SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

A reminder to log in to Zoom early, and gather communion supplies before the service begins. If you are able and comfortable doing so, enable your video, and use chat to say hello to each other pre-service.

9:00am Gathering Songs: *Ukholo lami (Hayo Matata)*; *Ngiye Mina*; *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*; *We Enthrone You*

9:30am Worship

GATHERING
Welcome – Ben Fike
Video Greeting – Brad Carter
Confession of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11 – Jo Wall
Opening Prayer – Elia Kuku
*I Feel So Good* *

SERVICE OF THE WORD
Shout to the Lord
Mark 11:1-11 – Brenda Peterson
Sermon – Vuyo Adams
“Longing for Salvation”

THE TABLE OF THE LORD
*Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*
Communion Meditation – Trey Blazer
Taking of the Bread and Fruit of the Vine
*Salvation Belongs to Our God*
Prayer, Concerns, Announcements – Wayne Massey
SENDING
Hosanna
Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Selection – Caroline Smith

*Recordings from African Christian College with descriptions from Brad Carter:
“Ukholo lami (Hayo Matata)” - This is a campus favorite. It basically means that no matter how hard life and things get (or how steep the hill is we have to climb), I'm going to "hold on" or never give up on faith. It begins in siSwati, but is a mashup with a seSotho song, too, called Hayo Matata which means literally with God there are no worries or problems (like the Swahili Lion King fav Hakuna Matata). Together it’s a song of perseverance and keeping strong in the faith throughout life’s challenges. I tried to give language to some of the physical hand motions you may also catch in the singing.
“Ngiye Mina” - This is a siSwati song that means "I feel like dancing for the Lord" and they get a little wacky in this recording, too. But the dancing reflects local dance.
“I Feel So Good” - This is an isiZulu song that is sung in both English and Zulu. The other verses are calling out: where are the women/men/children/grandmothers/etc. who love Jesus?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Up
Sunday, March 28
9:30am Worship via Zoom
10:45am Children 3yrs-5th Grade Zoom Bible Class
10:45am Adult Bible Class via Zoom

Wednesday, March 31
6:15pm Care Groups 1 and 3 via Zoom
6:30pm Care Group 2 via Zoom
7pm Youth Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, April 1
7:00am Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Holy Week Events
• This Sunday, March 28: Online Palm Sunday Service with special guests from African Christian College: Brad Carter, Elia Kuku, & Vuyo Adams. Being Palm Sunday, all ages are encouraged to find a palm branch, or a near approximation, and join along with the CMR children to wave palm branches during the final song of worship.
• April 2-3: Journey to the Cross This community-wide event will have participants accompany Jesus on his journey from the Last Supper to the tomb, through interactive stations of scripture, prayer and visuals. Christ’s story will unfold in 11 stations throughout our Worship Center using COVID-safe practices and plenty of distancing
between participants. There will also be age appropriate stories and activities for children as they accompany their parents on this reverent, thought-provoking journey. If you’re not quite ready to enjoy this journey in person, a virtual option will also be available. Mark your calendar for this event on Good Friday, April 2, from 4:30-7:30pm, and Saturday, April 3, from noon-5pm. Sign up here for an arrival time to help with social distancing. Contact Laura Fike or Joanie Brown if interested in volunteering.

- **April 4: Easter Sunrise Service**  We will gather at 6:30am under the Worship Center awning before walking up the hill to watch the sunrise together, weather permitting. Later that morning at 9:30am we will have our online Easter Service.

**Adult Bible Studies**

- **Sunday Mornings**  Today is the last class titled “What Do We Pay Attention To?”, right after the worship service via Zoom. There will be no Bible class on Easter Sunday.

- **New Class: The Family of God: Sunday Mornings, April 11-May 30**  The first thing in all of creation that God declares “not good” is when Adam (“the human”) is alone. Human beings are created in God’s image, which means we are created for community, connection and relationship. Yet, the history of humanity seems to be one largely characterized by broken relationships, suspicion, exclusion, and even hostility between human communities. Does the Bible have anything to say about this? Yes! Quite a bit! One way to understand the Bible is a sweeping story that begins with humanity confused, fractured, and scattered (Genesis 11) and ends with a vision of “every nation, tribe, people, and language” worshipping God in Christ together (Revelation 7.9). How do we get from here to there? This class will offer a broad overview of this theme and its trajectory in scripture, dropping into various texts across the Bible. We’ll consider how the movement Jesus began is the most ethnically diverse religious movement in all of history. And we’ll consider how we still have a ways to go - within and beyond the global church - to learn to live at peace with God and each other. Thankfully, the Bible offers plenty of instruction, wisdom, and fodder for our faithful imaginations as we continue on our leg of the journey from Genesis 11 to Revelation 7:9.

- **Thursday Mornings**  Open to everyone, every Thursday from 7-8am in the Fellowship Hall. Masks required. Contact Tim Wood for more info.

**Virtual CROP Hunger Walk**  What are you doing the week of April 10th? Come walk with us virtually in the CROP HUNGER WALK to raise funds in fighting hunger in our community and around the world. You could either walk alone, with immediate family, or in small groups walking a safe distance apart. If you are unable to join by walking, you can still make a donation on our team page to this worthy cause. See the familynews email sent by Jo Wall on March 19 for details on how you can sign up to walk or donate to the CMR team. The CROP Walk will take place April 10-18. Contact Jo Wall if you have any questions or need assistance in registering for this event.
Blood Drive  Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 24, 10am-2pm, in the church parking lot. Appointments are recommended to minimize wait time – click here to sign up for a time slot. Questions? Contact Jo Wall.

Bookmarks  Several folks have requested a bookmark of the Confession of Faith, the memory verse from Philippians that we read aloud during worship, so let Pam know if you would like one.

Soda Tabs  Save your soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! It’s a small thing but added together the funds can make a big difference to help families stay close to their children in the hospital. The soda tabs can be dropped off at the office door.

Elder-on-Call (Sunday-Saturday)  Contact Wayne Massey with any concerns, needs for prayer, or any other way he can be a source of support and pastoral care.

Giving  Thank you for your continued contributions to the work of the church! You can give online, use automatic bank draft, or mail a check to 1617 Cole Mill Road, Durham, NC 27705.

Contribution through March 21: $4,085

Birthdays
Tuesday 3/30: Carl Lafferty