

*GOSPEL SUNDAY*

MARCH 11, 2018

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

10:30 a.m.

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

## THE TIME OF CENTERING

## THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

*A New World Coming*

Barry Mann/Cynthia Weil

Maria Hess, soloist

There's a new world coming, and it's just around the bend  
There's a new world coming, this one's coming to an end  
    There's a new voice calling, you can hear it if you try  
    And it's growing stronger with each day that passes by  
There's a brand-new morning, rising clear and sweet and free  
There's a new day dawning, that belongs to you and me  
Yes, a new world's coming, the one we've had visions of  
    Coming in peace, coming in joy, coming in love

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ron McKinney

## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

HYMN NO. 459

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* K. Medema, arr. M. Hayes

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 31, Psalm 51:10-12

Come! Cry out with the psalmist:

**“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”**

Write your laws upon our hearts, O Lord, and we will be your people.

**“Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.”**

Be our God, and we will be your people.

**“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.”**

Come, let us worship God!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Return to me with all your heart, says the Lord, with prayer and fasting, with weeping and mourning, with broken and contrite hearts.

**For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

O God, in your kindness, have pity.

**O God, in your mercy, wash away our sins. Cleanse us from the stain and guilt of the sins we cannot forget and those we cannot remember, for we have succumbed to temptation and have disobeyed you in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. We deserve your wrath and punishment. For the sake of Jesus Christ, turn your eyes from our iniquity and cover our guilt, that we may know again the joy of your salvation.**

### *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

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Free at Last*

Trad., arr. M. Pressley

*Refrain:* **Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, I’m free at last.**

v. 1 – high voices:

**Surely been ‘buked and surely been scorned (Thank God almighty I’m free at last)**

**Still my soul is-a heaven-born (Thank God almighty I’m free at last) [Refrain]**

v. 2 – low voices:

**If you don’t know that I’ve been redeemed (Thank God almighty I’m free at last)**

**Follow me down to Jordan’s stream (Thank God almighty I’m free at last) [Refrain]**

\*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.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Total Praise*

Richard Smallwood

Chancel Choir

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

*Wholeness*

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

\*HYMN

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

All: **He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands**

High voices: **He's got the land and sea in his hands;  
He's got the wind and rain in his hands;  
He's got the spring and fall in his hands;  
He's got the whole world in his hands;**

Low voices: **He's got heaven and earth in his hands;  
He's got the night and day in his hands;  
He's got the sun and moon in his hands;  
He's got the whole world in His hands.**

All: **He's got the young and old in his hands;  
He's got the rich and poor in his hands;  
He's got you and me in his hands;  
He's got the whole world in His hands. (repeat 2x)**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

LITANY FOR LENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

**Hear our intercessions.**

*(cont'd)*

For your church around the world,

**we ask new life.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church,

**we ask grace and wisdom.**

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines,

**we ask inspired discipleship.**

For Christians of every land,

**we ask new unity in your name.**

For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,

**we ask your divine blessing.**

For those who cannot believe,

**we ask your faithful love.**

For governors and rulers in every land,

**we ask your guidance.**

For people who suffer and sorrow,

**we ask your healing peace.**

*A time of silence*

Holy God, your Word, Jesus Christ, spoke peace to a sinful world

and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured.

Teach those who bear his name to follow the example he gave us.

May our faith, hope, and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace,

and death to eternal life; through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*I Sing Because I'm Happy*

Gabriel/Martin, arr. K. Paden

Chancel Choir

adapted by Rollo Dilworth

I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free;

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child*

NO. 126

**Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;**

**New life, new hope the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing:**

**"Glory, glory, glory!" Let the heavens ring.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious Spirit, you have showered us with your gifts, and we embrace you with thanksgiving. May our embrace be arms wide open, ready to share, to serve, and to love. Use our spiritual gifts that we may live the spiritual life, moving according to the Spirit's heated touch and bending in the direction of God's holy will.**

\*HYMN (see insert)

*I'll Fly Away*

A. Brumley, arr. M. Pressley

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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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 the Soup/Chili Cook-Off and Chocolate Challenge in Fellowship Hall following the service.

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

**Liturgist:** Raven Studer

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Ron McKinney

**Ushers:** Leah Berl, Dan Voelker

**Ensemble:** Bob Brown – percussion & sound, Boyd Holmes – bass,  
Bob Reuther – guitar, Matthew Pressley – piano

**The flowers today** are given by Albert & Dottie Lund in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Timothy & MaryBeth Lund, married March 11, 2017.

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

Carol & Phil Lind

Bobbie Longacre

Franny & Scott Linus, Olivia & Chase

Chad Longyear, Caroline

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

**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.

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 bag.



## Chili/Soup Cook-off & Chocolate Challenge

Come join us in Fellowship Hall after worship today and participate in this “heavenly” experience.

Sample culinary delights (\$1/sample) while supporting the youth attending the Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs, VA this June.

To-go” containers  
will be available.



## Sunday School & Family Activities

**Palm Sunday, March 25 & Easter, April 1:** All children and youth will participate in worship for these special Holy Days! An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for after worship on Easter.

**Youth Group – March 18, 5:00pm, *Can I See Your ID?*** Are you an athlete? A musician? The smart kid? Is that who you really are, or just what others see you as? You are wonderfully made in God’s eyes, and so much more than those labels. Spend some time identifying with who you truly are and celebrate YOU!



All are invited to join us for a  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Easter Sunday, April 1**  
**8:45 – 10:00am**

Sponsored by Family Ministries.  
Proceeds benefit Middle School Conference trip.

## Adult Education

**Creed: What Christians Believe and Why – Suns., through April 15, 9:30am in Jessie’s Room:** This six-week DVD series by Adam Hamilton looks at the *Apostles’ Creed*, an historic statement of foundational Christian faith. Come join the discussion.

**Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge:** We are currently reading and discussing *Orphan Train* by **Christina Baker Kline**.

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, March 19, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. Please read: “Ivy Day in the Committee Room” by James Joyce and “The Chrysanthemums” by John Steinbeck.

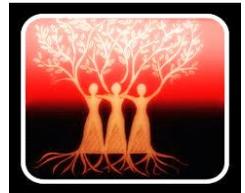
### *Restoring Balance:*

#### A Lenten Study on Healing

Sundays thru March 18

5:00 – Dinner; 5:30-7:00pm – Study

Jessie’s Room



March 11 - *Reconciliation and Healing:*

*The spirit of forgiveness*

March 18 - *Sources of Healing and a*

*Healing Service*

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## Congregational Meeting



**Sunday, April 8  
following worship**

By action of the Session of Concord Presbyterian Church, there will be a meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, April 8**, immediately following worship to elect an Elder, Class of 2019 and congregational members of the Nominating Committee.

## Friendship House Breakfast

**Closet:** On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women's Day Center. We urgently need the following items:



- cans of regular coffee
- 3-lb. bags of sugar, **sealed in plastic bag**
- large containers of powdered creamer
- large jars of peanut butter and jelly
- large boxes of regular tea bags.

Place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex. (Personal-size toiletries for women & men are also helpful.)

## CALENDAR

**Sun., March 11** *Lent IV – Gospel Sunday*

- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children & Youth Sunday School
- 11:45am Soup/Chili/Chocolate (FH)**
- 5:00pm Lenten Dinner/Bible Study (JR)

**Mon., March 12** **Church Office closed**

- 9:00am Diaspora Prayer
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawls (Sanct. Lounge)
- 6:30pm Mission Initiative (Jessie's Room)

**Tues., March 13** **Staff Meeting**

- 7:30pm Membership/Fellowship (Library)

**Wed., March 14**

- 9:30am Mug & Muffin (Sanct. Lounge)
- 7:00pm Deacons (Sanctuary Lounge)
- 7:00pm Finance – Jessie's Room

**Thurs., March 15**

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

**Friday, March 16**

- 7:00pm Special Guest Concert - Spirituals

**Sun., March 18** **Elizabeth Lyman preaching**

- 9:30am Adult CE – Jessie's Room
- 9:45am Concord Book Club (SL)
- 10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:50am Children & Youth Sunday School
- 12:00pm Worship & Music – Jessie's Room
- 5:00pm Lenten Dinner/Bible Study (JR)
- 5:00pm Youth Group

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Special Artist Guest Concert

## **“In His Hands”**

An Evening of Spirituals and Standards

**Friday, March 16 ~ 7:00pm**

Concord Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

with countertenor Gus Mercante and soprano Hope Koehler,  
accompanied by pianist Terry Klinefelter.

Don't miss these fabulous artists performing some of their specialized repertoire. Gus, a local native, is an extremely thoughtful and gifted musician; his colleague Dr. Hope Koehler of West Virginia University is also highly accomplished.

# I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

U 1. Some glad morn-ing when this life is o'er,  
P 2. When the shad-ows of this life have gone,  
U 3. Just a few more wea-ry days and then, } I'll fly a-  
fly a-way,

way; fly a-way; { to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,  
like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,  
to a land where joys shall nev - er end,

## Refrain

I'll fly a-way, fly a-way, I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry,  
fly a-way, fly a-way, fly a-way,

I'll fly a-way, fly a-way. When I die, hal-le-  
fly a-way, in the morn-ing.

lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a-way, fly a-way.  
fly a-way, fly a-way.