



# PINEHURST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 7, 2021

PRELUDE

“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee” Darlene Skinner (9 am)  
“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought” (11 am)

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In returning and rest you shall be saved;

**People: in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
he had to walk it by himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for him,  
he had to walk it by himself.

2 Jesus prayed for his disciples;  
he prayed alone for you and me.  
O, nobody else could bear such sorrow;  
he prayed alone for you and me.

3 Jesus died on Calvary's mountain;  
he died alone for you and me.  
O, nobody else could die for sinners;  
he had to die for you and me.

4 Jesus rose from death's dark prison;  
he lives again for you and me.  
O, nobody else could bring us victory;  
he is alive to set us free.

## OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

**God of wilderness and water,  
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.  
Guide us through this season,  
that we may not avoid struggle,  
but open ourselves to blessing,  
through the cleansing depths of repentance  
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.**

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## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

## ANTHEM

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Worship Choir

## OFFERING

*Out of gratitude for all God has given us, we respond by giving back to God’s world around us. Donate locally to offer your talents toward building up our community, and also consider giving financially by mailing a check to the church or donating online at [pinehurstumc.org](http://pinehurstumc.org).*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13: 33-35

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. <sup>35</sup> This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;  
I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

## SERMON

"Kingdom Parables: The Yeast"

Pastor David

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## COMMUNION

## FINAL SONG

"Who You Say I Am"  
(By Reuben Morgan)

Connections Praise Band

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
In my Father's house, is a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
I am who You say I am

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You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
Oh I am who You say I am, Yes, I am who you say I am

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
In my Father's house, There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

## CLOSING PRAYER

Holy One, creator of the stars and seas,  
your steadfast love is shown to every living thing:  
your word calls forth countless worlds and souls;  
your law revives and refreshes.

Forgive our misuse of your gifts,  
that we may be transformed by your wisdom  
to manifest for others  
the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“What Is the World to Me”

Darlene Skinner