



OFFERING FOR  
GLOBAL MISSIONS



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*April 26, 2026 at Eleven O'Clock A.M.*

### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. Use this time for meditation and reflection and please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices.*

PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

INTROIT: From "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," Hymn 559

ALL THE WAY

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!  
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

*Fanny J. Crosby*

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 683: "O for a World"

AZMON

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ginny Etheridge

Leader: All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.

**People: It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us,  
watching for them to bloom in our lives.**

Leader: In our midst, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

**People: It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone.**

Leader: From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending this garden called life.

**People: It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots  
to bring forth crops of justice and peace.**

*Thom M. Shuman*

\* GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Edwards

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Grammer

Leader: The Divine Gardener cannot sow seeds of justice and peace where there is nothing but hearts of dry, hard rocks. We confess that our hearts may need tilling and the digging out of deeply rooted sins that crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion. God of steadfast love, you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts with raindrops of mercy,

**People: Now let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!**

Leader: God of steadfast love, you change the cold shame of contrite hearts with sunrays of mercy,

**People: Now let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!**

Leader: God of steadfast love, you change the stony edges of repentant hearts into landscapes of mercy,

**People: Now let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!**

*James E. Janeczek*

*(Pause for silent confession.)*

EPISTLE LESSON:

Colossians 3:12-14

Ms. Meadows

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ADORATION: From “For Beauty of Meadows,” Hymn 696, Verse 3

ST. DENIO

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 8:4-15

Dr. Edwards

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE:

“Write These Words”

John S. Wilson

**Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Dr. Grammer

Leader: For all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to you, Creator God. For families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers, who nurture us, that the love of God may grow within. That your love, your Word, like a seed, may grow to produce in us, good fruit.

**People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.**

Leader: For the leaders of various nations and cities, that they may lead with strong hearts and gentle hands and generous spirits, with compassion and mercy, with wisdom and grace. May they reflect your will guiding all their actions and decisions.

**People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.**

Leader: For those who serve in harm’s way, those who live in dangerous places, those who live in areas of war and strife, those who live in fear, those who worry about employment, bills, food, and struggle just to find dignity in life. May your grace bring peace and safety to all people, one to another.

**People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.**

Leader: For those who suffer from any illness or dis-ease—of mind, body, or spirit. Restore these, and all those we carry in our hearts, to fullness of health—health as only you, O God, can bring. May your mercy shower each of us with healing mercy and love.

**People: May your love be like a seed, taking root and growing strong.**

Leader: For those who are dying, and for those who have died. Send forth your comforting love. Give solace to those who mourn. Console those who grieve. May your grace surround us like a mantle upon our heads, a shawl upon our shoulders, a hand to hold our hand.

**People: May your love, be like a seed, taking root and growing strong. Amen.**

*Terri, from RevGalBlogPals*

\* OFFERTORY HYMN 638:

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Mauk

OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

*During the month of April, we are highlighting our partnership with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions that supports the long-term presence of CBF field personnel serving in the United States and around the world. The logo for the offering is on the altar, and special giving envelopes can be found in the pew racks.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

ANTHEM: "The Lord is my Shepherd"

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For you are with me, you will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Psalm 23*

SERMON:

"Good Soil"

Rev. Jessica Hearne,  
CBF Field Personnel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Edwards

**As followers of the Risen Christ, we believe that the life of faith is a journey seeking God's vision for our lives, nurturing the image of God within us, and discovering the gift of God's presence throughout all of life. We believe that the journey of faith calls us to trust God with our hearts and minds open to new insights and fresh possibilities. We believe that the Holy Spirit guides us to be transformed in the image of Christ, build a welcoming and life-giving community, and promote dignity and justice for all God's children. Amen.**

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Edwards

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 695:

"God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* BENEDICTION

Dr. Grammer

\* SUNG RESPONSE

REGENT SQUARE

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

\* POSTLUDE

Mr. Ross

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Libby Grammer  
*Senior Minister*  
  
Lisa Meadows  
*Minister to Children*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
  
Zack Ross  
*Organist*

James Mauk  
*Minister of Music*  
  
Will Robillard  
*Acolyte*

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Lakeside Website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://lakesidechurchrmt.org)

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**We welcome the Rev. Jessica Hearne, CBF Field Personnel** serving in Danville, Virginia, to our pulpit this Sunday. Jessica serves with and through Grace and Main Fellowship, an intentional, ecumenical Christian community devoted to hospitality, simplicity, prayer, nonviolent action, and grassroots community development. The foundation of their ministry is to build relationships and community.

**Restrooms**, including a wheelchair-accessible family restroom, are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions. **Childcare** is available in the preschool building. If you have a young child who becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to utilize our **Kids' Corner** in the back of the sanctuary by the audio booth. **Children's worship bags** are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship. **Bibles and several large print hymnals** are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary. **Wireless hearing aides** are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

# Lakeside Fellowship and Ministry

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

**Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)**

Mike Evans

**ECU Health Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Rd., Greenville, 27835**

Lela Chesson

### At Home:

**Janice Bobbitt** (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409

**Robyn Edwards Chapman** (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Road, Apt. C406, Apex, NC 27523

**Bob Davis** (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

**Doug Edwards**, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

**Michele Costa Foster**, 105 Gloucester Court (03)

**Charlotte Gilliam**, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)

**Bill Jones** (Dorrie Wright's brother)

**C. B. Morris**, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

**Jeannette and Grady Pittman**, 313 Englewood Drive (04)

**Patricia Taylor** (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

**Betsy Waters**, 401 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Room 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

### Our Members at Home:

**Jackie Allsbrook**, 113 Old Colony Way (04)

**Ann Bishop**, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy., Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

**Sallie Ray Wilkerson**, Heartfields at Cary, 1050 Crescent Green Drive, Cary, NC 27518

## THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

### Sunday, April 26

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. Missions Marketplace, *Robbins Hall*

**NO EVENING PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, & YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

### Wednesday, April 29

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Music Suite*

### Thursday, April 30

5:00-7:00 p.m. Longest Table Family Meal, *Harrison Family YMCA*

### Sunday, May 3

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, *Education Building*

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. Continue the Communion, *1457 Benvenue Road*

2:30 p.m. Pilgrimage Orientation, *Conference Room*

5:30 p.m. End-of-Year Party for Children & Youth, & their Families, *Robbins Hall*



Embracing Neighbors Nurturing Hope **cbf** OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Give this April to the CBF Offering for Global Missions:

Bring Pocket Change to Lakeside Kids on Sundays in April

Give Cash or Check, memo: CBF OGM

Give Online at [lakesidechurchmt.org/give](http://lakesidechurchmt.org/give)

Bid on items at Missions Marketplace on April 26

**THE LONGEST TABLE®**  
HARRISON FAMILY YMCA - ROCKY MOUNT, NC

Save The Date  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> | 5-7PM

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Scan the QR Code above to get involved today!  
Contact Elizabeth Edwards at [edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com](mailto:edwardselizabeth@embarqmail.com) for more information.

Lakeside Church

**Volunteers Needed!**  
**CHURCHYARD**  
**Landscaping & Cleanup**

Saturday,  
May 2  
8:00 A.M. to  
Noon

Bring your yard tools for trimming, raking, and debris clean-up.

Contact the church office to let us know if you can help.

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