

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 25, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP "Prepare Us" (vs. 1 solo, vs. 2 & 3 all)

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

solo Pre - pare us for the Liv - ing Christ. Pre - pare us as we lis - ten,
all Pre - pare us as Your tem - ple here. Pre - pare us by Your ho - ly
all Great God of lov - ing u - ni - ty, Our Fa - ther, Spir - it, Ho - ly

Lord. Our hearts and lives re - ceive Your Word. Pre -
breath. Pour out Your love, our life, Your death. Pre -
Son, In You we long to live as one. Pre -

pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord. Lord.
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WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 401 "O God in Whom All Life Begins"

NOEL

On the final verse children are invited to gather on the chancel steps.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eric Ogi

*Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today is Bodie Knox Burgo,
son of Emmy & Sean Burgo and grandson of Anne Harvey Grote.
Bodie's godparents are Ryan & Jessica Hanna and Marty & Nicole Praisner.*

Invitation

Covenant Promises of the Parents

Covenant Promises of the Godparents

Covenant Promises of the Congregation

Deacon: Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to this child who is about to be baptized?

All: We will, with the help of God. With this sacrament we welcome this child into the fellowship of Christ's church. We promise to receive him as a child of God, nurture him in Christian faith, and grow with him in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Pouring of Water & Prayer of Blessing

Sacrament of Baptism & Presentation of Prayer Blanket

Deacon: See what love God has for us, that we should be called children of God.

All: Holy One, we thank you for Bodie; bless him and keep him, now and forever. Give him faith and strength for life's journey, the joy of fellowship, the freedom to love, and the hope of new life, through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

Introduction to the Family of Faith

SUNG RESPONSE "Great Work Has God Begun in You" PUERNOBENASCIUR

**Great work has God begun in you, so let the Spirit follow through;
The mark of Christ upon your brow, baptismal touch remember now.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Spirit, You formed us with the breath of life, refractions of divine goodness. But we confess, O God, that in our pride and arrogance, we have preferred our own ways above your ways. You call us again to the waters of baptism, that we might die to our own egos and be raised to renewed living in you. Breathe your Spirit within us again, that we may be a forgiving and reconciling people. Form us into vessels of peace, that we might touch the world with compassion and healing. (silence)

All, singing:

Lord have merc-cy up - on - us, Christ have mer - cy up - on - us,
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Lord have mer - cy up - on - us.

(Silence)

One: Creator and Redeemer and Sustainer of love itself,

All: **Send your Spirit upon us, that we may choose love, abundantly and continually.
In Christ's name we pray, 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.

ANTHEM

“When All Thy Mercies, O My God”

CONTEMPLATION

*When all thy mercies, O my God, My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise.
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.
Through all eternity to Thee A joyful song I'll raise;
For O, eternity's too short To utter all Thy praise.*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-37

Pew Bible p. 820

SERMON

“Dying to Live”

*HYMN NO. 331

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

THE CALL

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

“God So Loved the World”

Bob Chilcott

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son
that who so believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life,
God so loved the world.*

***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. 212 “O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns”** CHARTERHOUSE
*During the last verse, parents may leave the sanctuary with the liturgist to join their children in
the Upper Room (second floor) for our Lenten closing prayer circle.*

APPRECIATION OF ERIN DONATO

***SUNG BENEDICTION NO. 353 “Great Work Has God Begun in You”** PUERNOBENASCIUR

**Great work has God begun in you; take on God’s love in all you do,
And may that love in you increase - now, with God’s blessing, go in peace.**

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*ALL ARE INVITED to share in refreshments and greet Erin in Village Common
(located through the doors nearest the pulpit).
Thank you to the **Board of Human Resources** for hosting today.
Please come!*

Family Lenten Prayer Circle—*every Sunday in Lent, at the end of 10am worship*

During the last verse of the final hymn, parents are invited to leave the sanctuary with the liturgist and join their children and youth in the Upper Room (second floor) for a time of prayer and spiritual practice.

TODAY

The Chancel flowers are given by the Village Churchwomen in celebration of the devoted service Erin Donato has provided over her 15 years to Village Church.

- 9:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Eric Ogi
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Rev. Eric Ogi
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
- 11:15am **Fellowship & Erin's Celebration, Village Common**
- 11:30am **A Conversation / Response to the Pandemic of Shootings, Chapel**
- 1:00 pm **Chinese Language School, Upper Level, B14**
- 7:00 pm **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**

A Conversation About Our Response to the Pandemic of Shootings will convene in the Chapel following Fellowship Hour. All are invited.

COMING UP

Overnight Pajama Party and Dinner Hosts Needed! *March 4th - March 11th for Family Promise.* Contact Christina Oliver (617-529-9246) or Diana Carroll (617-435-5383).

Village Churchwomen Lunch & Program, Tuesday, March 13th, Noon

Please join us for lunch & guest speakers Debbie Duval & Diane Seaborn. Debbie and Diane will share pieces of their trip that moved, surprised and caused them to grow during their journey to Israel & Palestine. RSVP to Ann Skipper by **Friday, March 2**, awskipper@verizon.net or sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

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

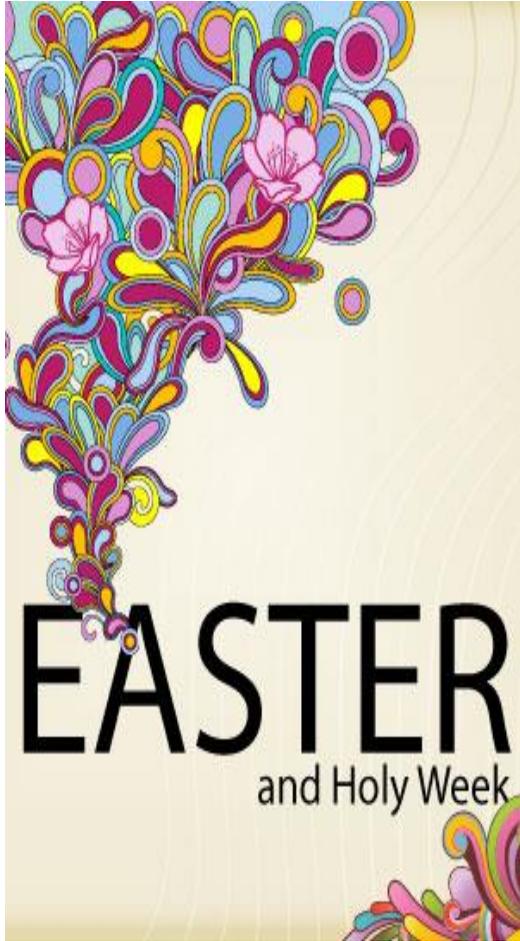
Using multimedia short films, each week's topic will be introduced with a brief reflection by dynamic christian thinkers, pastors, and peacemakers.

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



EASTER

and Holy Week

The Drama of Holy Week


Palm Sunday

March 25
9am & 10am


MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 29
7pm


GOOD FRIDAY

March 30
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