

# THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

10:30 a.m.

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

## THE TIME OF CENTERING

*Alone with none but Thee, my God, I journey on my way;*

*What need I fear when Thou art near, oh King of night and day?*

*More safe am I within Thy hand, than if a host did round me stand.* ~ St. Columba, 6<sup>th</sup> century

## THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE      *Salley Gardens/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*      Celtic folk melodies,  
Liane Gehret, Marj Johnson – flute; Bob Brown – percussion;      arr. M. Pressley  
Hiroko Yamazaki, Matthew Pressley – keyboards

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

Dick Carter

## SILENCE AS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43, Psalm 126

God is about to do a new thing! Do you not see it?

**Where should we look?**

Now it springs forth. Do you not sense it?

**There is water in the desert. There are roads in the wilderness.**

God is doing something new.

**God is doing something wonderful.**

We are God's people.

**We rejoice in our God.**

Come, let us worship the Lord!

## \*HYMN NO. 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

v. 1 – all

v. 2 – high voices

v. 3 – all (harmony)

v. 4 – low voices

v. 5 – all

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

Prayer of Patrick of Ireland (389-461)

May the strength of God pilot us.

**May the power of God preserve us.**

May the wisdom of God instruct us.

**May the hand of God protect us.**

May the way of God direct us.

**May the shield of God defend us.**

May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil  
and the temptations of the world.

**May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us.**

May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen

(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

God is doing a new thing: transforming our fears into courage, our tears into joy, our worries into generosity. We are God’s people – a people blessed by divine forgiveness and abundant love. Know that your sins are forgiven.

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Jesus, Remember Me*

NO. 227

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

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\*GREETING OF PEACE

The greatest thing we have is the love of God in Christ. Such love is a precious gift, a rare treasure. Share this gift as you offer one another the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.** (We greet each other: “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Christina Pressley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ancient Celtic prayer

We are bending our knees

In the eye of the Father who created us,

In the eye of the Son who purchased us,

In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed us,

In friendship and affection.

(cont’d)

Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,  
Bestow upon us fullness in our need,  
Love towards God, the affection of God,  
The smile of God, the wisdom of God.  
The grace of God, the fear of God, and the will of God  
To do on the world of the Three,  
As angels and saints do in heaven;  
Each shade and light, each day and night,  
Each time in kindness, give Thou us Thy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:20-36

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*We Would See Jesus*

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

\*HYMN NO. 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

\*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

NO. 215, v. 3

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;**

**To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,**

**While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;**

**While millions join the theme, I sing!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, in Jesus Christ we have found our true treasure. Grateful for the faith we have found, we bring our gifts in answer to your call to live in righteousness. Through our giving, draw us into a deeper understanding of your love. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work that you do  
with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light, and renewal  
to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration, and excitement.

May you be present in what you do.

May you never become lost in bland absences.

May the day never burden.

May dawn find you awake and alert,  
approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities, and promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered, and protected.

May your soul calm, console, and renew you.

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sunshine warm upon your face.

And the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

POSTLUDE

*Salley Gardens/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Reprise)*

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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.

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 it in the offering.

**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:** Rob Eppes

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Don Potter

**Ushers:** John Barineau, Dottie Harding

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by Chloe & Ron McKinney, celebrating March birthdays in the McKinney family.

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

Marie Lower

Dottie & Al Lund, Wesley

Tim & MaryBeth Lund

Terry Lynch

**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.

Throughout the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by *One Great Hour of Sharing* – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



***One Great Hour of Sharing* offering will be received throughout the Lenten season. Look for designated envelopes in the pews, donate through the [PC\(USA\) website](#)** [please specify that the gift comes from our

congregation], or text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10. Please share God's love with our neighbors-in-need here and around the globe.

## Sunday School & Family Activities

**Youth Group – today, 4:30pm, *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!

**Palm Sunday, March 25 & Easter, April 1:** All children and youth will participate in worship for these special Holy Days! (No Sunday School classes.)



**Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Sunday, April 1 following 10:30am worship:** Children are invited to bring (or borrow) a basket and collect as many Easter eggs as they can find! There will be two hunts: children through age 4 on the front lawn and grades K-5 in the courtyard. Once the children have collected the eggs, they will trade them in for an Easter Goodie Bag! Please RSVP to Christina to ensure we have enough bags (302/654-9652, [christina.pressley@concordpc.org](mailto:christina.pressley@concordpc.org)).

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.

*No classes Easter Sunday, April 1.*

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**

**Today, March 18**

**5:00 – Dinner (FH);**

**5:30-7:00pm – Study (JR)**

***Sources of Healing and a Healing Service***



## Flower Guild

### Easter Decorating Dates:

- *Fri., March 23, 9:30am* – strip palms for Palm Sunday
- *Fri., March 30, 9:30am* – Decorate Sanctuary for Easter

*All are welcome – many hands make light work.*

**A Time to Remember:** Every Easter, the Flower Guild fills the Sanctuary with lilies and spring flowers donated by those wishing to honor or remember a loved one. If you would like to



contribute a flower, make your check for \$15 payable to Concord, memo: “Easter flowers.” Please include a note as to how the bulletin dedication should read and drop the check in the offering.

### Fellowship/Outreach/Evangelism



### NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

**Wed., May 16**

**Tickets ~ \$60/person**

Enjoy a Broadway show, museum, shopping, or just see the sights. Bus departs from the Concord Church parking lot at 7:15am, and leaves NYC at 6:00pm to return around 8:30pm. Contact the Church Office ([margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org](mailto:margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org), 654-9652) for tickets. This bus has only 35 seats, so please try to reserve your seats by April 1 if at all possible.

Concord now accepts credit card donations. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or app will connect you to a Concord website page. Click on the blue “Donate Now” button to enter a secure portal where you can enter donation amount and credit card information. You will receive an email acknowledging the donation.



## 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.)

# Holy Week AT CONCORD

PALM SUNDAY || MARCH 25 || 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY || MARCH 29 || 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY || MARCH 30 || 12:00 PM\*

EASTER SUNDAY || APRIL 1 || 7:00 AM\* & 10:30 AM

(\* AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN)

## Calendar

**Sunday, March 18**

**Lent V**

**Rev. Elizabeth Lyman preaching**

- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary/10:50 am Sunday School for Children & Youth
- 12:00 pm Worship & Music – Jessie’s Room
- 4:30 pm Youth Group – *Can I See Your ID?*
- 5:00 pm Lenten Dinner/Bible Study – Fellowship Hall, Jessie’s Room

**Monday, March 19**

**Diaspora Prayer**

- 1:00 pm Faith in Literature – hosted by Joyce Johnson

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Preschool Chapel**

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

**Thursday, March 22**

**Thaddeus Arc Men’s Bible Study**

- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir – Chapel

**Friday, March 23**

**Epiphany House Dinner**

- 9:30 am Flower Guild (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, March 25**

**Palm Sunday, Communion**

**Elizabeth Lyman preaching**

- 9:30 am Adult CE – Jessie’s Room
- 9:45 am Concord Book Club – Sanctuary Lounge
- 10:00 am Youth Choir and Bells
- 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary (*No Sunday School for children & youth*)

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