

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**February 18, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

## THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

*I Choose Love*

Mark Miller

(Written in response to the public statements of congregants following the tragic church shooting in Charleston, SC in June 2015.)

WELCOME

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

*Nothing Can Trouble*  
Chancel Choir

Taizé

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come, so God might open our eyes,

**that we may discover the wonders surrounding us;**

**that we may embrace the joy deep within us.**

We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

**that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us;**

**that we may sing the melodies of hope.**

We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

**that we may walk that street named Enduring Love;**

**that we may wait at the corner called Faithfulness.**

## \*HYMN NO. 165

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, God of Glory.

In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us.

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Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Time of Silence*

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession — confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness. What more do we need to sustain us as we continue as pilgrims along the Way?

**In every wilderness, on every road;**

**in every moment, in every life;**

**in every journey, in every heart,**

**we receive the daily bread we need – God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy.**

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

NO. 575



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

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on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

\*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(We greet each other: "The peace of Christ be with you.")

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Healing of the Good Earth*

Rev. Kathie S. Pownall

\*HYMN NO. 792

*There Is a Balm in Gilead*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*

Tune of HYMN NO. 693

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
And don't live out a faith that dares,  
And don't take on the ways of death,  
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**

**If we just dream of what could be  
And do not build community,  
And do not seek to change our ways,  
Our dreams of change are false displays.**

**If we just sing of doing good  
And don't walk through our neighborhood  
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,  
Our talk of good is simply vain.**

**God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs —  
That works for peace and justice, too.  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace* African-American spiritual,  
Chancel Choir arr. Moses Hogan

\*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

NO. 607

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Not tomorrow, but today we are offered the chance to become a part of your healing work, of bringing peace to a broken world, of feeding the hungry, and welcoming the excluded. Today, not tomorrow, we offer our gifts as well as our lives to this ministry of blessing and hope. Amen.

\*HYMN NO. 833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Trad., arr. M. Pressley

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**Welcome visitors!** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship following the service in the back of the Sanctuary.

**Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles** are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Assisting in the service of worship are:**

**Liturgist:** Carol Lind

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Jim Silvius

**Ushers:** Marcie Jorgensen, Melanie Slezak

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Helen Sproul in memory of loved ones.

**Weekly Prayer List (follows church directory):**

Kay & Alan Jewett

Marj Johnson

Joyce Johnson

Michael Jones

Whether you are a visitor, occasional attendee, or current/former/prospective member, **you can stay connected to the people, plans, and possibilities of Concord by subscribing to our weekly *Concord Connects* e-newsletter.** Just write a note on a Connection Card, along with your name and email address, and place in the offering.

**Pastoral Care:** The Rev. Kathie Pownall is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of emergency. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email [kspownallkathie@aol.com](mailto:kspownallkathie@aol.com) to set up a convenient time.

**Winter Weather Cancellations:** If conditions force us to cancel services or activities, we will send an email alert via our *Concord Connects* distribution list, leave a message on the Church Office voice mail (654-9652, opt. 1), have the cancellation included on WDEL1150 SnoWatch, and place a notice on Facebook and our website [www.concordpc.org](http://www.concordpc.org).



### **MARIAN D. DAFTER**

**May 15, 1922 ~**

**January 13, 2018**

A service in celebration of Marian's life will be held here at Concord this afternoon at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. Guests may greet the family and share memories of Marian at a reception following the service in Fellowship Hall.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/delawareonline/obituary-print.aspx?n=marian-dittrich-dafter&pid=187908275>

## **Sunday School & Family Activities**



### **"Pop Up" Fleece for Keeps Service Project**

**Today, 7:00-8:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

*All ages are welcome!*

Join us to cut and tie blankets for children in the foster care system. If you have fabric scissors or a rotary cutter, bring those as well. Little hands can help cut and tie, and coloring and other activities will be provided, too! **Ice cream sundaes to follow the group project.**

*Please RSVP to Christina Pressley  
after church today.*

### **Upcoming Youth Group Activities:**

- **Feb. 25** – No Youth Group gathering.
- **March 3** – 7:00pm @ Springer Middle School, *The Little Mermaid*. (Lucas Kroon has male lead.)
- **March 11** – Soup/Chili Cook-off & Chocolate Challenge following Gospel Sunday worship.



### *A Still Small Voice*

Suns. through Feb. 25

**9:30-10:20am, Jessie's Room**

As the class watches the video, Sister BJ, a student of mystical experience, will lead us in an exploration of the spiritual nature of humankind's eternal quest to understand ourselves, God, and the Universe.

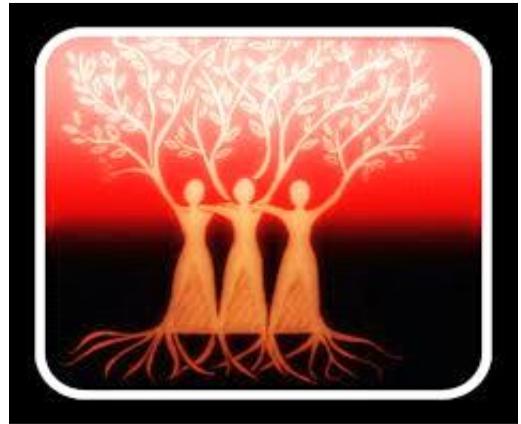
**Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge:** We are currently reading and discussing *Three Daughters of Eve* by Elif Shafak.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am in the Library.

**Faith in Literature** – Our next meeting will be **Monday, Feb. 19, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. No reading assignment; Pastor Elizabeth will join us, and we will spend some time getting better acquainted and discussing Concord and our vision for its future.

## Restoring Balance



### **A Lenten Study on Healing**

**Sundays, February 25 ~ March 18**

**Jessie's Room**

**(5:00pm - Dinner; 5:30-7:00pm - Study)**

#### **What to Expect**

**Feb. 25** - *Learning to listen to others and to the Source of Our Being*

**March 4** - *What is Healing?*

**March 11** - *Reconciliation and Healing: The spirit of forgiveness*

**March 18** - *Sources of Healing and a Healing Service*

*This study will be led by  
Pastor Elizabeth Lyman.*

## Discipleship in the World

**Church World Service Blanket Sunday – Feb. 25:** Your donation of \$10 per blanket will help those in great need in emergency shelters across the world. Whether individuals are experiencing a flood, fire, or earthquake, a donated blanket



can provide comfort and possibly save lives. Please consider a contribution – envelopes are provided in the pews. (*Checks should be payable to Concord Church, memo: Blankets.*)

**Emmanuel Dining Room East:** There is no 29<sup>th</sup> in the month of February, so we will *not* be needing hard-boiled eggs and cookies for EDR East this month. Just a reminder that eggs and cookies for our March meal should be left in the church kitchen no later than 10:00am on Wed., March 28.

## Preschool

**Claire's Gourmet Popcorn & Candy Fundraiser, now through Feb. 23:** Delicious goodies available for snacking or Easter baskets. Brochures available in Church and Preschool Offices.



### Winter Book Fair Feb. 26-March 2 Fellowship Hall

Come check out our Book Fair during Preschool hours. Books make wonderful Easter gifts, and purchases support our Preschool!



## Chili/Soup Cook-off & Chocolate Challenge

Sunday, March 11

following Gospel Sunday worship  
in Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a delicious lunch and decadent desserts while supporting our youth.

*Want to just eat? Simply show up!*

*Ready to compete for the coveted crown?*

Fill out an entry form for either the Cook-off or Challenge and place in the Church Office mailbox with your \$5 fee by March 4.



[Forms available in the back of the Sanctuary.]



## GOSPEL SUNDAY

March 11

10:30am worship

w/ Chancel Choir,

Sunday School Choir,  
& Contemporary Ensemble

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 18**

**Lent I**

**Kathie Pownall preaching**

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm Memorial Service & Reception – Marian Dafter
- 7:00 pm Fleece for Keeps & Sundaes – Fellowship Hall (*All ages welcome!*)

**Monday, February 19**

**Presidents' Day**

**Preschool closed**

- 9:00 am Diaspora Prayer
- 1:00 pm Faith in Literature
- 6:30 pm Mission Initiative – Jessie's Room

**Tuesday, February 20**

**Courier Deadline**

**Wednesday, February 21**

- 9:30 am Mug & Muffin Bible Study – Sanctuary Lounge

**Thursday, February 22**

- 11:30 am Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study – Library
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Chapel

**Friday, February 23**

- 5:30 pm Epiphany House Dinner

**Sunday, February 25**

**Lent II, Blanket Sunday**

**Elizabeth Lyman preaching**

**Ordination & Installation**

- 9:15 am Special Session meeting – Sanctuary Lounge
- 9:30 am Adult CE – Jessie's Room
- 9:45 am Concord Book Club – Sanctuary Lounge
- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50 am Sunday School for Children & Youth
- 11:45 am Outreach Subcommittee – Sanctuary Lounge
- 5:00 pm Lenten Dinner/Bible Study – Jessie's Room

**Monday, February 26**

- 9:00 am Diaspora Prayer
- 6:30 pm Mission Initiative – Jessie's Room

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