

Sermon
"TIME OF TRIAL: Attitude Check"
Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

^Sending Hymn
Give Me Jesus

^Next Steps & Benediction

Postlude

FOR NEW FOLKS:

WELCOME TO GUILFORD COLLEGE UMC!

We are so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. GCUMC is a place for all who long to grow closer to God and others. You are loved and accepted here. **Please take a moment to fill out our attendance pad with your name and contact information and leave it in the pew.**

WE LOVE CHILDREN

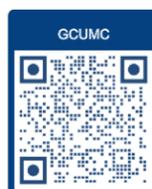
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am worship service, and a separate children's worship experience at 11am that begins after the children's message for children in grades K-6.

JOIN US FOR "COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS"

Join us in the parlor, just down the hall from the sanctuary, after the worship service **on March 15th** for "Coffee with the Pastors." This informal gathering with Pastors Jeremy and Susan will help you get to know them, meet other newcomers, learn more about our church, ask questions, and talk about how you might become more involved.

PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE

To learn more about us, please visit us either at our website, guilfordcollegeumc.org, through our YouTube Channel, or on our Facebook Page (just search "Guilford College UMC" for each). You may also use your phone's camera or QR app to scan the QR code to the right:



GCUMC STAFF

Jeremy Troxler, Lead Pastor
Andrés Pérez, Student Assoc. Minister
Randy Wall, Dir. of Youth & College Min.
Shelby Hallquist, Dir. Pre- & AfterSchool
Ginny Williamson, Accompanist
Carol Ingram, Administrative Assist.
Christina & Michael Hull, WWT Meal Coordinators

Susan Suárez Webster, Pastor
Donna Ford, Dir. of Christian Education
Laurin Allred, Young Adult & Connections
Melanie Crump, Director of Music
Amy Wall, Church Administrator
Gloria Brown, Financial Director

GIVE

MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

- 1 - Text GiveGCUMC to 73256. Then click on the link provided to give.
- 2 - Visit our website www.guilfordcollegeumc.org to use your credit card or to set up an automatic draft. Immediate receipts are available. You can even use the GCUMC QR code in this bulletin.
- 3 - Log into your REALM account to give through your profile's giving page.
- 4 - Checks can be made out to "Guilford College UMC" and placed in the offering plate and cash is always a good form of giving.

MARCH MADNESS FOOD COLLECTION

Our church will hold a March Madness food drive starting Thursday, March 12th. Please bring non-perishable food items to put in your team's box to help with the food shortage at Greensboro Urban Ministry. The boxes will be out in the fellowship hall lobby area through March 22. This event is sponsored by the Youth Ministry in conjunction with the Serving Team. Let's pack these boxes until they overflow! Go team!

CONNECT

GCUMC NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Do you feel led to explore becoming a formal member of our congregation at GCUMC? If so, please make plans to join us at one of these two opportunities. Sunday, March 15th at 6:45pm and/or Wednesday, March 18th at 6:45pm in Room A4 (enter from the back parking lot, 2nd door on right. Questions? Contact Pastor Jeremy at jtroxler@guilfordcollegeumc.org or Pastor Susan at ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org.

THE WEDNESDAY WELCOME TABLE

Join us for the **Wednesday Welcome Table**, a meal for the **low price of \$7**, and a ministry not only for members of our church but also for folks from our community – anyone who is hungry for good food and holy friendship. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 6:40pm. Come eat together and welcome one another in Jesus' name.
March 11 Menu - Enchiladas, Rice, Black Beans, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert
Kids Meal Option: Pizza

JOY (Just Older Youth) ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT LUCK

Our JOY aged folks are invited for a fun and festive afternoon of great food, joyful music and wonderful fellowship. Tuesday, March 17 from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided - just bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! Live music will be provided by a ukulele group and an update about the upcoming Kenya mission trip. Come hungry, bring a friend and celebrate with us!

EASTER EGG HUNT FUN & GAMES

Egg hunt with fun and games on Sunday afternoon, March 29, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the back field. Bring your basket and friends ready for an eggcellent afternoon! Hunt begins at 3:00 p.m. We need **LOTS OF CANDY** for the Easter Egg Hunt as we expect a field full of children. Please place your donated bags of **INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDIES** in the box in the Information Center area. **NO PLASTIC EGGS** please. **Donations received until March 22 (candy will be packed after this date)**. Volunteers are also needed to help with the afternoon's activities. Please contact Donna Ford, dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org if you are available.

GROW

GCUMC Mission Team to Spruce Pine – April 23rd – 26th

We are forming a work team of about 20 people going to the Spruce Pine area in the mountains of Western NC to continue to help with the rebuilding effort following Hurricane Helene. If you would like more information, or are interested in joining the team, please contact Team Leader Jim Sandknop at jim.sandknop@leoterradevelopment.com or 336-362-1716.

GUM UPDATE, Sunday, March 22, 9:45 to 10:30 AM

Join Brian Hahne, CEO of Greensboro Urban Ministry, in the Fellowship Hall for updates on Greensboro Urban Ministry and an interactive Q&A session. Brian will also join us during the Sunday morning worship services.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR COLEMAN MINISTRY GRANTS

The application to request a grant can be found on our Church's Website under the "Give" tab, and can also be picked up in the church office. Ministry areas, church committees, and groups within the congregation are invited to apply. Applications for the first round of grants will be received through Friday, March 13th. Questions? Contact Bonnie Burkett at bburkett@triad.rr.com.

PRAY AND WORSHIP

LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCH

The Western Guilford Missional Network invites you to their Lenten Worship series. Each Wednesday during Lent the service will be in one of the Missional Network churches at noon with a light lunch following the service.

March 11 @ Collins Grove UMC, Rev. Linda Moore preaching
March 18 @ Muirs Chapel UMC, Rev. Carl Manuel preaching
March 25 @ Guilford College UMC, Rev. Kim Troy-Richardson preaching
April 1 @ Greensboro Korean UMC, Rev. Josh Britton preaching

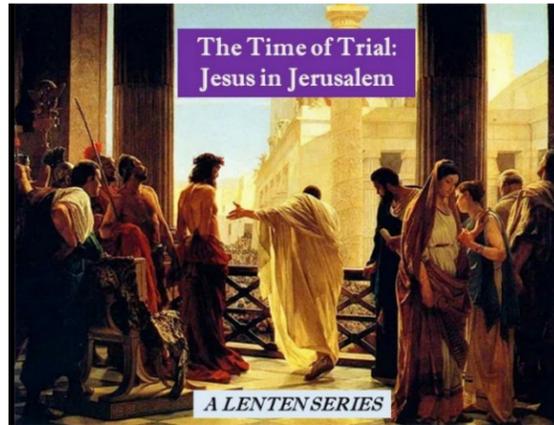
AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

Within Our Church Family: **Those who are Grieving:** all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Allen Cheek; Brooke Follo; Ellen Lancaster; Scott Blackwell; Cathy Pierce; Marilyn Radley; Pat Hempfling; Carla Sutton; Kathy Graham; Marjorie Liles **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Mike Ballard (surgery 3/20); Debbie Jenkins; Dave Wasserboehr **Strength & Faith:** Betty Kirkman; Helen Phillips; **Those With Cancer:** Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Harold Eagle; Doris Linker; Patsy Wyatt; Nancy and Jim Baity; Katherine and Charles Forbes; Bill Blyshak; Tina Bell Midgett; Terri Hastings; Y'Josue M'lo (military service in Germany)

Extended Church Family: **Grieving:** The Family and Friends of John McIntosh; The Family and Friends of Officer Lucas Pierce; The Family and Friends of Oracio Torres; **Cancer:** Darla Freeman; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Carol Andrews Little; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Joanne Burgener; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** **Healing:** Steve Troxler; Poppy, Aliya Morris; Martin Austin; Megan Christy; Wayne Ledbetter; John Stauffer; Bo Sinkler; Heather Taylor; Peggy Conaway; Alannah Romano; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; Mike Dominy (LouAnne's uncle, hospice); Lorraine Sandknop (hospice); Kim Lambeth; Christy Lloyd; Kathy Williams; Kenneth Briggs (hospice); Christopher Blyshak; Y'Suan Mlo and H'Lai, H'Jina, H'Sally, Bunlim and Darwin Leng (strength during the resettlement process); **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer from war, famine, drought and natural disasters

SERMON NOTES

Today is the third Sunday in the Christian season of Lent. Lent is period of roughly 40 days (plus six Sundays) during which Christians engage in self-examination and repentance as we prepare for the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. Often during Lent Christians sacrifice something dear to them, or take on a new spiritual practice in order to deepen their relationship with God. Lent is a time of refocus and re-dedication. As we journey through Lent together, we are sharing in a sermon series called "The Time of Trial – Jesus in Jerusalem." As we move towards Holy Week, we are tracing the trials that Jesus endures in the seven days leading up to his death on the cross. The sermon today explores the state of the heart of the disciples and those at the supper gathering when a woman worships Christ in adoration and anoints him before his death and burial.



"Behold the Man" by Antonio Ciseri (1871)

Today's Scripture:
Mark 14:1-11 (NRSV)

KEY VERSES:

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, 2 for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." 3 While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4 But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me."

NOTES:

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 8

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
District Lay Servant Training, various rooms from 2:30 – 6:00pm
Soccer on the Back Field at 2:30pm
Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the afternoon
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
Building Team meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm

Monday, March 9

Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
NA in the Rock at 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 10

United Women of Faith meeting in Room B6 at 10:00am
Women's Bible Study: Revelation via Zoom at 6:00pm
Girl Scout Troop 30018 in Room C10 at 6:00pm
Handbells Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 6:30pm
Trustees Meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm

Wednesday, March 11

Women's Bible Study: Revelation in Room A4 and via Zoom at 9:30am
New Direction Nar-Anon Family Group in Room A2 at Noon
Lenten Service and Lunch w/ Missional Network at Collins Grove at Noon
Stephen Leaders in the Conference Room at 5:30pm
Wednesday Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 – 6:40pm
Kids' Music Club in the Choir Room from 6:10 – 6:40pm
ESOL in Room B6 from 6:30 – 7:45pm
Faith Files/Faith Friends Rooms C13, C14 & C15 from 6:45 - 7:45pm
SnYP in Hilltop Room from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Youth Fun Night meet on the back field from 6:45-7:45pm
Disciple School in the Sanctuary from 6:45 – 7:45pm
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

Thursday, March 12

Thriving at Three in Room C14 at 10:00am
Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening
SPRC meeting in Room A4 at 6:30pm
NarAnon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

Sunday, March 15

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am
Breakfast Bunch at the Highwoods Panera at 9:45am
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship
Confirmation Class Room C15 from 2:30 – 5:00pm
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm
New Members' Class in Room A4 at 6:45pm

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Guilford College United Methodist Church March 8, 2026 – 11:00am

Prelude

GINNY WILLIAMSON

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer
Student Associate Minister, Andrés Pérez

^Fellowship Greeting

WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

^Opening Hymn

House of the Lord

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Laurin Allred

Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, UMH #349

Children's Moment

Donna Ford

*At the 11am worship celebration, Children in Grades K-6 may exit for Children's Worship on the 2nd floor of the Children's building. They can be picked up from the church Parlor after 11am worship.

Offering

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

Offertory

Great Are You Lord

Prayers of the People

& The Lord's Prayer

Donna Garcia

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

^Scripture Reading

Mark 14:1-11

^ = Please stand as you are able.

Our worship services may be recorded and/or live streamed to YouTube, Facebook, and the church's website. Should you need a hearing device, please ask an usher for assistance.