

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



***No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!***

**Guilford Community Church is a safe place  
for all people to worship regardless of race, creed,  
age, cultural background or sexual orientation.**

Rev. Lise Sparrow, Pastor

Peter Amidon & Andy Davis, Choir Directors

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Administrative Office Hours: Closed Mon

Tues-Fri 9am-3pm

Pastor's Office Hours: By Appointment

**Bulletin Notices:** Please notify the office by Thursday  
at noon if you would like something added to the  
bulletin.

**Hospital Visits:** If you or a loved one are in the hospital  
and would like a visit from Pastor Lise Sparrow or one of  
the Deacons, please leave a message at 257-2776 with the  
name and room number of the person. Hospital  
confidentiality regulations prevent visits without this  
information.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
APRIL 7, 2019**

*Thanks to Scott Ainslie for joining us today  
and for sharing his music and experience.*

PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complete list of announcements can be found in the insert or in our weekly e-news. Please fill out the cards in the pews to be added to our mailings.

Birthday Song:

*Happy Birthday, happy birthday, we love you  
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true  
When you blow out the candles one light stays aglow  
It's the love light in your eyes, where'er you go.*

SILENT MEDITATION & THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT: "Camina, Pueblo de Dios"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our journey through life is long and hard.

**We cannot make this trip alone;**

**we must walk together on the journey.**

Teach us to recognize that as we walk with each other, You are present.

**Teach us to welcome not only the strangers in our midst but the gifts they bring as well,**

Their strength and hope, their vision.

**This is the help you have sent: we are not alone.**

We are together on the journey, and for this we give you thanks.

**Amen and amen!**

OPENING HYMN: #517 "O God of Every Nation"

**1**

*When the server shall say: "The body of Christ"  
or "the blood of Christ", please respond, "Amen".*

*When all have been served we shall say:*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)*

We thank you God for this most amazing gift that you have brought us together at this table in your loving presence and with each other. We thank you for your abiding love and for the promise of your sacrifice to us. We ask that you strengthen our faith and increase our love toward one another.

Let us show forth your praise as we worship joyfully together and as we serve you gladly in our lives. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE CLOSING HYMN: #520 "Restless Weaver"

SENDING FORTH THE LIGHT  
BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

*\*invites the congregation to stand*

\*\*\*RPB=Red Pew Bible \*\*\*LPB=Large Print Bible

**We wish you a warm welcome this morning  
and hope you will feel very much  
at home and among friends.  
Please plan to stay and join us after  
the service for a time  
of fellowship and refreshment.**

Today we especially thank the volunteers who make this worship service & the reception after possible.

Service Coordinator: Kathie Lovell

Greeters: Lucy Spahr-Blazej + Ken Kornfield

Coffee Hour: Deacons

**4**

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION (Matthew 7):

<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

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PRAYER

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “The Land That I Love”

SCRIPTURE: (Fred Breunig)

Luke 15: 11-32 \*\*\*RPB p. 73 \*\*\*LPB p. 95

SERMON

ANTHEM: “I’ll Die No More for Bread” (Tony Barrand, solo)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(It is our custom to join hands for the Lord’s Prayer.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #278

“Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord...”

THE OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING



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OFFERING PRAYER

\*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: #433 “Nada Te Turbe”

Now let us celebrate our Holy Communion.

Jesus invited everyone to share in this sacrament.

It is to be consumed in faith that there is no sin which cannot be forgiven, with the hope of everlasting life and with the love of God, and of each other. It is to be taken with gratitude for all who have gone before us in the holy communion of life on earth, with gratitude for those who have given us our lives and with gratitude for this moment here together. Come now, let us share in the Lord’s supper.

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**People: His bread is life to us.**

Pastor: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his followers.

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*Prayer of Consecration (Pastor)*

Loving God,  
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these elements of Holy Communion.  
Bless us as we receive them this day  
that we may be your faithful people.  
In our Risen Savior’s name we pray. Amen.  
*All come forward to receive the bread and wine.*

***(Please note the bread in the center is gluten free and the cup is grape juice)***

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**PRAYERS AT GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Our faith teaches us that prayer is a unique and powerful force for healing. Within our community, we believe it is also important to respect confidentiality. We trust the people listed below have been consulted and are glad to be included.

If you would like a loved one added to these prayers, please leave a prayer request in the prayer triangle at the back of the Sanctuary, or call the Pastor’s phone line (257-2776). They will

be included in the list for three weeks unless other requests are made.

Family & Friends of Kate Mayo  
Family and Friends of Marilyn Boucher

Joan Shimer	Angela Daprato	Grace Wahlberg
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Mary Grove	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Bob Maes	Blakely Ann Amidon
Peter Tracy	Justin	Tony Barrand
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Joy Hayes
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Herb Meyer	Elizabeth Israel
Ruth Ayers	Anne Janeway	Michael Vose
Jim Peters	Laurel Jenkins	Kyle Franklin
Mary Ellen Koehler	Alison	Mary Lila Gregg
Chip Siler	Elisabeth Dearborn	Joanie McBean
Matt Kent		Desmond Oliver

Officers and Crew of the  
John C. Stennis Aircraft Carrier CVN74

**Prayer Chain:** Should a health emergency arise during the week for which you would like prayers, or if you would be willing to pray for others and would like to join the prayer chain, please call Lucy Spahr-Blazej at (380-3695). If you are leaving a message for Lucy requesting a prayer, please spell the names, or email Lucy at [lucysb1@gmail.com](mailto:lucysb1@gmail.com).

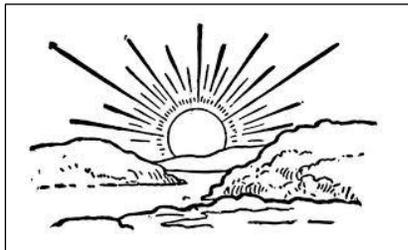
## **EASTER WEEK**

### **Thursday, April 18**

Seder Supper 5:30 pm  
Tenebrae Service 7pm

### **Friday, April 19**

Good Friday  
Ecumenical Service  
Noon to 3pm



## **EASTER!!**

**Sunday, April 21**

6am: Sunrise Service  
*Outside next to the church*

6:30: Pancakes for all!  
*Served by the men of the church*

### **10AM: EASTER FAMILY SERVICE**

*Nursery care provided*

## **CHURCH CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT**

***Need a ride to church?*** Please call Patty Meyer at 254-0994 by Friday noon.

***Want to receive our weekly e-news and quarterly newsletters?*** Please fill out one of the cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate.

***BCTV:*** Many of our services have been filmed and can be found on BCTV, Channel 8 Wednesday morning at 7am and Sunday mornings at 8am or anytime online at [www.brattleborotv.org](http://www.brattleborotv.org).

***Audio-recordings of services*** are available through Patty at 257-0994.

## **GATHERINGS FOR LENT**

Today's 2pm Presentation has been canceled because of illness.

Next week we will gather after church for a final gathering focused on the Sermon on the Mount:

April 14: "Do Not Worry: the Universal Christ",  
a conference excerpt with Richard Rohr  
from the Center for Action and  
Contemplation

**Centering Prayer every Wednesday  
4:20-5:30pm—everyone welcome**

**OPEN MEDITATION  
4:20 - 4:50 pm**

**DISCUSSION  
4:50-5:30pm**

**AA** meets on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Tuesday 6-7pm meeting is a Big Book/Step meeting and is open to alcoholics and families of alcoholics. The meeting on Friday from 5:30-6:30pm is for women only.

**Second Sunday Step/ Study** – An Al-Anon Family Step Work Group. This group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4pm in the Houghton Room. The next meeting is April 14.

**SPECIAL OFFERING  
FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN**



The pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, UCC, in Sahuarita, Arizona, and his congregants are among church volunteers at the Comedor, a small hillside compound where Jesuits, Sisters of the Holy Eucharist, Samaritans from Green Valley, Sahuarita and Tucson, No More Deaths members, and helpers from both sides of the border provide migrants with morning and evening meals, clothing, medical care, phone calls, legal advice, and psychological services..

The work is too big for one church or one UCC conference. Our state conference and church want to support those who are supporting these families.

Ways to help:

- 1) Contribute to the Special Offering for Families using the special envelope in the bulletin.
- 2) Support the Sunday School which is collecting toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, shampoo, razors, towels, wash cloths, sleeping mats, coloring books and crayons for kids.
- 3) Send your notes of encouragement to these families to the Southwest Conference, 917 E. Sheridan, Phoenix, AZ 85006, who will pass them along to families camped on the border.

**THANK YOU!!**

**FROM GROUNDWORKS COLLABORATIVE**

We have been as busy as ever, working furiously on our site project, and moving towards closing down the Seasonal Overflow Shelter in just a few weeks, which means we are quickly working to collect **TENTS AND CAMPING SUPPLIES!** Our current wish lists include the following:

**Great River Terrace:**

- Calendars (wall, pocket, desk, etc.)
- File organizers (anything to help folks organize their paperwork and mail)

- Baby items (DIAPERS, clothing 0-6 month boy and girl, wipes, formula, toys, baby cleaning supplies, etc.)
- Gas gift cards (to help the new moms get to doctor's appointments)
- Cleaning supplies
- Toilet paper
- Small household furniture and decorative items

**Seasonal Overflow Shelter Wish List:**

- Various cold medicines (nighttime and daytime)
- cough drops/lozenges
- Wash clothes
- CBD oil
- Lysol
- Socks
- Men's and women's underwear- various sizes
- Toiletries
- Antacid like Tums
- Ear Plugs
- Hot cocoa
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic tableware
- Ear thermometer with covers
- Melatonin
- Foot powder/spray
- Antibiotic ointment