

THE SIXTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2016

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, Organist

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

✠ THE HYMN NO. 450: "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

ONE: Let us pray together.

ALL: Open our eyes, Lord, to perceive your desire for the world. Remove those things that block our vision; and widen our gaze to encompass all you would have us see. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9: 1-9

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

THE REFLECTIONThe Rev. Keith H. Dey (*Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Southern Shores*)

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Spoken in Responsively*)

ONE: Lord of all life, when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,

ALL: open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.

ONE: When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,

ALL: open our hands to do your work in the world.

ONE: When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,

ALL: open our ears, that all will know your love.

ONE: When we are hardened against our neighbor,

ALL: open our hearts and heal our resentment.

ONE: When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,

ALL: open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 TABLE PRAYER

ONE: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Open your hands, gracious God and feed us so that we may feed one another.

ALL: Amen.

THE BLESSING

ONE: Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. May the God who opened for us the way of everlasting life bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE..... Jason Evans, Organist

*Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service
For a lunch prepared by Friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.
The cost of the lunch is \$5.00.*

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND LUNCHEON HOSTS

March 16, 2016

The Rev. Keith Dey, Speaker
from Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Friends of Emmanuel Lutheran, Luncheon

Holy Wednesday

March 23, 2016

The Rev. Elizabeth Tyson, Speaker
from Mighty Wind United Methodist Church
Mighty Wind United Methodist Church, Luncheon

YOU ARE INVITED!

EASTER MUSICAL

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Saturday, March 19, 2016
7:00 pm

Sunday, March 20, 2016
4:00 pm