

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2018

10:00am

Hymns can be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Betty Seaborn

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 182 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" HYFRYDOL

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Liz Garrigan-Byerly

SUNG BLESSING NO. 325 v.4 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" STUTT GART

Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

Children may proceed to Children's Church through the doors on piano side of the chancel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of all glory, beauty, and grace,

All: **We confess that we have looked away from your light, sometimes doubting its power, sometimes choosing a shadowy path. Sometimes forces beyond our will have shrouded us in darkness. (silence)**

Piano side: **We confess we need your light to reveal more truth, more beauty, and more grace than we can see on our own.**

Pulpit side: **We confess we need your light, to brighten dim places of discouragement or despair.**

Piano side: **We confess we need your light, to shine in shadowed corners where we tend to hide, out of sight of others' knowing or care.**

Pulpit side: **We confess we need your light, to cast out our sin and illumine the darkness in our world.**

One: God of transfiguration, forgive and transform us.

All: **Dazzle us with who You are. Dazzle us with new possibilities as Your people and as Your church. In Jesus' name, AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you, **All: and also with you.**
Please stand and share a greeting of peace with one another.

SOLO

“To ever-loving God”
Celeste Godin, soloist

Carson Cooman (b1982)

*Thou bidst me come; I cannot come; for why, Thou dwel'st aloft, and I want wings to fly.
To mount my Soul, she must have pinions given; for, 'tis no easy way from earth to Heaven.*

SCRIPTURES

Mark 9:2-9
2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Pew Bible p. 820
Pew Bible p. 939

SERMON

“Dazzle”

*HYMN NO. 183

“Jesus Take Us to the Mountain”

SILVER SPRING

Verses: 1- everyone, 2 - women, 3 - men, 4 - choir, 5 - everyone

OUR VILLAGE LIFE AND OFFERINGS

*Please sign and pass the fellowship book, which is located at the end of each pew.
Please use the prayer request slips, connection cards, and offering cards
found in the blue folders, and place them in the offering plate.*

Offertory

“A Canticle of Transfiguration”

Franklin Ashdown (b 1942)

*O Wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun He glows!
From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.
The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace;
The Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims His only Son aloud.
With shining face and bright array, Christ designs to manifest that day,
What glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.
And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery;
For which in joyful strains we raise, the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.*

*Doxology and Presentation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 184 "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Christ, We Praise Thee" *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

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TODAY

Chancel flowers are given today by the Garrison Family
who joined Village Church in 2017. Thank you!

9:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Eric Ogi

10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly
6th and 7th Grade Youth Group, Youth Room
Children's Church
Infant Through Threes, Family Worship Room 1st floor (9:50am)
Pre-K - Grades 5 & Grade 8, begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor

11:30am **Annual Meeting & Family Meal, Village Hall**

1:15 pm **Baptism Meeting, Parlor**

7:00 pm **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**

EKKLESIA

Before the church had a building with a steeple, it was simply people gathering in each other's homes and wrestling with the radically transformational values at the heart of Jesus' call to follow him.

The Bible calls these gatherings the *ekklesia*

This Lent we're embracing the significance of **ekklesia** for our lives and world today.

*Sign up after worship in Village Common
or through Signup Genius in the weekly Enews*

Sundays

March 4, 11, 18, 25

- 3-4:30pm
OR
- 7-8:30pm
(for parents
of HSYG)

Mondays

March 5, 12, 19, 26

- 7-8:30pm

Wednesdays

March 7, 14, 21, 28

- 10-11:30am
(for parents)
OR
- 2-3:30pm

Thursdays

March 1, 8, 15, 22

- 6:45-8pm
(for parents and
children, elementary
& younger)

Saturdays

March 3, 10, 17, 24

- 10-11:30am

EKKLESIA

Using multimedia short films, each week's topic will be introduced with a brief reflection by dynamic christian thinkers, pastors, and peacemakers.

Gathered in a host's home, groups will then be led by a pastor or an experienced lay facilitator into conversations about being human and how following Jesus might re-new and transform us & our world. As we journey together toward the cross and the empty tomb, *ekklesia* gatherings will seek to cultivate:



- session one:** dying in order to live
- session two:** claimed in our brokenness
- session three:** saved by grace & gratitude
- session four:** living the resurrection

no reading/preparation will need to be done to participate

Today!
*Annual Meeting
&
Family Meal*

11:30am
Village Hall



11:30am **Family Meal**
hosted by our children and youth

12pm **Annual Meeting**
*led by Moderator Susan Sullivan
concluding by 1pm*

\$10/person, \$25/family
suggested donation for lunch

Nominating slate is posted on the
church office bulletin board.

*Ash Wednesday is February 14th
Join us for a service of holy communion
and the imposition of ashes at 7pm in the Sanctuary
as we begin our Lenten journey.*

Your ministry team,
Sarah Sarchet Butter ~ Pam Emslie ~ Liz Garrigan-Byerly ~ Eric Ogi ~
David Carrier ~ Jodi Hitzhusen ~ Michaela McDonald ~ Keven McDonald



COMING UP

Join the Environmental Ministry in a Lenten Carbon Fast!

Lent is the time when we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, facing challenge and temptation. It is a time of repentance, reflection and action. During the upcoming Lenten Season -- *Ash Wednesday (February 14) thru Easter (April 1)* - we ask that members of our congregation prayerfully consider enrolling in the Ecumenical Carbon Fast, sponsored by the MACUCC. To enroll go to: <https://www.macucc.org/carbonfast>. We also invite participants in the Carbon Fast to an informal discussion after church each Sunday during Lent. Families are welcome.

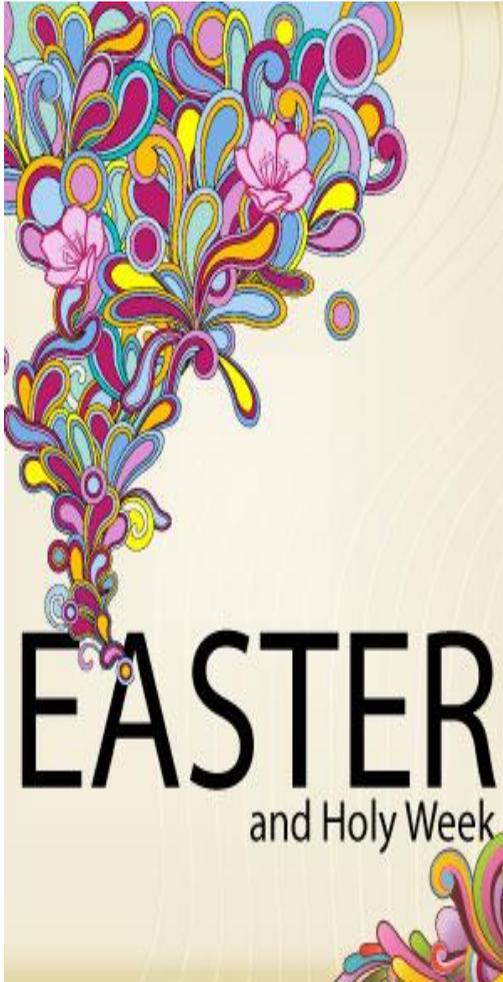
Church Leadership Commissioning – *Feb. 18, 10am OR Feb. 25, 9am*

If you are serving on any church board, deacon ministry team or committee, please be present at one of the above worship services so the congregation can bless your ministry this year.

Lenten EKKLESIA Groups

Thanks to the thoughtful work of Pastoral Resident, Eric Ogi, our Lenten journey of ekklesia begins in March! Sign up for a group and join the journey (see next page). Our hope is that there is a group for everyone and everyone chooses a group.

Common Art Gallery is being installed in the lobby this week. Thank you to all who purchased art from these talented, unhoused artists of Boston and donated art to the church's Common Art Gallery. Gratitude also to all who helped host the Common Cathedral Artists; it was a most inspiring Sunday for all involved!



The Drama of Holy Week


Palm Sunday

March 25
9am & 10am


MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29
7pm


GOOD FRIDAY

March 30
12pm & 7pm


He is RISEN

Easter Sunday
April 1

- 6am** Bonfire Vigil
- 7am** Sunrise Service
- 8am** Breakfast
- 9am** Celebration Service
- 10am** Fellowship & Easter Egg Hunt
- 11am** Celebration Service