SERMONIC NOTES

TODAY'S INSPIRATION

Grace—unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

Grace—getting what you don't deserve / unmerited favor

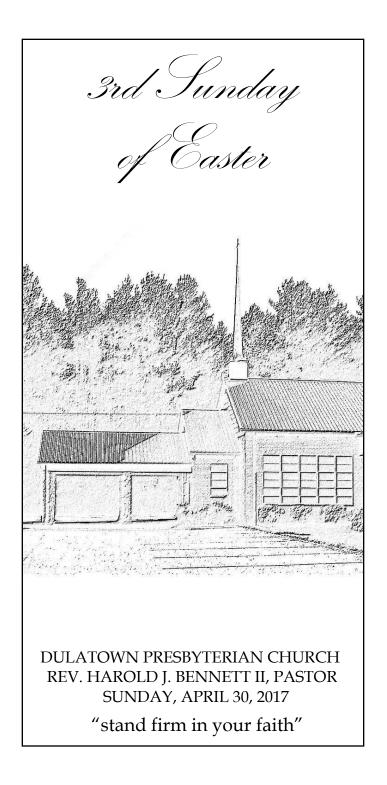
Mercy—not getting what you do deserve / withheld Punishment

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SICK/SHUT-IN & PRAYER **Edward Corpening Grover Bailey** Katherine Purnell Gary Phillips Thelma Dula Adoree Millsaps Edith Dula Rosalee Patterson Jerlene Dula Willo Carter Vondra Johnson Angela Dula Curtis Dula **Evelyn Bennett** Mona Harshaw Rev. E.B. Freeman Pastor Valerie Hightower Patricia Grimes Mekosha Austin Donald L. Dula Fritz Reid Everette Logan Roger Harris Beatrice L. Dula **CAMPUS MINISTRY OUTREACH** Brooklyn Boston Olivia Rebecca Sam Phil Nate

CHURCH INCOME – APRIL 23, 2017		
Sunday School	\$	14.00
Mission	\$	26.74
Children Fund	\$	17.00
Rally	\$	100.00
Musician Support	\$	50.00
General Offering	\$	724.49
Total	\$	932.23



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 30, 2017—10:45am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

WELCOME (LITURGIST)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (LITURGIST)

OPENING HYMN: #533

INVITATION TO CONFESSION (LITURGIST)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

DECLARATION OF PARDON (LITURGIST)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

GLORIA PATRI #654

WELCOME/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

ANNOUCEMENTS (LITURGIST)

OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (LITURGIST)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #272

*INTERCESSORY PRAYER: PASTOR

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

(CHOIR SELECTION)

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (LITURGIST)

*GOOD NEWS

*HYMN OF INVITATION

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)
SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

*Please Remain Seated

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

What shall we do?

We shall praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us, and brings new life out of death.

How shall we live?

With the confidence of God's beloved children, with security and joy of God's saving grace.

What is the promise?

New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift! How shall we praise?

We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Forgive us, Dear One.

Remind us that your love is to be carried throughout the world.

Press us to share the hope and joy of your love, so that someone who hungers for spiritual food may be filled by our witness to your grace.

Shine the light of your Spirit through us.

So that we may show your Way to those who long for peace.

Help to revive those in whom hope has died. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFERING AND TITHES: The first plate(s) passed by the ushers will be for Tithes and Gifts. The Second plate will be for Mission offerings. The Children plate will be a small basket.

 $\label{eq:food pantry: May 3} FOOD\ PANTRY:\ May\ 3^{rd}\ from\ 2:30-4pm.$

HARRIET DULA REUNION FISH FRY

FUNDRAISER: May 6th from 11am – 3pm. **SPRING RALLY:** The Stewardship Committee is

requesting that each member give \$100.00.

REMINDER: All key holders, if you open the church doors, you are responsible for securing

the church doors.

LOST & FOUND: If you lose anything in the church, please check the lost and found.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR APRIL

2017! Saundra Jones-April 1, Jeanette Norwood-April 4, Donald L. Dula-April 10, Calvin Dula-April 17, Tongia Bettis-April 17, Maudette Denison-April 19, Hannibal Dula, Jr.-April 29! Please let the Secretary know if any members need to be added to the Birthday List for the stated month. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you always!

SCRIPTURE READING(S):

Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

SERMONIC MESSAGE:

On the way to Emmaus: A stranger in the mist

COMMISSION AND BLESSING OR POSTLUDE (CHOIR)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/SHARING COMMUNITY LIFE