Funk

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God's Promise 2U: Pastor John

Prelude: "At The Cross" Edward Broughton

Bringing In the Light of Christ: Rachel Hawk

Welcome & Announcements: Ann Ragland

\*Call to Worship: Ann Ragland

One: God, who has called you into the Kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ, is faithful. He is a faithful Lord, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations on into eternity.

**All: We praise the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying "Great is your faithfulness! We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things. Great is your faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God."**

\*Greeting Our Brothers and Sisters

\*Opening Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (UMH 298)

Joys and Concerns: Rev. John Bright

Praise Chorus: "Spirit of the Living God" (UMH 393) Sing twice.

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer: Rev. John Bright

Anthem: "At Calvary" William Newell/Don Marsh

Children's Message: Rev. Tom Austin

Collection of Tithes and Offerings: Stuart Walton & Bud Funk

\*Offertory Prayer: Rev. John Bright

\*Doxology – "My Tribute" (UMH 99)

\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Scripture Lesson: "Ezekiel 36:25-27" Rev. John Bright

Series: "W. H. Y. of Prayer" (Who Helps You?)

Sermon: "Prayer Changes Your Inside" Rev. John Bright

Closing Hymn – "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (UMH 301)

\* **Benediction: Rev. John Bright**

\* **Postlude: Postlude on "Palestrina" Don March Young**

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

### OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Ann Hechler, Kim Davis, Jean Miller, Mary Hicks, Mary Ann and Clyde Howard, Evelyn Steele, Geneva Olgers, Phyllis and Sara Nelson, Regina Humphrey, John Brockman, Becky Torrence, Dot Gay, Billy Wendel and ML Yuhas.

### KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

- Our Weekday School – Margo Keeles (Director), our teachers, students and families.
- Our community of Varina and all the residents, our churches in our neighborhoods, schools, students, teachers, administrators and all employees.
- Our state of Virginia, our residents and leaders.
- The United States of America, our citizens and leaders, the countries of the world, their people and leaders. May God bless us all and His will be done.
- The citizens and leaders of Ukraine, for their safety and for the end of the war.
- People in Turkey and Syria. The people of Maui, Hawaii.
- The Jewish people in Israel and around the world.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TO OUR VISITORS:** We welcome you to Laurel Hill and hope that you feel at home. We invite you to join Laurel Hill if you do not have a church home. Please call our church office at 804-795-2772. You will find our Laurel Hill family both warm and eager to welcome you into our fellowship. Please fill out a visitors card and place it in the offering plate.

**PRAYER CARDS** for your joys and concerns are in the pew racks and will be collected during the first hymn.

**VISITORS CARDS** may be put in the collection plate. Please fill one out if you are a first time visitor.

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL** will meet on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**THE MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will not meet on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT** is March 23 from 10 to 12:00 noon. Please contact Dale (804-737-6846) for questions. Thank you in advance for your service to our children!

**ON EASTER MORNING** following Sunrise Service, we will have breakfast. If you can bring an egg casserole, fruit platter, biscuits (ham), donuts or any type of breakfast food, please call Linda and John Turner and let them know. Thank you for helping with this special meal to bless us all!

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** On Palm/Passion Sunday our scripture will be Matthew 21:6-11 and Matthew 27:20-26. Our scripture for Easter Sunday is Romans 5:5-8. Please read these ahead of time and be prepared for worship. Thank you!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM New Life House Church (804-303-4828) 7:00 PM Finance Committee/ No Bible Study tonight.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7:00 PM Administrative Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM Prayer in Sanctuary with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Prayer and Fasting Study 6:45 PM Handbells and 7:30 PM Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 PM PTL House Church (804-543-2327)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 AM Thankful Hearts House Church (804-737-7450)
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship – also available online

### **Margo Keeles, Director**

Mon.-Fri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.	Before and After Preschool Care (Ages 2-4)
Tue./Thurs.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon	..... Preschool (Age 2)
Mon./Wed./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon	..... Preschool (Age 3)
M/Tu./Th./Fri.	9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon	..... Preschool (Age 4)
Fri Mon.-.	2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M	..... School Age (K-12 Years)
Mon.-Fri.	7:00 A.M. to 6:00P.M.	.....Summer Program (Ages 2-12 Years)

## Some thoughts on giving...

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Bill Cox has spent over 35 years as an entrepreneur and business owner. He shares “Seven Financial Stewardship Principles for Churches”:

**3. Information is Powerful** - Jesus posed this question in Luke 14:28, “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?” (NIV) He was addressing the need to understand what it would cost to be His disciple. However, the illustration also demonstrates the need for adequate information before undertaking a significant project. How much will it cost? How much do I have? Can I do it in stages?

Information can be confusing instead of enlightening. How it is presented is key. For example, if your pastor decided to preach his sermon in Greek one Sunday, without an interpretation, the congregation would be clueless—even though they are hearing a sermon in the original language of the New Testament. The lack of quality information leads to one of two things: (1) no decision and, therefore, no forward motion; or (2) faulty decisions based on erroneous or inadequate information.

How can you give at Laurel Hill GMC?

1 – Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plate. Please contact the church office for offering envelopes.

2 - You may also give online. The QR code below will take you to our website’s giving page: <https://app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/laurelhillgiving>



3 – Planned giving – including the LHGMC in your will is a wonderful way to ensure the ministries we are called to provide for Varina will continue into the future.



## *Laurel Hill Global Methodist Church*

**Worship Passionately . Love Extravagantly . Witness Boldly**

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### OUR SERVANTS

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Pastor: Rev. John Bright    Organist/Choir Director: Pamela Wilson

Secretary: Barbara Wendel    School Director: Margo Keeles

Custodians: **Kathy and Robert Charles**

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**ENTER TO WORSHIP . DEPART TO SERVE**

