

Worship Notes

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning!

We are very happy that you are in worship with us. Your presence has made this day more meaningful!

If this is your first time at Millbrook Baptist, or if you are a regular visitor, please sign the welcome card located in the pew card rack and include the requested information so that we may welcome you more personally and provide you with information about our church. You may fold the card and place it in the offering plate when passed, or hand it to an usher.

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent:

Lent (an Anglo Saxon word meaning "spring") is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Sundays in Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days since Sundays are always a celebration of the resurrection. At the start of Lent (the tone of which is set by Ash Wednesday), we are more fully aware of disobedience as our focus. By the close of the Forty Days (the tone of which is set by Palm-Passion Sunday and the approach of the Triduum [Holy/Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday]), we are more keenly attuned to the benefits of divine redemption. We begin by stressing penitence: an acknowledgement of our rebellion against God and our alienation from God's whole creation. We move on to the fruits of repentance: the amendment of life that results when we turn around and by God's grace head in a new direction.

Liturgical Color: Purple

Signifying pain and suffering, which bring grief and patience. It is also the color of royalty.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Children's Worship: Brent Jones and Bill Sawyer

Please return the Wee Worship Bags after today's worship service. Children are encouraged to take his/her drawings and papers home.

DVDs of the Worship Service:

DVDs are available on loan from the church library. If you'd like a personal copy, at no cost, please email or call the church office. There is also a link to sermons on the website.

Altar Flowers:

The 2017 Flower Calendar for the Altar flowers is now on the small bulletin board in the hallway intersection near the library. Arrangements are \$52.50. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Baptist Church with Altar Flowers in the memo line. Please fill out a dedication form which can be found on the table by the church office or at the welcome desk. You can place it in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

Calendar

Sunday, March 26th

Sunday School for All Ages	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Chancel Choir Gathering	10:30 am - 11:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, March 27th

Deacons' Meeting	7:00 pm
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Tuesday, March 28th

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
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Wednesday, March 29th

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>Pork BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies, Salad Bar & Assorted Desserts</i>	5:30 pm - 6:15 pm
Wednesday Program: <i>Lenten Prayer Stations</i>	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:15 pm - 8:45 pm

Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Joe King (919) 872-9122**

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The Millbrook Mission



Millbrook Baptist Church shares God's love by being an open and inclusive community of faith, developing Christian disciples through spiritual growth, and serving the world through mission and ministry.

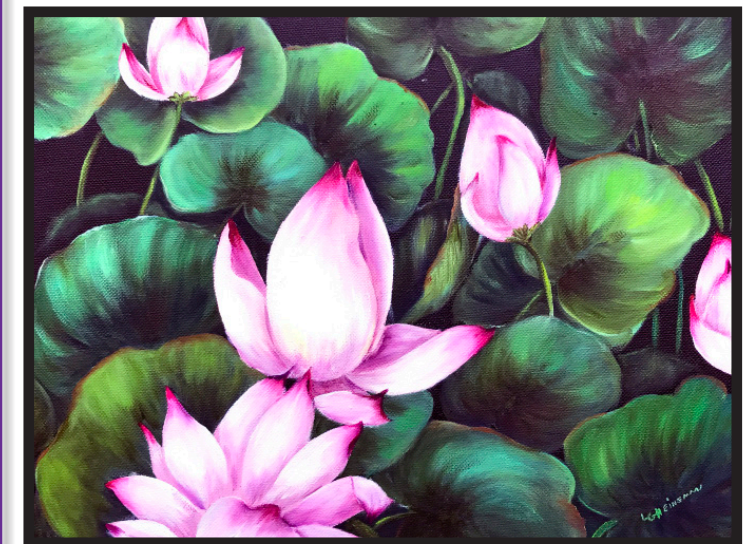
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March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent
We Worship Our Lord



Linda G. Heineman
Lotus Blossom in Vietnam

Jesus said,
"For judgment I have come into this world,
so that the blind will see and
those who see will become blind."

Some Pharisees who were with him
heard him say this and asked,
"What? Are we blind too?"

John 9:39-40

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Please silence all cell phones and pagers during the worship service.
Please do not bring beverages into the sanctuary.

GATHERING

Ringling of the Hour

Greeting and Lenten Candle Reflection Katelyn McWhorter

*The time for healing of the wounds has come.
The time to build is upon us . . .
We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people
from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation,
suffering, gender and other discrimination . . .
There is no easy road to freedom . . .
None of us acting alone can achieve success.
We must therefore act together as a united people,
for reconciliation, for nation building,
for the birth of a new world.¹*

—Nelson Mandela

We follow Christ who says, "Take up your cross."

We follow Christ who bids us come and die.

We follow Christ who summons us to new life.

Come, let us worship our Creator.

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus* Smith

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation Tim Huber

†Call to Worship

God summons us to wake up and see.
Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.

We seek to live as children of light.

God sees beyond our outward appearance.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.

We want to know what is right and true.

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the works of God.²

†Hymn 325 *Great Is the Lord* GREAT IS THE LORD

†Passing of the Peace Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

PROCLAIMING

Hebrew Bible Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (*OT p.259) Ryan Reese

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Every color, every race, all are covered by God's grace.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Children's Message Rebecca Hewitt-Newson

*(Kindergarten-3rd Grade will go to the
2nd floor, Education Building for Children's Church.)*

†Hymn 395 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Joe King

Offertory *Old Rugged Cross* Myra Smith

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Trinity of Love.
Praise God, within, beside, above.
We praise You! We praise You!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Anthem *The Rose of Calvary* Martin

†Gospel Lesson John 9:1-11 (*NT p.102) Joe King

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Words for the Journey* Andrea Dellinger Jones

Discipline of Reflection

(The Discipline of Reflection is a brief, quiet time for personal reflection.)

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 48 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

†Blessing

"We, the light of Christ, return to the world."

†Postlude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Courtney

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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¹Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon, *Life Prayers* (New York: Harper Collins, 1996), 127.

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or would like to make a public profession of faith,
we invite you to present yourself during the Hymn of Response.
The ministerial staff is available for consultation and would
welcome your inquiry.