

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:32-43

SERMON *Today You Will be With Me In Paradise*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

* HYMN #361 *Rock of Ages*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY *Land of Rest* Charles Callahan

* DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spirit,
Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* HYMN #369 *Blessed Assurance*

* BENEDICTION

* THE LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US OUT TO SERVE

* CHORAL BENEDICTION *Sweet By and By*

* POSTLUDE *Bass and Trumpet Duo*

Clerambault

(*) Congregation please stand as you are able

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP ENDS: OUR WORSHIP IN SERVICE BEGINS

During church, nursery and toddler care is available each week.

Children's Church for Kindergarten through 3rd grade is offered every week.

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us today. We hope that you will find a spirit
of friendship in our gathering and that you will be blessed through this service of worship.*

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Martha B. and George L. Owens and George L. Owens, Jr. by Dorothy and Willis Owens.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR last week were given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Charles T. Bennett by his family.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Gordon Milbrath and Family upon the death of his wife,
Jeanne Milbrath, on Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

TODAY WE WELCOME DANNY PECK AS OUR GUEST PREACH THIS MORNING. Danny is
very active in the music ministry of First UMC, including playing in the music team at the 8:30 service,
leading music for the children at the beginning of Sunday School, and playing in the handbell choir. Danny
is also considering entering the ordained ministry of The United Methodist Church.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: Final conversations tend to be a legacy of meaning shared by the one
dying to give insight and meaning to the living. On each Sunday of Lent, worship will center around one of
the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross. Next week, we will look at Jesus' statement, "Woman,
behold your Son ... Son behold your mother" found in John 19:23-27.

THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION TEAM is going back to Ecuador July 21- August 1,
2008. The team will be doing work such as light construction, holding a Bible school for children, and
helping with children in an orphanage. The cost of the trip is around \$2000. If you are interested in going
to Ecuador, please contact Julie Robinson before February 10th at 335-0915(home) or 339-1437(cell).

FROM FEBRUARY 12-24 MIKE WILL BE LEADING a group of 21 persons in a pilgrimage to the
Holy Land. During his journey out of the country, pastoral care needs will be covered by Rev. Charles
McKenzie, who is pastor at City Road United Methodist Church. If a need arises and you would like a
pastoral visit, prayer, or listening ear, please call the church office (335-1771) and Diane will get in contact
with Charles. She has all his contact information.

ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT LAY RALLY will be held March 2, 2008, at First UMC beginning at 3:45
p.m. Praise music will be provided by the District Youth Band and the guest preacher is Rev. Dr. M. J.
Kim, former District Superintendent of the Alexandria District, Virginia Conference. Nursery will be
provided. Come celebrate the Outstanding Lay Ministry of the Year nomination of two First UMC
ministries--Tutoring/Mentoring Ministry and Livable Housing Ministry.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEETING YOUR CHURCH MEMBERS? It's easy! If you would
like to become a church greeter at our 11:00 a.m. Worship service, please contact Patty Davis at 330-4626.
What a wonderful way to serve your church.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Tuesday, February 19th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FUNDRAISER: IRISH "SOUPER" BOWL will be March 17th
from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Ashbury Room. Tickets are \$15.00 and includes hand painted pottery bowl, Irish meal
and St. Patrick's Day entertainment. Limited tickets are available in the church office or any UWM
members. This will benefit Missions. NOTE: If you would like to paint a bowl, join us on Tuesday,
February 19th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 23rd at 12:00 Noon at Clay Gardens on
Hughes Blvd. Call Suzanne at 335-0684 for more info.