



Worship Bulletin, February 5, 2012

10:30 am Service of Worship

Christ Congregational Church, UCC

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*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Church
Becoming an Anti-racist Church*

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2012

**Please stand as you are able*

Please turn off mobile phones before worship begins

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Amy Lewis

PRELUDE

O Sing Unto the Lord

Hans Leo Hassler

The Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Amy Lewis

Seize each moment with passion and conviction. Act decisively, even without fully knowing the personal cost or the outcomes. Discern the difference between what can and should be changed NOW, and what is best left alone, at least for the time being. Take action today in one area where you can make a difference.

We are committed to a world of peace, compassion, and justice. Let us worship God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #588**

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ST. THOMAS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jeanne Young

based on "A Return to Love" by Mariann Williamson

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

For every mountain, there is a miracle of fear conquered.

We ask ourselves, *Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?* Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

For every mountain, there is a miracle of potential realized.

You were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within you. It's not just in some; it's in everyone. And as you let your own light shine, you unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

Our empowering presence moves mountains and liberates others to their highest aspirations.

We pray these holy and ancient words . . .

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

FIRST READING

Mark 1:29-39

Jeanne Young

TIME WITH CHILDREN	The Souper Bowl	The Youth Group
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>A Technicolor Promise</i>	The Chapel Choir
CALL TO CONFESSION		Pastor Amy Lewis

Let us confess together that we have not always lived as those forgiven, set free, and united in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION (IN UNISON)

**God, source of life and grace, we are aware that we are, at time, creatures of fear and habit.
Through the healing touch of Christ, set us free to live and to love, that we may be the people you
have created us to be.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Let us praise god with songs of joy

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Believing that all people are children of God, greet each other with a sign of peace.

SECOND READING	Acts 5:14-42	Pastor Matt Braddock
MEDITATION	“Principles of Spiritual Activism: Speaking Truth to Power”	
CALL TO OFFERING		Pastor Matt Braddock

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY	<i>I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord</i>	Carl Schalk
	The Chancel Choir	

*DOXOLOGY		DUKE STREET
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)		Jeanne Young
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**God, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my tongue
to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you
may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me. I give you my whole self
that you may grow in me.**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING THE TABLE		Holly, Coby and Sean Stephens
COMMUNION HYMN # 583		AUSTIN

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor Amy Lewis

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Pastors Matt Braddock & Amy Lewis

Keeper of our days,
 we are grateful for the ways you have been revealed to us in the past:
 through the love of community – gathered here and beyond;
 through nature and the beauty each season brings;
 and through a shared hope ignited within us that does not flicker or fade.
 Confident of your love,
 we bring our whole selves into your presence:
 our achievements and our failures,
 our proud moments and our hidden shame,
 our undying dreams and our detached resolve.
 At this gracious table we meet you
 in bread made of common wheat,
 broken and shared and made whole again
 through a sacred communing with all of creation.

**Spirit of All Life,
 move among this bread and this cup
 and make us mindful of our oneness with all creation
 so this meal of simple substance
 may become a true communion
 with the one who makes every tomorrow possible.
 In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SINGING AS WE COMMUNE

Ricky Manalo

Life - giv - ing bread, _____ as our hearts are trans -

formed a - new, _____ and life - giv - ing wine, _____

— may we share in a life with you. _____

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, we give you thanks for the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by this meal, that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your church may be a place of inspiration in an uncertain world. Amen.

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 347**

LINSTEAD

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

***BENEDICTION**

Pastors Matt Braddock & Amy Lewis

POSTLUDE

Gordon Young

Toccata
from Sonata Brillante

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Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Redonna Chandler
in memory of her father, Randall Chandler.

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Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday, February 12th:

- 2 Kings 5:1-14
- Psalm 30
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Mark 1:40-45

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, toddlers & two year-olds in the Nursery - Room 106
Lambs (3 and 4 year-olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year-olds) Room 006
K-5th Grade: Leave for Communion Lesson following Children's Time
& rejoin families in the Sanctuary for Communion
Middle School collects for Souper Sunday for Shepherd's Table
immediately after the Service.

Chapel Choir

For K through 5th Graders

11:45AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Youth Group

No youth programs tonight.

CCC Calendar for the Week of February 5th:

Sunday, February 5th / Sabbath Sunday

- 8:00 AM** ONA Group Meeting (Room 206)
- 9:00 AM** Adult Ed Contemporary Theology Class (Conference Room)
- 9:00 AM** Service of Worship
- 10:30 AM** Service of Worship
- 11:45 AM** Capital Campaign Issues Forum (Meeting Room)
- 11:45 AM** Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday, February 6th

- 12:00 PM** Staff Meeting (w/ Mary Pence) (Conference Room)
- 6:45 PM** Cub Scout Webelos 2 Den (Social Hall)
- 7:30 PM** Executive Council (Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 7th

- 7:00 PM** Tiger Den Meetings, Cub Scout Pack (Room 208)
- 7:30 PM** Tuesday Evening Mankind Group (Room 009/010)

Wednesday, February 8th

Shepherd's Table (Off Site)

Thursday, February 9th

- 7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, February 10th

Church is not open on Friday evenings, except 3rd Friday of the month

Saturday, February 11th

- 8:30 AM** CCC Saturday Stitchers (Room 208)
- 9:00 AM** Cello Choir Class (Choir Room)
- 10:00 AM** Yoga for Beginners and Gentle Yoga (Meeting Room)

News and Events at CCC



Dear Congregation,

MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on ^{February 5th, 2012} Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to

Shepherd's Table of Silver Spring

our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Preston Der, Miston Jones, Sean Cef Helging, Nick Mitchell
 Andrew Bonn, Seth Robinson, Dawn Williams
 Isaac Eric, Colby Kells, Joe Ryan, Jonathan Hosh
 Aaron Peterson, Brianna Staples, Lucas Hirsch
 Nate Braddock

2011 Tax Year Statements

2011 Tax Year statements and quarterly statements are **now available** in the basket outside of the CCC Office. Please pick up your notices if you receive paper copies; this will save postage. Members who have signed up for e-mail PDF statements will not have paper copies made available.

Smart Meters and EMF: What You Need to Know **Silver Spring Library Today!**

Today at 1:30 p.m., at the Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, Montgomery County citizens can learn more about certain issues raised by PEPCO's plans to install Smart Meters in all homes by the end of 2012. A Smart Meter is a digital electric meter with two wireless radio-frequency transmitters. An urban planner/building biologist, Diana Schultz, and an electrical engineer, Tom Wilson, will answer questions about potential health effects, functionality, privacy issues, and lack of consent, and talk about what can be done. For more written information, see the Information Bulletin Board on the second floor at CCC. To attend the event, one needs to register by e-mailing Elizabeth Nobbe at: **ean52@rcn.com**.

Shepherd's Table Needs Volunteers!

We need some more volunteers to help serve food at the homeless shelter from **5:30 to 7:30 Wednesday, February 8th**. No experience necessary. Please sign-up today on the sheet outside of the office or call John Peterson.

Valentine's Tea

The Seniors will be holding a Valentine's Day Tea on **Tuesday, February 14th from 2 – 4 p.m.** in the Social Hall. It will feature the romantic singing of our own Dr. Nae Pearson at the piano! A donation of \$5.00 is requested. Sign up on the bulletin board. Contact Neville and Audrey Platt with any questions.

New Yoga Programs at CCC

Christ Congregational Church is launching **two pilot yoga programs** exclusively for our congregation. Classes are designed to cultivate spiritual nourishment and bonding among families and generations. Join Lama Dajani, Yoga Alliance registered teacher, in exploring yoga beyond the mat. For inquiries, call Lama Dajani at 202 258.5404 or visit: **www.lamadajaniyoga.com**. Classes will be held in the Meeting Room. Cost is \$5 per person per class. Wear stretchy or loose fitting clothing and *bring your yoga mat*. Come to class on a relatively empty stomach.

Family Yoga: Let's bring yoga to the entire family to challenge our bodies and nourish our souls.
2nd Sundays: February 12, March 11, & April 8 from **12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**

Intergenerational Yoga: Let's bring ages 10 to 60+ active older adults together to experience the benefits of yoga across generations.

3rd Sundays: February 19, March 18, & April 15 from **12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**

CCC Book Group Meeting on February 12th

The CCC Book Group will next read and discuss **Hannah Coulter** by Wendell Berry. It's a novel (part of Berry's Port William series and available in paperback) that takes place in rural Kentucky from the 1940's to the present. We will meet to discuss it on **Sunday, February 12th at 7 p.m.** at the home of Eleanor Waldrop. Please contact Mary Stone for more information.

"Rising Images" at the Tate Gallery

Please enjoy the new Tate Gallery show "Rising Images" by Ron Rising. An accomplished photographer, Ron is also an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He and his wife, Sharon recently moved to the area from Connecticut.

Nancy Dixon

Nancy Dixon (daughter of Ruth Lugar and sister of Linda Lugar) died on Monday, January 30th at age 67 from cancer. She was a 54 year member of this church. She is survived by her husband Tom, four children and two grandchildren. She was cremated and her remains will be taken to their family vacation home in Virginia in the spring. Visitation will be held **Wednesday, February 8th from 6 -- 9 p.m.** at Donaldson Funeral Home, 313 Talbott Ave, Laurel MD (between Rtes. 216 and 198, just off Rte. 1). Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Howard County, 5537 Twin Knolls Rd., Suite 434, Columbia, MD 21045.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee

We welcome input from the members of the congregation as we continue to improve communication between the congregation and the Senior Minister. In observance of Valentine's Day, our February meeting has been moved to **Wednesday, February 15th at 7:15 p.m.** For more information, contact Lynn White.

Spend A-While on the Nile!

Nope, it's not where CCC Chancel Choir is going on its upcoming tour. Nope, it not where the staff is planning to hold their next retreat. It **is** the name and location for the next children's choir musical for the spring season. The musical will be presented in May on Mother's Day at the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir and cast of characters are rehearsing (today right after church!) in the choir room on the second floor. Singers, actors, dancers of **all ages** between K and 6th grade are encouraged to join in the cruise down the Nile, the location of so many wonderful Bible stories. Listening CDs and "text- only" song-sheets for easy home learning and reinforcement will be available for everyone! This is great for singing along in the car, on the way to sports practices, etc. ... We have all marveled at the wonderful leadership that this young choir has offered the music ministry through recent productions such as "It's Cool in the Furnace," "A Technicolor Promise," and "Under the Sea in 3-D" -- children of all ages won't want to miss the opportunity to help the Captain (just wait 'til you see who that is!!!) of the cruise ship as everyone explores the stories of a great and mighty river in "Spend A-While on the Nile!" Join us at rehearsals immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service each and every week!

CCC Scout Sunday - February 12th

On Sunday, February 12th, CCC will celebrate Scout Sunday - a morning to acknowledge Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages in our faith community. If you are a Scout (past or present), come to the 10:30 am worship service dressed in your Scout uniform. If you have earned your Scouting religious award, Boy Scout Eagle Award, or Girl Scout Gold Award within the past year, please notify Trish Esposito by **today** so we may recognize you on Scout Sunday.

A note about Boy Scouts and CCC's Open and Affirming Covenant:

CCC is a charter organization for Cub Scout Pack 275- elementary school aged boys, their parents and parent leaders. In this role, CCC supports the Cub Scouting principles of citizenship, compassion, cooperation, courage, faith, health and fitness, honesty, perseverance, positive attitude, resourcefulness, respect, and responsibility. As an Open and Affirming church, CCC honors and celebrates people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities and sexual orientations. CCC does **not** support the Boy Scouts of America's discriminatory policy that excludes gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons from membership and leadership positions. CCC does not sponsor or serve as a charter organization for a Boy Scout Troop. In the past, CCC has communicated with local and national leaders of Boy Scouts of America and urged them to reverse their policy that contributes to a widespread attitude of insensitivity, discrimination and even hatred for those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. To learn more about religious awards in Scouting or more information about Scout Sunday, contact: Trish Esposito or Ann Keeler.

Social Witness Concerns

Upcoming Educational Sessions on the Middle East to start March 4th

The first educational session on the Israeli/Palestinian situation being planned by CCC's now-forming Middle East Group, initially scheduled for mid-February, will be held on Sunday, March 4, after the second service. This first meeting will be spent viewing the new film, BUDRUS, a documentary about the non-violent resistance of a Palestinian village, with help from Israeli peacemakers and international supporters, to the destruction of their olive trees and other property in the way of the Separation Wall. Watch for more announcements of the full schedule of sessions.

The Super Bowl and Human Trafficking

Did you know that the Super Bowl, as the biggest sporting event of the year, is a major destination for criminals who exploit young girls? According to information obtained by the national UCC's Justice and Peace Action Network (JPA-Net), last year between 10,000 and 15,000 prostitutes worked during the Super Bowl. At least 100,000 children are trafficked into the US each year for forced labor, sex, or other criminal activities, and many more are taken from state to state. JPA-Net is urging UCC members and friends to contact their governors and the NFL to urge them to support the strengthening of anti-trafficking laws at the state level. For more information about this issue and about how officials in Indiana, site of this year's game, are addressing it, go to **www.ucc.org/justice** and scroll down to "Action Center." You can also send an electronic message to Members of Congress and perhaps also to the governor of Maryland.

An Opportunity to Help Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence

The UCC's Justice and Peace Action Network (JPA-Net) is also urging UCC members and friends to contact their members of Congress about reauthorization of the Violence of Against Women Act (VAWA) which was first passed in 1994. This legislation "supports the work of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, courts, shelters, and programs to stem domestic and dating violence, sexual assault and stalking." The 2011 version of the VAWA would increase funding, especially for rural areas and for assistance to Native American women, for linguistic services, and for programs that address the effects upon children who witness domestic violence. Members of Congress need to be urged to co-sponsor, support and fully fund this legislation. Go to **www.ucc.org/justice** and scroll down to "Action Center" to read more about this bill and to send an electronic message to your representatives.

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