

### Sermon

*The Power of a Life-Changing Invitation: Part 1 – Be With Me*  
Rev. Jeremy Troxler

### ^Hymn

*Softly and Tenderly*, UMH #324, vs. 1, 2

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### ^Invitation to the Table

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

### ^The Great Thanksgiving *(With Sung Responses)*

### ^The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing Holy Communion

### Prayers of the People

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

### ^Sending Hymn

*Softly and Tenderly*, UMH #324, vs. 3, 4

### ^Next Steps & Benediction

### Postlude

*\*The flowers on the altar are given by Jack and Nancy Vanstory in praise of the love and friendship of this church family. God has truly blessed us!*

## 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

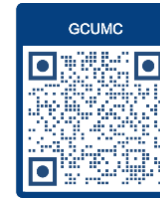
If you brought the kids with you, please know that the noises children make are music in our, and God's, ears. You are welcome to keep your children with you in worship. We also have child care available for infants through age 4 in Room C8 on the first floor of the children's building during the 11:00am 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 April 12th** 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](http://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:



## CONNECT

### SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

The Youth of Guilford College United Methodist Church cordially invite all those 65 and older to our Spring Fling Luncheon on Sunday, April 19th following our 11am worship service. We'll have a chicken pot pie meal followed by a variety of activities. This free event is to promote interaction between our church Youth and those 65 and older (spouses younger than 65 are welcome too). Please call the church office, 336-292-5833, to **RSVP by April 13** or sign up online through the LINK email. Contact Randy Wall with questions at [rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:rwall@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.  
**April 15: Menu** – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Salad Bar (w/ sliced chicken), Dessert  
**Kids Meal Option:** Pizza

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP LINE DANCING AT GCUMC

*Let them praise his name with dancing*, Psalm 149:3  
*David danced before the Lord with all his might*, 2 Samuel 6:14  
*A time to mourn and a time to dance*, Ecclesiastes 3:4  
If line dancing is something that you've been wanting to try, now is the time! It's a great way to get exercise, push away the blues, and meet some new friends. It's good **for all ages** and you don't need a partner. We will start off with a 15-20 minute devotion and then learn some fun and easy line dances that will be done to Christian music, like Mercy Me and Zach Williams. We will be meeting in C-1 on the first floor of the Children's Building on **April 19, May 3, and May 17 from 3:30-5**. Contact Sara Hardin at [hardinx4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardinx4@bellsouth.net) with any questions or for more information. Hope to see you on the dance floor!

### NEEDS FOR KENYA MISSION TEAM

Please donate the following items for the Kenya Team to take to the ministries in Kenya. A collection basket can be found in the Information Center. Asante Sana (Thank you)

- Reading glasses, Please NO prescription glasses.
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes
- 8-pack Crayons
- Pencils, wooden (not mechanical)

## 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](http://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.

### DAYS OF SERVICE

Starting with the Red Cross Blood Drive on April 16th and through Monday, April 27th, the serving team is offering a variety of projects that you can help with as we grow in loving God and serving our neighbor. The Creation Care team is offering two opportunities, there are four opportunities to help at Greensboro Urban Ministry or you might like to help clean the vans at Sanctuary House. At our church you can choose from assembling hygiene and cleaning kits, help with the sprucing up the playground or organize in the Families in Transition room. At Camp Guilrock you can split wood, paint fence gates or plant a garden. Signups are outside of Pastor Susan's office and we encourage you to sign up today. Questions?  
[sandrawpearman@gmail.com](mailto:sandrawpearman@gmail.com) or [ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:ssuarezwebster@guilfordcollegeumc.org)

### BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, April 16th. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment to donate. Should you have any questions, call/text David Saunders at 336-337-3126.

## PRAY AND WORSHIP

### AMONG THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR TODAY:

**Within Our Church Family:** **Those who are Grieving:** The Friends and Family of Diana Clark; all those who have lost a loved one; **Healing:** Tom Patterson; Marjorie Liles; Carolyn McDuffie; Brooke Follo; Dorothy Zur; Allen Cheek; Barbara McLeod; Maria Maynard; Ellen Lancaster; **Surgery and Awaiting Tests:** Kelly Alston (surgery 4/17); Lynette Whittaker; Dave Wasserboehr **Strength & Faith:** Gina and Dennis Murphy; Helen Phillips; **Those With Cancer:** Mike Ballard; Tom Jenkins; Greg Matthews; Lisa Hodges; **Sustaining and Guidance:** Ben Brothers; 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 Alannah Romano; All those who have lost a loved one; **Cancer:** Ike Santiago; Rachel Gault; Darla Freeman; David Castro; Sarah Lemon; Fay Holliday; Janelle Reichl; Carla Morgan; Tim Vail; Sharon Guarino; Tammy Smith; Emily; Harrison Henry Brooks; Billy Carey; Jim Cashman; Ron Moser; Debra Rutt; Shilah George; Shannon Wilson; Sammy Williams; Azalea Marbury; Judy Journey; Tammy Strickland; **Surgery and Awaiting Test Results:** Landon Cottrell (tumor); **Healing:** Wyatt Daufeldt; Stan Dixon; Nannette Price; Ronnie and Mildred Caldwell; John Stauffer; Heather Taylor; Peggy Conaway; **Strength and Guidance:** Jim Eldrett; Nancy Davis; Mike Dominy (LouAnne's uncle, 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; **Missionaries:** Liz and David Gamble; **World:** our ministry partners in Kenya; all who suffer from war, famine, drought and natural disasters;

## SERVICE NOTES

Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the season of Easter. Within the Church, the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is far too big to be celebrated on one day only – so Easter is not just a Sunday, but a season of 50 days in which we remember the ways that the risen Jesus appears to his disciples, and to us. In a way, every Sunday, all throughout the year, is a little Easter in which we celebrate Christ's victory over death. Today in worship, as we continue our Easter celebration, we also begin a 3 part sermon series in which we are going to be talking about "The Power of a Life-Changing Invitation." We will be learning together about the Great Invitation which Jesus offers to all, and about how we are called to extend life-changing invitations to others in Christ's name.



### Today's Scriptures:

Matthew 11:28-30 / Luke 24:13-16; 28-35

#### KEY VERSES:

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

<sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; <sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him. . . <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:15-16, 30-32)

### NOTES:

## CONTACT US

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, April 12

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship  
Various Learning Groups at 9:45am  
Worship in the Sanctuary and Livestream Broadcast at 11:00am  
Coffee with the Pastors in the Parlor after Worship  
Kenya Team Meeting in Room A7 at 12:15pm  
Girl Scouts in the Children's Building in the afternoon  
Confirmation Class Room C10 from 2:30 – 5:00pm  
Brazos Abiertos: Pan in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm  
Brazos Abiertos: Youth classes in Rooms A1 and A2 at 5:00pm  
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

### Monday, April 13

Deadline to register for the Spring Fling Luncheon  
Scouts in the Children's Building in the evening  
NA in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm

### Tuesday, April 14

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

### Wednesday, April 15

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  
Mid-week Prayer Time in the Parlor at Noon  
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  
Moms' Group in Room A5 from 6:45 – 7:45pm  
Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room at 7:00pm

### Thursday, April 16

Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30-6:00pm  
Endowment Committee in Room A6 at 4:00pm  
Stephen Ministry Meeting Rooms A4 at 6:00pm  
SPRC meeting in Room B6 at 6:30pm  
Messy Bun Book Club at MELT at 7:00pm  
Nar-Anon in Room A2 at 7:00pm

### Saturday, April 18

Confirmation Class Day Apart

### Sunday, April 19

Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30am  
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  
Spring Fling Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12:10pm  
Soccer on the Back Field at 2:30pm  
Christian Line Dancing in Room C1 at 3:30pm  
Endowment Committee in Room A6 at 4:00pm  
UMYF (Grades 7-12) in Rooms C10 & C11 from 5:00 -7:00pm

## Guilford College United Methodist Church April 12, 2026 – 8:30 & 11:00am

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Prelude

GINNY WILLIAMSON

### Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome, Praises & Opening Prayer

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

### ^Fellowship Greeting

## WE PRAISE GOD AND SING

### ^Opening Hymn

*Thine Be the Glory*, UMH #308

### Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Laurin Allred

### Hymn

*Christ is Risen*, UMH #307

### Children's Moment (11:00am only)

Donna Ford

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

### Offering + Offertory

Rev. Susan Suárez Webster

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

### Introduction to the Scripture Reading & Sermon Series

*The Power of a Life-Changing Invitation*  
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### ^Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)  
Luke 24:13-16; 28-35 (NIV)

^ = 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.