



Where Your Treasure Is...A Journey Towards God

Worship Bulletin
9 AM Service of Community and Sacrament
10:30 AM Service of Worship

9:00 A.M.

SERVICE OF COMMUNITY AND SACRAMENT

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 21, 2010**

Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.

GATHERING MUSIC *Adoro Te Devote* arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to a place of peace and reflection.

**We gather as searchers,
aware of the difficulties of seeking that which is not always obvious,
prepared to be open to God's presence,
ready to hear God's Word in Scripture,
through the writings of those who take God seriously,
through each other's observations and
in the silences between all these things.**

Come, let us worship.

HYMN # 26 *We Worship You, God* LYONS

A TIME FOR CENTERING

Silence...

READINGS

Traditional Reading: John 8:1-11 Ginny McDonagh

Contemporary Readings: One sentence from a speech by Sr. Helen Prejean and
excerpts from her book "*Death of the Innocents*"

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

NOURISHED BY THE WORD

But what if the adulteress had been a murderess?
But what if the adulteress had gone and sinned again?
But what if it was my husband, wife, child taken by a killer's action?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let us recall that when Jesus told the disciples that he would be leaving them that he promised the presence of the Holy Spirit in the future. Let us remember as well that he affirmed for them and for us that the Holy Spirit would both comfort and challenge with that presence. Let us feel that power with us at all times.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING****BENEDICTION**

May the God who shakes heaven and earth,
And shakes us up with questions and nuances,
Whom death could not contain,
And who expects us to live life fully,
Who lives to both disturb and heal us,
Bless us with a power to go forth
And proclaim our understanding of the gospel.
Amen.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 433**

In the Bulb There Is A Flower

PROMISE

10:30 A.M.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Adoro Te Devote
Stuart Kern, Double-Bell Euphonium

arr. Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Isaiah 43:1-21 and Psalm 126

Come, Beloved, for the Great Giver has restored your fortunes –
Let us tell of abundance as we shout with joy!
Come, Growers, for the Creator has brought up rivers in the desert –
Let us declare our praise as we plant our fields!
Come, Pilgrims, for the Righteous One has set a path through the sea –
Let us rejoice as we make our journey!
Come, People of God, for the Holy One has done great things for us!
Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise # 26**

We Worship You, God

LYONS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, every day you ask us to be your people. In times of struggle, you send us light. When we are tried and weary, you give us energy and hope. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water. As we search for Lenten treasures show us the joy of discovery and open our eyes to new possibilities. Help us see Christ as our center and inspiration. Together we pray, **Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Words from the Minister

Introduction

Questions to the New Members

Is it your desire to enter into covenant relationship with Christ Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ?

Response

It is. We will seek to be faithful, with God's help. We pledge to share with you the joys and sorrows of our life together, affirming our mutual ministry in Christ.

Christ Congregational Church Covenant

Ann Marshall

We covenant with one another as a community of faith grounded in God, the source of all life. We seek to walk in the ways of God's abiding love, made known or to be made known to us through the Holy Scriptures, the life and teachings of Jesus, and the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives and worship. Affirming that all persons are created in the image of God, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. In our life together we endeavor to support each other on our spiritual journeys with open minds and loving hearts. We hold it to be the mission of the church to embody the good news of God's love for all people by laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, and the reign of peace. We work and pray for the transformation of ourselves and all creation into realms of God's compassion; and in faith we place ourselves in God's hands, in death as in life.

Welcome and Promise from the Congregation

Pete Macleod

We, members and friends of Christ Congregational Church, welcome you with great joy into our Christian walk, work and worship. We pledge to you our love and prayers. God grant that by loving and being loved, serving and being served, forgiving and being forgiven, we may truly be your people and further your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Signing Book of Membership

Doris Raber

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Amy L. Lewis

SCRIPTURE

John 12:1-8

Ann Marshall

SERMON*"Mary Had A Little Lamb"*

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us pray,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amy L. Lewis

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Sicut Cervus
The Chancel Choir

G. P. da Palestrina

Like as the hart desires the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after thee, O God

***DOXOLOGY**

sung to the tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, all that we have and all that we are belongs to you. Sharing with you what we have is a blessing to us. We dedicate this day, not only the things we can put in a plate or write on a piece of paper, but also the things we cannot touch: our hearts, our spirits, our passion, our resolve. Use them and use us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 433**

PROMISE

*In the Bulb There Is A Flower***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace.
 God has done great things for us, and we rejoice.
**We go forth from this place to do great things in the name of Christ
 whose call leads us to restoration and new life.**

POSTLUDE*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*

Johan Pachelbel

Flowers

The arrangement on the altar is from Sue
 in memory of John W. Dollins, Jr.'s birthday and
 in celebration of Susan Henderson's ministry with CCC.

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The God who shakes heaven and earth gives us water,
 bursting forth with joy to quench our thirst on the journey.

Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 28

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 · Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-9a · Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11 · Luke 22:14-56

CCC Calendar for the Week

Sunday, March 21

- 9:00 AM Service of Community and Sacrament - Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:30 AM Service of Worship-Reception of New Members – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Church School
- 11:45 AM Chapel Choir – Choir Room
- 11:45 AM Lenten Series – *Faithfully Facing Dying* – Conference Room
Topic: Continued Discussion - Physician Aid in Dying
- 11:45 AM Sisters for Sisters – Room 107
- 12:30 PM Brass Ensemble Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Covenant Class – Conference Room

Monday, March 22

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting – Room 107
- 7:30 PM Stewards of the Earth – Room 206

Tuesday, March 23

- 9:30 AM Senior Adults Water Color Painting – Social Hall
- 2:00 PM Senior Adult's Tea – Social Hall

Wednesday, March 24

- 12:00 PM *Days of Simplicity* Concert – Sanctuary
Mary Ann Willow and Nae Pearson – Piano and Organ Duets
- 12:45 PM *Days of Simplicity* Luncheon – Conference Room

Thursday, March 25

- 6:30 PM Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, March 26

- 7:00 PM Jesus Seminar – Conference Room

Saturday, March 27

- 8:30 AM Saturday Stitchers – Room 208

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

- 9:00 AM Service of Community and Sacrament - Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:30 AM Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Church School
- 11:45 AM Chapel Choir – Choir Room
- 11:45 AM Lenten Series – *Faithfully Facing Dying* – Conference Room
Topic: Looking Back and Moving Forward

Monday, March 29

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting – Room 107
- 7:30 PM “Staring at Spaghetti” – Tim White – Room 206

Large Print Bulletins are available.
Please make your needs known to an usher.

Children's Worship Activity Bulletins and pew packets of crayons are available each Sunday in a basket located by the doors to the sanctuary. Please return the crayons to the basket at the end of the service.

Assistive Listening Devices are available for people needing hearing assistance during worship. Ask an usher for one.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Entrance Hall or in the pew racks.

*You are welcome to join the electronic **prayer chain** by contacting the church office.*

What is Happening With Christian Education Today?

During the 9:00 service

Adult Education *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room

Childcare for infants through two-year olds in the nursery - Room 106

During the 10:30 service

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106

Childcare for toddler/two year olds - Room 003

Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) - Room 006

Kindergarten – Room 107

First Grade – Room 208

Second and Third Grade – Room 009

Fourth and Fifth Grade – Room 207

Middle School – Room 206

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