

THE THIRD WEDNESDAY DAY OF LENT

March 4, 2015

12:00 noon



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
907 S. Croatan Highway
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ *Congregation stand as you are able.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....Jason Evans

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

✠THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 215: "What Wondrous Love Is This"..... WONDROUS LOVE

THE PRAYER OF HUMILITY (*Spoken in Unison and Based on the Meditations with Hildegard of Bingen*)

Loving and Holy God, it's often easier to gaze into the sun than to turn our faces and our minds to the mystery of You. Such is Your beauty and Your radiance! Yet Loving and Holy God, we fear this beauty and radiance -- the supreme fire of Your Spirit -- which is not deadly; it kindles the spark of life within us. Place that holy flame within us dear God, and heal our fears, calm our anxieties and fill us with Your lasting peace. So that we might know You and experience You ever more deeply... In the name of Jesus we pray...Amen!

Please take a few quiet moments and offer your personal confessions to God...

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me, O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me...**

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

✠THE SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Spoken Responsively*)

ONE: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

The Prayer of Light

**Bless the Lord my soul! And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul! Who leads me to life!**

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST MATTHEW 20: 1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again

about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

THE MEDITATION The Rev. Lorrie Ghering-Burick

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

♠THE HYMN OF HOPE NO. 649: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"AMAZING GRACE

♠THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

THE SONG OF BLESSING: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service
for a lunch prepared by Ocean View Baptist Church.
The cost of the lunch \$5.00.*

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND LUNCHEON HOSTS

March 4

The Rev. Lorrie Ghering-Burick, Speaker
From Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church
Ocean View Baptist Church, Luncheon

March 11

The Rev. Keith Dey, Speaker
From Emmanuel Lutheran Church
All Saints Episcopal Church, Luncheon

March 18

The Rev. Richard Batzler, Speaker
Retired United Church of Christ Pastor
Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church, Luncheon

March 25

The Rev. Tom Wilson, Speaker
From All Saints Episcopal Church
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Luncheon

Holy Wednesday, April 1

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
From Calvary Presbyterian Church, Swan Quarter
Dare County Hotline, Luncheon