

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

April 5, 2017

Lenten Service  
"Stories of Stones"

6:00 PM

**Call to Worship**

*Leader: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,*

**People: I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

*Leader: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

**People: We serve and follow God whose reward is great.**

**Unison Prayer**

**Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 #101**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Rockingham

**God's Word to Us**

Luke 19:29-40

*Crying Stones*

**Lenten Litany**

*Leader: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth. Can you sense it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

**People: Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.**

*Leader: "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act."*

**People: Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.**

*Leader: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."*

**People:** Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

*Leader:* "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

**People:** Jesus says if we believe, we will see the glory of God.

*Leader:* "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."

**People:** Yes Lord, we believe that you are the Son of God, the one coming into the world, the resurrection and the life. Amen.

### **Benediction and Blessing for the Meal**

#### Discussion Questions

1. If Jesus rode into the parking lot of your work, neighborhood, or even this church, what kind of reception would he receive?
2. Knowing what you do about Jesus, what differences are there between him and any earthly king? If you had been one of the Pharisees, do you think you would have recognized him as "King"?
3. In our world today, who is telling the followers of Jesus to shut up? Why do they do this?