

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **BOLD** print

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Habitat Build – April 5

Marj Johnson (she/her)

INTROIT

Adoramus te, Christe

Taizé

Chancel Choir

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,
who by thy holy cross hast redeemed the world.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bettye Shirar, liturgist (she/her)

One: We set foot into Lent traveling along the road to suffering with our Savior, Jesus. The pains that he endured on the cross, he endured for us that the agony of our sins might be replaced by his glory. Christ is with us in our suffering,

ALL: REMINDING US OF THE GLORY YET TO BE.

One: We are afflicted in every way,

ALL: BUT NOT CRUSHED.

One: We are perplexed,

ALL: BUT NOT DRIVEN TO DESPAIR.

*HYMN NO. 775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: LOVING GOD, WE FIND OURSELVES DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE WORLD. WE SEE INJUSTICE AND THE TALK OF WAR AND WAR ITSELF. IT IS HARD FOR US TO FIND FAITH IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH THAT EVEN IN THE MOST DIFFICULT HOURS WE CAN LIVE AS YOUR PEOPLE. HELP US TO FIND LIGHT EVEN WHERE THE WORLD SEES NO LIGHT. HELP US TO FIND HOPE EVEN WHEN IT FEELS LIKE THERE IS NONE.

YOUR SON HUNG ON THE CROSS AND EVEN AT THAT MOST DIRE HOUR HE TURNED TO YOU. MAY WE DO THE SAME. FORGIVE OUR LACK OF FAITH AND STRENGTHEN US FOR THE TIMES THAT ARE AHEAD.

[Time of silent prayer]

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (all sing) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* NO. 582

**GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME,
AND TO THE SON, WHOSE GRACE HAS PARDONED ME,
AND TO THE SPIRIT, WHOSE LOVE HAS SET ME FREE.**

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

[Turn to those around you and share with them words and signs of peace.]

WONDERING TIME

Christina Pressley (she/her)

[Following Wondering Time, children & youth leave to attend J.A.M. or Sunday Seekers.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**ALL: OPEN OUR EYES THAT WE MAY SEE GLIMPSSES OF TRUTH YOU HAVE FOR US.
OPEN OUR EARS THAT WE MAY HEAR THE GOOD NEWS THAT WE CAN SHARE.
OPEN OUR EYES, ILLUMINE US, SAVIOR DIVINE. AMEN**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)

One: This is the word of our Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON

"Temptations!"

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Romans 10:8b-13

ALL: "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, ON YOUR LIPS AND IN YOUR HEART" (THAT IS, THE WORD OF FAITH THAT WE PROCLAIM); BECAUSE 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. FOR ONE BELIEVES WITH THE HEART AND SO IS JUSTIFIED, AND ONE CONFESSES WITH THE MOUTH AND SO IS SAVED.

(cont'd)

THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "NO ONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL BE PUT TO SHAME." FOR THERE IS NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN JEW AND GREEK; THE SAME LORD IS LORD OF ALL AND IS GENEROUS TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM. FOR, "EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In Dat Great Getting' Up Mornin'

arr. Jester Hairston

Chancel Choir

I'm gonna tell you 'bout the comin of the judgment (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Ders a better day a-comin (Fare ye well, Fare ye well!)

Refrain:

In dat great gittin up mornin', fare ye well, fare ye well!

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Oh, preacher, fold your Bible (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

'Fore de last soul's converted (Fare ye well, fare ye well!) *Refrain*

Blow your trumpet, Gabriel! (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Lord, how loud shall I blow it? (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Blow it right calm and easy. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Do not 'larm all my people. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Tell them all to come to the judgment. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!) *Refrain*

Den you see dem coffins bustin'. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Den you see dem folkses risin'. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Den you see de world on fire. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Den you see de stars a fallin'. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Den you see dat forked lightnin'. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Den you hear dat rollin' thunder. (Fare ye well, fare ye well!)

Fare ye well, poor sinner! (Fare ye well, fare ye well!) *Refrain*

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Amen

No. 600

AMEN, AMEN.

AMEN, AMEN, AMEN.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

Once to Every Soul and Nation

Tune: NO. 181

ONCE TO EV'RY SOUL AND NATION COMES THE MOMENT TO DECIDE,
IN THE STRIFE OF TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD, FOR THE GOOD OR EVIL SIDE;
SOME GREAT CAUSE, SOME GREAT DECISION, OFF'RING EACH THE BLOOM OR BLIGHT,
AND THE CHOICE GOES BY FOREVER 'TWINX THAT DARKNESS AND THAT LIGHT.

THEN TO SIDE WITH TRUTH IS NOBLE, WHEN WE SHARE HER WRETCHED CRUST,
ERE HER CAUSE BRING FAME AND PROFIT, AND 'TIS PROSPEROUS TO BE JUST;
THEN IT IS THE BRAVE SOUL CHOOSES WHILE THE COWARD STANDS ASIDE,
TILL THE MULTITUDE MAKE VIRTUE OF THE FAITH THEY HAD DENIED.

THO' THE CAUSE OF EVIL PROSPER, YET THE TRUTH ALONE IS STRONG;
THO' HER PORTION BE THE SCAFFOLD, AND UPON THE THRONE BE WRONG:
YET THAT SCAFFOLD SWAYS THE FUTURE, AND, BEHIND THE DIM UNKNOWN,
STANDETH GOD WITHIN THE SHADOW, KEEPING WATCH ABOVE HIS OWN.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Chancel Choir

Spiritual

POSTLUDE

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here today. If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Concord, how you can get involved, or how we can help or support you, fill out one of the Connection Cards in the pew with your contact information. You can place the card in the offering or give it to a greeter as you leave. The peace of Christ be with you.

The flowers today are given by Dottie & Al Lund in fond memory of Wesley Alan Lund.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: John Barineau

Liturgist: Bettye Shirar

Greeter: Marj Johnson

Livestream Team: Bob Brown, Chip Hazel, Bonnie Twilley, Nancy Tucker

Restrooms: All-gender, single stall handicap accessible restrooms can be found in the narthex and near Fellowship Hall. A baby changing table can be found in the one near Fellowship Hall. Men's and women's restrooms are located behind the chancel and near Jessie's Room. Feel free to use restrooms that conform to your gender identity.

J.A.M. Session



(Jesus and Me!)

After Wondering Time, children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the J.A.M. leaders to the Sunday School hallway where they are led through activities and crafts provided in the PC(USA) lectionary curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, that are in response to the scripture shared during the service.

SUNDAY SEEKERS – Grades 5 -12*

following Wondering Time

This Bible Study includes reading scripture together and then sharing responses in a safe and welcoming environment.

**5th graders can choose to attend either J.A.M. or SUNDAY SEEKERS*



YOUTH SUNDAY

March 16 at 10:00am

Please join us as Concord's children & youth lead us in meaningful and spirit-filled worship!

Chancel Flowers

Donating the flower arrangement for the front of the sanctuary is a lovely way to honor or remember a family member or commemorate a special occasion. If you are interested, please contact the [Church Office](#) – dates in March and April are available!



HIGHMARK.



WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

WALK WITH US!

Walk to benefit Friendship House

Saturday, May 3

Wilmington Riverfront

Registration now open – [click here](#) to join or support the Concord Team!

[Concord's team is "Concord Cares" - Christina Pressley, captain.]



FRIENDSHIP HOUSE TOILET PAPER DRIVE

At its many sites, Friendship House goes through a LOT of toilet paper. Concord is holding a toilet paper drive for them during the month of March. Please bring whatever you are able to donate and put it on the right side of the narthex as you enter.

We hope to build a huge "snowman" there. At the end of March, we will deliver it to Friendship House. Thank you!



Mug & Muffin – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom: Our weekly **Mug & Muffin** Bible study meets again **Wed., March 12 from 10:00-11:00am**, led by Pastor Eric Markman. To join the Zoom gathering **online**, click [here](#).

Concord accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will allow you to make **credit card** or **PayPal** donations to Concord.
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to **donations@concordpc.org**.



The Progress Pride flag displayed in our Sanctuary is a visual representation of Concord's mission to be a welcoming and affirming congregation to the LGBTQIA+ community. In addition to the traditional rainbow colors, the black and brown stripes represent marginalized people of color, as well as those living with HIV/AIDS. The light blue, pink, and white stripes represent the transgender community, reflecting traditional gender colors (pink and blue stripes), as well as those who identify outside the gender binary (white stripe). The chevron (triangular) shape symbolizes forward movement, and its placement along the left edge shows that progress still needs to be made.

Bring your smile and a simple snack to share at Gathering Time after worship! Nothing fancy or homemade required. Set out cups, beverages, napkins, trash can, and your snack. Hot beverages are made by the Deacon in Charge on Sunday morning. As things wind down, return all unused supplies and empty hot beverage containers. Kindly wipe off the table and sweep the floor as needed. Thanks for your hospitality! Dates open in March and April. Click on link below to sign up:



www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4DA9AB2EA2F94-concord?



HABITAT BUILD 2025

Concord Church and Preschool and the Fairfax community are putting a team together for a Habitat Build day, and **WE NEED YOU!**

- **WHEN:** Saturday, April 5, 8:00am – 3:00pm
- **WHERE:** We will meet at the Habitat headquarters at 1920 Hutton Street, Wilmington, DE 19802 at 8:00am
- **WHO:** Anyone 16 years of age or older. Lunch will be provided but bring water to drink during the day. Wear work clothes and sturdy shoes.
- **WHY:** To transform people's lives and our neighborhoods.
- **HOW:** Click on the link below to sign up and fill out the Habitat questionnaire required to participate. Do this now and put the date on your calendar so we know we have a team ready to go. You will get an email closer to the date with all the details about that day and the site we will be at.

https://habitat-for-humanity-of-new-castle.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=59470&job_name=concord%20presbyterian%20church

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