

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2018

10:00am

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

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Prepare Us”

1. Pre - pare us for the Liv - ing Christ. Pre - pare us as we lis - ten,
2. Pre - pare us as Your tem - ple here. Pre - pare us by Your ho - ly
3. 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, r our life, Your death. Pre -
Son, In You we long to live as one. Pre -

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

Liz Garrigan-Byerly

*OPENING HYMN NO. 51

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

On the final verse, please send children to the chancel steps.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Eric Ogi

SUNG BLESSING NO. 325 v.4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTTART

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: We have loved
too little
and too late.

Two: We have disengaged
too easily
and too coolly.

One: We have endured
too fearfully and
too immutably.

Two: We have cherished
too sparingly
and too lightly.

One: We have waited
too patiently,
too tolerantly.

Two: We have remembered
too selectively and
too carelessly.

One: We have dared
too timidly and
too composedly.

Two: We confess:
We have loved
too little and too late.

All, singing:



(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 "Prayer of Julian Norwich" Carson Cooman
*God, of your goodness, give yourself to me,
For you are enough for me: Only in your do I have everything; Amen.*

SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 9-15 Pew Bible p. 812

SERMON "Wilderness"

***HYMN NO. 451** "Be Now My Vision" SLANE

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 "Justorum Animae" Camille Saint Sæens

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They appear in the eyes of the foolish to be dead, yet they are in peace.

***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.**

Lay leaders, please come forward to stand on the Chancel steps.

***Prayer of Dedication & Commissioning of Lay Leadership**

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. 436** "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
*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.*

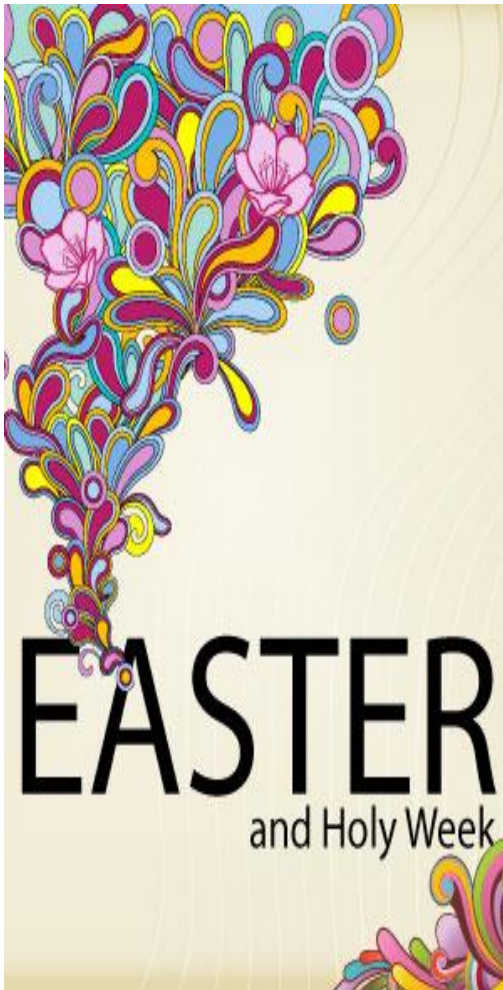
***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "How Shall I Sing That Majesty" Ken Naylor

Prayer of Confession written by UCC pastor, Rachel Hackenberg, inspired by the 4th century prayer of St. Augustine, "Late Have I loved You."

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

*Thank you to the **Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group** for hosting today.
Please come!*



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

TODAY

Church Leadership Commissioning – *Today, 10am, Sanctuary, OR Feb. 25, 9am, Chapel*

If you are serving on any church board, deacon ministry team or committee, please come forward to the Chancel steps during the Doxology for the Commissioning.

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 to the Upper Room (second floor) for a time of prayer and spiritual practice.

The Sanctuary **Chancel flowers** are given today by Sally and Mike Kellogg in celebration of the Stewardship Committee with gratitude for their commitment and hard work.

9:00 am **Worship, Chapel**

Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly, Rev. Eric Ogi

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 (9:50am)

Pre-K - Grades 5 & Grade 8, begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor

11:15am **Fellowship & Refreshments, Village Common**

Blood Pressure Screening, Parlor

Environmental Ministry Meeting, Room B15

1:00 pm **Premarital Meeting, Parlor**

7:00 pm **NO High School Youth Group**

COMING UP

Erin Donato's Coffee Hour Celebration, Sunday, Feb. 25, 11:15am

Please join us during fellowship hour after 10am worship next week as we celebrate Erin Donato and thank her for her many years of service here at Village Church. Erin's last day with us will be March 1st.

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