

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

March 29, 2017

Lenten Service
"Stories of Stones"

6:00 PM

Call to Worship

*Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
whose steadfast love endures forever.*

**People: Let us give thanks for the steadfast love of the Lord,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.**

*Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story,
those whom God redeemed from trouble.*

**People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Unison Prayer

God of light, you do not see as others see; you look beyond our limitations and find us strong and beautiful for your purpose. Help us now to see Jesus your Son who, though despised and rejected, became our beautiful Savior. Show us Jesus' face in the face of those who suffer and lead us to give your healing touch to all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Silent Confession

Passing the Peace of Christ

*The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

Hymn #442

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

God's Word to Us

Matthew 16:13-20

Upon This Rock

Lenten Litany

*Good and merciful God, we give you thanks that through our baptism, we have died to sin, and been raised to walk with Christ in newness of life in his body, the church. We thank you for evidence of new life around us. Especially, we thank you for the faithful witness of your people.
God, in your goodness,
we give you thanks.*

The love from friends and family.
*God, in your goodness,
we give you thanks.*

The energy to study, work, and play.
*God, in your goodness,
we give you thanks.*

The joy of children who are loved.
God, in your goodness,
we give you thanks.

Compassionate God, your love extends to the whole world: Open our eyes to the suffering of your people everywhere and give us the courage to make their needs our own. Especially we pray for children who are neglected, abused, or oppressed.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The sick and those who mourn.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Persons who are lonely and fearful.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those whose countries are torn by war.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The hungry and the homeless.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who wait for justice and freedom.
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*Walk with us everyday, and send us to do your work in joy and thanksgiving for all that you have done through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.***

Benediction and Blessing for the Meal

Discussion Questions

1. If Jesus were to give you a nickname to describe your faith, what would it be? Why?
2. Has there ever been a time in your life when “the curtains were opened up” and you had a clear view of Jesus, as Peter did? When did that happen? What did you see?
3. The other disciples were watching and listening when Peter pointed to Jesus as Messiah. Who has done that for you? Who, in your life, has pointed out Jesus as Savior and Lord? Have you ever told them that they did such a valuable thing?