

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 4, 2018

10:00 am

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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Moment Musicaux #2
Allen Steere, *pianist*

Franz Schubert

RINGING OF THE BELL & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Amy Harris

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Prepare Us” (vs. 1 solo, vs. 2 & 3 all)

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, Your life, Your death. Pre -
Son, In You we long to live as one. Pre -

pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord.
pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord.
pare us, Lord. Pre - pare us, Lord. Lord.

WELCOME & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sarah Sarchet Butter

*OPENING HYMN NO. 70 “God Is Here! As We Your People Meet” ABBOT’S LEIGH

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SUNG BLESSING NO. 468 v.1 “The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young” CRIMOND

The care the eagle gives her young, safe in her lofty nest.

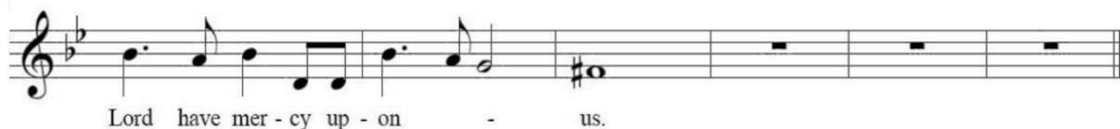
Is like the tender love of God for us made manifest.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-inviting God, we confess we are a resistant people. You invite us to be your guests at the all-inclusive table of grace; yet we decline the invitation, make excuses for our absence, declare our unworthiness, come half-heartedly, or show up with a grudge and criticize you or the other guests. Forgive our reluctance to be fully present to you and to the others you give us to love. By your Holy Spirit working within us, keep nudging us forward in faith. Open us to meet you where you meet us: in honest conversation, in relationships of care, in the embrace of a future shaped by shared hope. As followers of Jesus we pray. . .

All, singing:



(Silence)

One: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,

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

One: Lent calls us to the journey of love that triumphs over fear, of goodness that is stronger than evil, of listening to and loving our neighbors, and of becoming people of true connection and communion.

All: Let us journey together, trusting the grace and love of Christ who makes us new and invites us into a shared hope for the world. Amen.

*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.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13

Pew Bible p. 790

SERMON

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Liz Garrigan-Byerly

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is Christ's open table and all who wish to partake are welcome!

Come forward to receive communion and pray at the devotional stations.

If you are in the center of the sanctuary, come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you are in a transept, a server will be at the front of your area.

Gluten free bread and cup is offered by the piano.

If you prefer a blessing in words instead of communion, cross your arms over your heart.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise. . .

One: ...gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

People singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est,
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

*The Gift of the Bread and Cup

Communion Song “Erbarme Dich” (St. Matthew Passion) J.S. Bach
Vera Savage, soloist. Allen Steere, pianist
*Have mercy, my God, for the sake of my tears!
See here, before you heart and eyes weep bitterly.
Have mercy, my God.*

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.**

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 “Sicut Cervus” Giovanni da Palestrina
*As a hart longs for the flowing streams,
So longs my soul for thee, O God.*

*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

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 314** “Community of Christ” LEONI
*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.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “God, We Praise You Through Eternity” J.S. Bach

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ALL ARE INVITED to share in refreshments and conversation in Village Common
(located through the doors nearest the pulpit).

Thank you to the **Board of Nominating** for hosting today. Please come!

Public Voice Conversation Invitation we will convene in the Chapel following Fellowship Hour to have a conversation about our response to the pandemic of shootings. All are invited.

Family Promise Host Week Begins Today! *March 4-11*

We welcome the families that Village Church will host for the week. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who will shower love and hospitality.

TODAY

The Chancel flowers are given by Myra Hart and Kent Hewitt for the joy of sharing in the Village Church family.

- 9:00 am **Worship, Chapel**
Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly, Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter
- 10:00 am **Worship, Sanctuary**
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6th and 7th Grade Youth Group, Youth Room
Children's Church
Infant Through Threes, Family Worship Room 1st floor (9:50 am)
Pre-K - Grades 5 & Grade 8, begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor
- 11:15 am **Fellowship & Refreshments, Village Common**
Children's Learning Ministry, Room 209
- 11:30 am **Public Voice Conversation, Chapel**
Adult Learning Deacons, Parlor
- 1:00 pm **Chinese Language School, Upper Level, B14**
- 2:00 pm **Richard Dodds Memorial Service & Reception, Sanctuary, Village Common**
- 7:00 pm **High School Youth Group, Youth Room**
EKKLESIA (HSYG Parents), Parlor

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

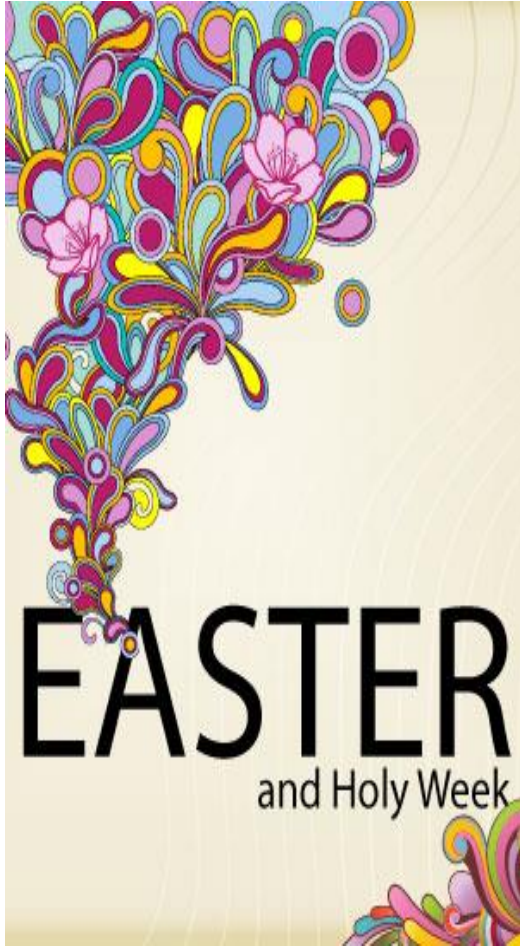
Using multimedia short films, each week's topic will be introduced with a brief reflection by dynamic christian thinkers, pastors, and peacemakers.

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