

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 lavender 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.

Flowers:

The flowers on the green table are given in memory of *Gloria Norwood* and in honor of *Jack Norwood* by the Covenant class.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; Psalm 32

Children's Worship:

Our preschoolers in the nursery will be learning about the healing of ten men with leprosy and how one thanked Jesus.

Today's Children's Church leaders are Pat and Trish Strong. The children (K-2) will be learning about the story of the Prodigal Son.

Wee Worship bags are available in the vestibule. Please return them after the worship service.

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.

Altar Flowers:

The 2015 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 6th

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
Youth Choir Rehearsal	12:15 pm
Handbells Rehearsal	2:00 pm

Tuesday, March 8th

Adult Bible Study (new attendees welcome!) <i>Meets in Kairos Classroom</i>	10:00 am
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Wednesday, March 9th

Dorcas Sewing	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Family Dinner & Fellowship <i>BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies & Assorted Desserts</i>	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Acts for All Ages <i>Taize Feedback Session</i>	6:30 pm - 7:10 pm
Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm - 8:45 pm

Deacon of the Week

If you are in need of prayer, comfort, or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact **Jonathan Babb (919) 336-4034**

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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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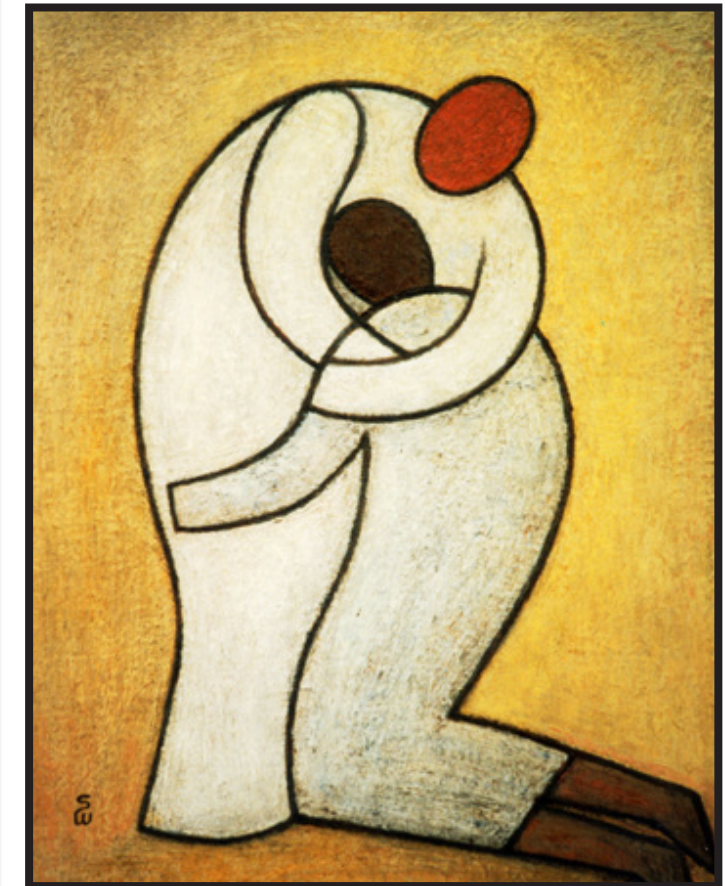


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March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent

We Worship Our Lord



Soichi Watanabe
The Return of the Son

*But we had to celebrate and rejoice,
because this brother of yours was dead and has
come to life; he was lost and has been found.*

Luke 15:32

WELCOME

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

GATHERING

Ringing of the Hour

Greeting and Lenten Candle Reflection Patti Lingafelt

*O Christ,
tirelessly you seek out those who are looking for you
and who think that you are far away;
teach us, at every moment, to place our spirits in your hands.
While we are still looking for you, already you have found us.
However poor our prayer, you hear us far more than we can
imagine or believe.*

~Brother Roger of Taizé~

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 *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* Sanborn

Lighting of the Candles

Invocation Brent Jones

†Call to Worship

A new day has dawned, God's gift to us;
the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.

**We are a new creation in Jesus Christ;
the old has passed away, the new has come.**

This is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation;
celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

**The glad cries of deliverance surround us;
shouts of joy arise from our hearts.**

Let all who are faithful offer up prayers;
may all who are in Christ give thanks.

**We will be glad and join the dance of life;
with the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.¹**

†Hymn 281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

†Passing of the Peace Andrea Dellinger Jones

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

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21(*NT p.181) Molly Shoulta

This is the gift of Holy Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Invitation to Gather JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Children's Message Lloyd Spruill

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

†Hymn 171 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

Worship in Giving

†Offertory Prayer Jonathan Babb

Offertory *Softly and Tenderly* Hustad

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
(Signing of the Attendance Register may be done at this time.)

†Doxology HAMBURG

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

†Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (*NT p.78) Jonathan Babb

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *And the Father Will Dance* Hayes

*And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in
whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No,
the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over
you in song!*

*My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.*

Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

*Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for
you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival
day. Join with the father in glorious, jubilant song. And he will joy over
you in song!*

*And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in
whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No,
the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! God rejoices over
you in song!*

Sermon *One More Reason to Barbecue* Andrea Dellinger Jones

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

GOING FORTH

†Hymn of Response 474 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

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

†Postlude *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* Manz

* Pew Bible

† Please stand as you are able.

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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.