

# A Service of Hope



**Outer Banks Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

**4:00 pm**

# ~ The Order of Service ~

✦ = Congregation Standing as able

## ~ We Gather Together as God's People ~

THE PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" .....arr. Joel Raney  
Jason Evans & Steve Blackstock

THE WELCOME .....Mrs. Katie Blackstock Blanchard

THE CHORAL INTROIT: "Refuge" (based on Psalm 46) ..... Keith Christopher  
The Combined Community Choir

✦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively) ..... The Rev. Craig Peel

ONE: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.

**ALL: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

ONE: Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**ALL: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

ONE: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**ALL: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be overthrown; God shall help it at the break of day.**

ONE: The nations make much ado, and the realms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**ALL: The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

✦ THE OPENING PRAYER ..... George Lurie

✦ THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 39: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... FAITHFULNESS

THE PRAYER FOR THE CONQUEST OF CANCER (Spoken in Unison) ..... The Rev. Nick Hodsdon

**Almighty and Loving God, we remember that Your will for each of us is health and peace, fullness of each life and wholeness of each life. We know that illness of every sort challenges Your plan and, therefore, must challenge us.**

**We thank You for those in sickness who rise to the challenge by bravely fighting on, and who continue to live and grow and love and serve in spite of the pain and suffering.**

**We thank You for all who minister to cancer patients; for those who are instruments of Your healing grace - the doctors, nurses, technicians, those involved in research and experimentation, and rabbis, priests, pastors, family and friends who are with those who suffer - all channels of Your healing love.**

**Finally, we thank You for institutions and organizations that provide care - whose purpose is to challenge all that "corrupts and destroys the creatures of God."**

**We thank You for the great work of the American Cancer Society, and we ask your special blessings, dear God, on its healing work. Guide and empower our leaders, strengthen and give good success to its workers and volunteers, and grant that all may know that it is Your healing work that they do; and that one day You "will wipe away every tear from our eyes and that there will be no more pain, for the former things will have passed away."**

**This prayer, O God, we ask in Your powerful name of Love.**

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "Don't Turn Back, Good People" ..... SPIRITUAL  
*Doris Creecy, Coquette Brooks & Nick Hodsdon*

**"There's a race that we must run, and a victory to be won.  
Every hour gives us power to go on."**

## ~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: II Corinthians 1: 7-10 ..... The Rev. Fran Peel

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: "Bow the Knee" ..... Robert Sterling  
*The Combined Community Choir  
Katie Blackstock Blanchard, soloist*

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 5: 3-5 and 15: 12-13 ..... The Rev. Fran Peel

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

THE SPEAKERS ..... Jazmin & Nichol Thrash

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER ..... The Rev. Keith Dey

THE HYMN NO. 840: "When Peace like a River" ..... VILE DU HAVRE

THE CANDELIGHTING CEREMONY ..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

## ~ We Go Forth in God's Name ~

♠ THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 35: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" ..... LOBE DEN HERREN

♠ THE BENEDICTION ..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

♠ THE CLOSING RESPONSE: "May the Lord, Gracious Lord" ..... Unknown  
*The Sanctuary Choir & Congregation*

**May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.**

**Let us be more like thee in our every endeavor.**

**Holy Spirit, Eternal God, this we pray together.**

**May the Lord, gracious Lord, bless and keep us forever.**

THE PIANO/ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Because He Lives" ..... arr. Joel Raney  
*Jason Evans & Steve Blackstock*

## **~Worship Service Participants ~**

Mrs. Katie Blackstock Blanchard

The Rev. Craig Peel, Liturgist

George Lurie, Opening Prayer

The Rev. Nick Hodsdon, Conquest of Cancer Prayer

Doris Creecy, Coquette Brooks & Nick Hodsdon, Special Music

The Rev. Fran Peel, Lector

Jazmine & Nicol Thrash, Speakers

The Rev. Keith Dey, Intercessory Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Candlelighting Ceremony

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Benediction

Nonie Booth, Choir Director

Steve Blackstock, Organist

Jason Evans, Pianist

## **~Relay For Life of Dare County ~**

May 5, 2018

First Flight High School

100 Veterans Drive

Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

12:00 Noon - 10:00 pm

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, WA, ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern - cancer. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event. Since those first steps, the Relay For Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising nearly 5 million dollars to fight cancer. 30 years later, Relay For Life events are held all over the country!

Throughout the day and into the evening, special laps and ceremonies are held, one of which is the Luminaria Ceremony. As the sun sets, luminaria lining the track light up the night. A hush falls over the crowd that had been overflowing with celebration. Relay For Life participants, survivors, and caregivers gather to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to honor those whose fight continues by dedicating luminaria bags. Each luminaria is personalized with a name, photo, message or drawing in memory or honor of a friend or loved one who has been affected by cancer. Each luminaria represents a person. They are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, coworkers, and so many others.

This year, the Relay For Life of Dare County will be held at First Flight High School on May 5 from 12:00 noon-11:00 pm. Because it is a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But, it's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave! We hope to see you there!