# Duke Memorial United Methodist Church 5^4 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701

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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.

The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

TOWER BELLS WORSHIP 10:30 a.m.

# ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** 

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Johannes Brahms

\*GREETING

Jesus said:

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." LET US ACT JUSTLY.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing."
LET US LOVE TENDERLY.

"I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

LET US WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.

May we see Christ in one another.

THAT WE MAY BE HEALERS AND PEACEMAKERS IN CHRIST'S NAME.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 159

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

### \*OPENING PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN SWEPT UP IN THE TIDE OF OUR GENERATION. WE HAVE FAILED IN OUR CALLING TO BE YOUR HOLY PEOPLE, A PEOPLE SET APART FOR YOUR DIVINE PURPOSE. WE LIVE MORE IN APATHY BORN OF FATALISM THAN IN PASSION BORN OF HOPE. WE ARE MOVED MORE BY PRIVATE AMBITION THAN BY SOCIAL JUSTICE. WE DREAM MORE OF PRIVILEGE AND BENEFITS THAN OF SERVICE AND SACRIFICE. WE TRY TO SPEAK IN YOUR NAME WITHOUT RELINQUISHING OUR GLORIES, WITHOUT NOURISHING OUR SOULS, WITHOUT RELYING WHOLLY ON YOUR GRACE. HELP US TO MADE ON THE WASHING OUR SOULS, WITHOUT RELYING WHOLLY ON YOUR GRACE. HELP US TO MADE ON THE WASHING OUR SAMEN.

\*PSALTER NO. 830

Psalm 107: 1-9, 33-43

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LORD, OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT, AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE READ AND YOUR WORD PROCLAIMED, WE MAY HEAR WITH JOY WHAT YOU SAY TO US TODAY, AMEN.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2: 1-10

ANTHEM

"As Moses Lifted Up" Ralph Johnson
As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that
whosoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that God sent Je
Christ to die for us, that we might live for evermore. We thank you, Lord, for loving us, and prigiving us your Son, who lived with us on earth and died upon a tree, that we who believe in him
might have eternal life.

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

(Children in grades K-1 may attend Junior Church.)

\*HYMN NO. 292

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

\*GOSPEL LESSON

John 3: 14-21

SERMON

Mark W. Wethington

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 887

"Affirmation from Romans 8: 35, 37-39"

\*RESPONSE

Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

PARISH CONCERNS AND PRAYERS



Be a part of God's New Thing.
Join in One Great Hour of Sharing!

# We Witness Together

The world keeps getting *smaller*. Telecommunications have transformed our *global village* into a *global living room*. "Up close and personal," we witness famine in Africa, ethnic strife in Eastern Europe, religious violence in the Middle East, natural and environmental disasters at home and around the globe. In such a world, it is easy to experience "compassion fatigue." We are overwhelmed by the enormity of the world's suffering.

Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing has drawn Christians together to address the plight of refugees, provide disaster relief and bring development assistance to those in need. Several hundred million dollars have been raised. In cooperation with partner churches in more than 70 countries around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing dollars support dedicated scientists and technicians, health care and development workers who seek long-term solutions to problems of poverty, hunger and disease. Here at home, funds are available when disaster strikes. Working through local churches, One Great Hour of Sharing contributions continue to bring relief and undergird rebuilding efforts long after events have faded from the headlines.





Photo credit: Howard Royer for Church World Service

# Giving and Receiving: An Encircling Partnership

One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference—a cup of water, a loaf of bread, inoculation against disease, a new road—things we take for granted. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, and unites you with partners around the world.

Item: When Hurricane Andrew struck southern Florida, UMCOR was there within hours providing assistance. Through the Bishop's Appeal and Advance Giving United Methodists made one of the greatest responses is UMCOR's history.

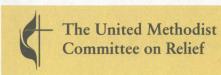
Item: UMCOR sent \$100,000 for food programs in Methodist-run schools in Haiti as part of an ongoing presence in the country. Methodist schools are among the few places children can receive proper care. For many students, the only meal they get is at school, and in 1993, enrollment increased from 12,000 to 16,000.

Dr. Ken Lutgen, Chief Executive reported: "People have electricity only part of the day. Running water is a problem in many areas. Food distribution is becoming more critical. And prices are so high that people cannot afford it."

Your gifts make a difference. Emergency relief, food production, health care, literacy and job training, water resource development, refugee resettlement and land reclamation are efforts made in the name of Jesus Christ.

Give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

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The view below made the sparrow sad. As she flew high above the withering landscape, her tiny shadow skimmed a parched African plain. If not for the constant sun, she thought, the air would cool.

Plants could grow again.

Animals could thrive.

Children could play in the rain.

But the sparrow was so small, she was helpless against the unrelenting sun.

Or was she?



Suddenly, she had a thought.

She flew off and excitedly chirped her idea to a wise old woodpecker who nodded in approval. Being a sociable fellow, the woodpecker informed a flock of pigeons, who scattered to tell others.

Soon the skies were abuzz with the sparrow's idea: darters and snipes, hornbills and hawks, osprey and pelicans.

Even the crows were interested.

Only the vultures turned a cold wing to the plan.

The day arrived — bright and hot like all the others. At the appointed hour, when the sun was at its height, the birds came. From east and west, from north and south, they flew shoulder to wing. They strained to fly as high as possible, circling in the mid-day heat. Plants and animals looked up in disbelief. The earth had suddenly cooled; the searing sun blocked by the great

cloud of birds soaring overhead.

Each day the birds returned.

Day after day. Protected from the scorching sun, the earth soon sprouted.

Animals frolicked and people found new hope.

Then, for reasons that the birds did not understand, the sky began producing its own clouds.

Soon, the rains came.

The sparrow looked down and smiled.

Her shadow was nowhere to be found.



For when two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

Just the idea has such power:

One...Great...Hour...of...Sharing.

A vibrant mosaic of Christians – Iowa farmers and Puerto Rican pharmacists, Alabama teachers and Ohio teens, homemakers from Maine and auto makers from Michigan, California preschoolers and grandmothers from Duluth – gathered in a single moment for a common purpose.

Most of us are like the sparrow: tiny specks on the parched landscape of God's needy world. Yet, when we work together in Christ's name, God's amazing grace is revealed. Though the earth groans under the weight of poverty and strife, there is abundant evidence of the human spirit's resiliency and the regenerative power of creation.

One Great Hour of Sharing. It is an event to lift up as a witness to the world. It is an affirmation that, yes, we *can* get along; yes, we *can* work together. It is an example of how the enduring Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit motivate us to bring our small portion to the table. And, oh, how those small portions are multiplied into something magnificent.



The United Methodist Committee on Relief .... My regular offering number is

Name

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY			
THIS WEEK. THERE WILL BE ADULTS (\$3.00)			
AND CHILDREN AGES 3-12 (\$2.00)			
SIGNED DATE			
(Please place this slip in the offering plate or call the church office (683-3467) by noon Monday to make a reservation.)			
I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND THE LENTEN DEVOTION LUNCHEON			
THIS WEEK. THERE WILL BE ADULTS (\$2.50)			
AND CHILDREN AGES 3-12 (\$2.00)			
SIGNED DATE			
(Please place this slip in the offering plate or call the church office (683-3467) by noon Monday to make a reservation.)			

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

LUXOLOGY NO. 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 579

"Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

CAREY'S (SURREY)

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*GOING FORTH

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Pastorale"

Norman Gilbert

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

\*Congregation is invited to stand.

COME: You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service. Visitors, please give us your address so that we may share additional information about Duke Memorial with you.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. FM SOUND ENHANCEMENT PERSONAL RECEIVERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. PLEASE ASK ANY USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

# WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY:

Preacher:

Mark W. Wethington Robert J. Irvine Liturgists:

Clinton W. Spence

Organist: Choirs:

Sanctuary Choir

Acolytes:

Laurie Hays Coffman Mary Coman

Wesley Singers:

Wesley Singers Jan Irvine, director

Cross: Greeters:

Messenger:

Sherry Knight Kevin Grogan Louis Sasser

hurch:

Barry Moore Deborah Moore

Caroline Sasser

Kathy Vokaty

Lois Funderburk

Altar Guild:

Lucille Cranford

Madge Wannamaker

# NEXT SUNDAY'S CALENDAR, MARCH 20, 1994

(See your "INSIGHTS" for weekday events.)

Mrs. R.N. Wilson Room

Sanctuary

Sunday School

Good Samaritan

Memorials

Peru Mission

58.05

30.00

205.00

20

9:45 a.m.	REVIVAL OF HOPE	Bradshaw Room	
9:45 a.m.	Following Christ in a Consumer Society	Katie Johnson Room	
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages		
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir	Sanctuary	
10:30 a.m.	Ringing of the Tower Bells		
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary	
12:15 p.m.	'INSIGHTS' information due	Church office	
	(March 27 - April 2)	Wanda's mail box	
	NO Ring For Joy, JOYBells, or DMYF		
6:30 p.m.	Aerobics	Whitford Hall	
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.	Community Life Center	
SUNDAY, MA	RCH 6, 1994		
Attendance	Sunday School 261	Pledges \$6,509.0	0

310

\$50.45

\$65.00

\$15.00

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Worship Plate

Food Pantry

Meals on Wheels

8:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

Covenant Discipleship

Celebration Singers

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CONFIRMANDS will meet Polly Mixon on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room just before the Administrative Board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY FORUM - MARCH 16, 6:20 P.M. - WHITFORD HALL - "The Ethics of Gun Control" will be our topic for the Wednesday Forum. Gun-related violence and the attempt to reduce it through legislation are currently being debated at the national and local levels. What are the ethical considerations in (ownership and control? Two prominent figures in the local debate will present different sides of this 'explosive' issue. Their presentations will be followed by a period of discussion. Panelists are The Rev. Collins Kilburn, Exec. Director, N.C. Council of Churches, North Carolinians for Gun Control and Mr. Thomas Stark, N.C. Sportsman's Alliance, Duke Memorial member. Make plans to come and share and learn!