

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love
10:45 A.M. Online Worship **March 14, 2021**
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsively):

One: On their last night together in the Upper Room, “Jesus said to the disciples, ‘This very night all of you will run away and leave me.’ . . . Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, ‘I will never leave you, even though all the rest do!’”

All: *We come to this time of worship out of our desire to live faithfully to God and to serve Jesus obediently.*

One: In attempting to be true to his promise, Peter followed Jesus into the courtyard of the High Priest where Jesus was questioned by the Jewish authorities.

All: *We recognize living obediently to Jesus leads us into various situations, including some in which our faithfulness to Jesus is challenged, even costly.*

One: Three times in the courtyard Peter was questioned about whether or not he was one of Jesus’ followers. Each time he emphatically denied even knowing Jesus.

All: *We confess the times we find it difficult to live faithfully to Jesus, especially when we are under pressure. May we be forgiven for the gap which exists between our intentions and our accomplishments, between what we say and what we do.*

Invocation

Hymn: **“Here in This Place”** **#6**

Scripture Reading **Luke 22:31-34, 54-62**

*“The Lord turned around and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered that the Lord had said to him.
‘Before the rooster crows tonight,
you will say three times that you do not know me.’”*

Message **“Peter’s Denial and Jesus’ Forgiveness”**

Special Music

Time of Communing

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:14-16, 18-19

Invitation to Eat and Drink

Prayer of Blessing

Eating the Bread (unison):

“The bread which we eat is the communion of the body of Christ, broken for us on the cross.”

Drinking the Cup (unison):

The juice of the cup which we drink is the communion of the blood of Christ, shed for the forgiveness of our sins.”

Hymn: **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** **#327**

Sending

Postlude

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS
PEACEFULLY. SIMPLY. TOGETHER.

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Interim Pastor – JD Glick
Worship Leader – David Smith
Music Director - David MacMillan
Organist/Pianist - Gaylon Hevener

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Pray for Ferne Rohr (The Legacy), Don Markle, Libby Tussing (Waynesboro Manor), Stanley and Brenda Shackelford, Melba Cline, Fred Wilkerson Sr., Fred Wilkerson Jr., Judy Zdinak, Dick Bartenslager, Vernon and Cleo Simmons, Allen Sandridge Sr. (The Legacy), Jay and Rosalie McLearn (Shenandoah), AJ Sandridge, Daniel Melton, Delton Botkin (Delmer's brother with heart stints), Emily Edwards' friend Dennis in Nicaragua, Linda Propst, Sue Whisman, Bob Armbruster, David Shearer, Wallace Clark, Cindy Spitzer, Russell and Sandy Roberts, Phyllis Lunsford, George Sullivan, Scott and Sally Shomo's dear friend Mattie Marsh, Annie Collins' brother-in-law, Bob Howell, Norma Shoemaker, Bob Weiss, Mabel Lou Weiss' brother-in-law, Paul Wampler, Nancy Ralston, Alex Adkins (Steve and Cindy Spitzer's granddaughter's husband), Charlotte Kennedy, Tony Reyes, Dan Packer, Jr. (son of Beth Packer), Sue Simmons's sister, Donna Marshall, Shirley Maust's sister, Betty Cupp, Mary K. Weaver and Kenneth Weaver (Sally Shomo's mother and brother), Sue Botkin

**Continue to pray for the healing and the safety of the Nigerian Brethren, the Chibok girls, and so many others who have had their lives uprooted.
Keep praying.**