

Meditating on Our Faith

The Choir

Offertory  
By John Ness Beck

Mission and Ministry of the Church

\*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 297 "Open Our Eyes"  
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 5  
"teach us compassion and love."

## We Depart in Joy

\*Charge and Benediction

*We listen:*

*I send you with the grace of my Spirit. I send you as companions of peace.  
I place you on the path that leads to endless joy. Go seek me in the least of these.  
Show by your life what my gospel requires. Show by your life you are mine.*

Go on the path in grace, seeking and showing the gospel in your life. **Amen.**

**Thanks to our Choir for leading worship music this morning!**

If you have a prayer request, please forward it to the church office.  
We will include it on the prayer request list for a month, unless you ask us to leave it on longer.

### Mission Partners and Liaisons

**Local: HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS**

ForKids - Marie Finch  
St. Columba - Alice Allen-Grimes  
St. Mary's Soup Kitchen - Larry Hull  
LAUNCH Ministry - Joe Morgan  
The Norfolk Street Choir Project - Rich Voter

**Local: OUTREACH & INCLUSION**

Faith Inclusion Network - Lori Crouch  
YOURS - Larry Hull  
Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services -  
Catherine Hart Monroe

**INTERNATIONAL**

Ben Seidl in Germany - Craig Wansink  
Jenn West in Ireland - Paul West  
The Jung's in East Asia - Roz Klein  
Our Partners in M.E. - Mark Erickson



## We Gather In Need of the Risen Christ

Chiming *Ringing of the bells indicates the beginning of worship.*

Gathering Music

"Jesu, Jesu"  
Ghanian folk song

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

**Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.**

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

**Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort.**

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

**Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Welcome

\*Passing the Peace



"You know, Lord, how I serve you with great emotional fervor in the limelight. You know how eagerly I speak for you at a Women's Club. You know my genuine enthusiasm at a Bible study. But how would I react, I wonder, if you pointed to a basin of water and asked me to wash the calloused feet of a bent and wrinkled old woman day after day, month after month, in a room where nobody saw and nobody knew?"

—Ruth Harms Calkin

"All of you must put on the apron of humility, to serve one another; for the scripture says, 'God resists the proud, but shows favor to the humble'."

1 Peter 5: 5

### \*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 299 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"  
Verses 1, 2, and 3  
"These are the ones we should serve..."

### \*Confessing our Sin (written by Joe Seremane)

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose.  
**We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.  
**We closed them, for we did not want to see.**

You asked for our lives that you might work through us.  
**We gave a small part, that we might not get too involved.**

Forgive our calculated efforts to serve you—  
**Only when it is convenient for us to do so,  
Only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
And only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**Forgive us, renew us, send us out as usable instruments,  
That we might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

*We sing:*  
**God you make all things new, wash us, renew us,  
breathe your spirit into us.**

### \*Receiving Grace

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, heals our brokenness, and forgives our sin.

**Loved, we are sent to love.  
Forgiven, we are freed to forgive.  
Offered grace, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## We Hear the Word

Time of Discovery

Message

Called for Mission  
John 13:1-16

Dr. Craig Wansink

## Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Ray Comfort said, "Put legs to your prayers."

*We pray for those who reach out to the vulnerable, to those who need direction or guidance, to those who need a second chance. We pray for the Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services and the Faith Inclusion Network.*

**O Lord, open our eyes, that we may see the needs of others: the sick, the lonely, the lost, the hurt. Open our ears, that we may hear their cries. Open our hearts, that these sisters and brothers need not be without help.**

David Livingstone said, "Sympathy is no substitute for action."

*We pray for those who hunger, for those who need housing, and for those who address those needs. We pray for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries, and The Norfolk Street Choir Project.*

**God, strengthen us so we are not afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Help give food to the hungry, and hunger for you to those who have food.**

Billy Graham said, "Often the only thing a child can remember about an adult in later years, when he or she is grown, is whether or not that person was kind."

*We pray for those who support children, youth, and college students, sharing the love of Christ and helping young people discover themselves as children of God. We pray for Youth Outreach Urban Resources and Services, LAUNCH Ministry, and ForKids.*

**Eternal God, nurture our hearts, use our minds, and guide our hands, so that we may help young people find their deepest meaning in you. Guide them to recognize your love and to accept it as what matters most in this world.**

Eric Liddell says, "We are all missionaries...Wherever we go, we either bring people nearer to Christ, or we repel them from Christ."

*We pray for each one of us to be missionaries to those whom we encounter each day. We pray for those from our congregation who have been called overseas: to Shelley and Jarred in East Asia, to Ben and Jasmin in Berlin, to Jenn in her ministry, to our partners in the Middle East.*

**Show us where love and hope are needed and use us to bring them to those places. All this we ask in the name of your Son who taught us to pray:**

**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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

"Lord, give me humility in which alone is rest, and deliver me from pride, which is the heaviest of burdens."

—Thomas Merton

"Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The holiest moment of the church service is the moment when God's people go out of the church door into the world to be the Church."

—Ernest Southeon