



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

(Please use the prelude to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Open yourself to the Spirit of God moving in our midst.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sarah Ho (9:00)

*Sung Call to Worship 388 (sing twice)

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

*Opening Sentences

Gianni Salbego / Molly Schnieders

(from *Keeping in Step with the Spirit*, posted on the [Calvin Institute of Christian Worship](#) website)

One: If God is for us, who is against us?

All: **God who gave us Jesus, now gives us the Spirit in power!**

One: The Holy One is in our midst:

All: **equipping us for life in the service of Christ.**

One: In Christ we are more than conquerors,

All: **for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!**

One: May the all-surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And the unshakable love of God be with you.**

One: The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: **Let us worship God, the three in one!**

Godspeed for the White Family (9:00)

Karen, Dan, Kate, Arthur, Evan and Alice

A Time for our Youngest Disciples

Deb Helms

(During the singing of the following hymn at 9:00 a.m., children Kindergarten and younger may go to their Sunday School room with their teachers.)

***Hymn 401** (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Litany Prayer of Confession (based on Psalm 139:7-12)

Gianni / Molly

One: Where could I go to get away from your spirit?

All: **Where could I go to escape your presence?**

One: If I went up to heaven, you would be there.

All: **If I went down to the grave, you would be there too.**

One: If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—

All: **even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight!**

One: If I said, “The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me;”

All: **even then the darkness isn’t too dark for you!**

One: Nighttime would shine bright as day, because darkness is the same as light to you!

All: **Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and shape what we shall be;**

**that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hold tight to the assurance of your forgiveness through Christ’s great love.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.**

***Sung Response to Pardon 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us share the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(Let us exchange the peace of Christ with our neighbors.)

Prayer for Inspiration

Gianni / Molly

First Scripture Reading Romans 8:35-39 (N.T. p. 148)

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Song of Joy

Arnold Sherman

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:43-48 (N.T. p. 5)

Sermon

Paradoxes of Faith

Deb Helms

***Affirmation of Faith** (written by Kenneth I. Morse)

Deb

One: He was the Son of God.	All: He was the Son of Man.
One: He came down from heaven.	All: He was born in a stable.
One: Kings came to his cradle.	All: His first home was a cave.
One: He was born to be a king.	All: He was a child of Mary.
One: He was the greatest among rulers.	All: He was the least among servants.
One: He was loved and honored.	All: He was despised and rejected.
One: He was gentle and loving.	All: He made many enemies.
One: He counseled perfection.	All: He was a friend of sinners.
One: He was a joyful companion.	All: He was a man of sorrows.
One: He said, "Rejoice."	All: He said, "Repent."
One: "Love God with all your heart."	All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
One: "Don't be anxious."	All: "Count the cost."
One: "Deny yourself."	All: "Ask and receive."
One: In him was life.	All: He died on a cross.
One: He was a historic person.	All: He lives today.
One: He was Jesus of Nazareth.	All: He is Christ the Lord.

Commissioning of Young Disciples (9:00)

One: You have heard the Word proclaimed.
Now may you go forth, ready to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: **Amen.**

Children in **grades 2 – 3** may meet their Sunday School teachers at the **front** of the sanctuary.
Young people in **grades 4 – 8** may meet their teachers at the **back** of the sanctuary.

***Hymn 754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

Reception of New Members (9:00)
Presentation

Stan Cook and Beth

*We are pleased to welcome the following people to membership at CPC:
David and Caitlin Greene
John McClenahan and Amy Glynn*

Renunciations and Profession of Faith

Welcome

All: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to Community Presbyterian Church to share with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ. We are the family of God, for we are all one in Christ.**

The Offering

Call to Offering

Gianni / Molly

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God whom we adore, Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Church Tidings

Minute for Mission: Child Care Center Plant Sale
Minute for Administration & Personnel

Beth
Betsy Roca
Phil Lorenz

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Beth

Prayers of the People (We lift this prayer to God. **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 726** (vs. 1-4)

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 726** (vs. 5)

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgists:

Gianni Salbego (9:00)
Molly Schnieders (10:30)

Clarion Bell Choir

USHERING THIS MORNING: Michele Vickery, Donna Gabanski, Todd Petersen, Abby Petersen (9:00)
Linda Lindon, Jim Lindon (10:30)

HOSPITALITY: The Birtch Family

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

in worship — the squiggly, the sleeping, the giggling and the goldfish snacks!

PREACHING TODAY

is Deb Helms, Director of Youth Ministries. Deb will be retiring in June after serving as a volunteer youth leader after college and beyond and then serving 25 years on the youth staff! Deb was baptized and confirmed at CPC, met her husband John in youth group and then went on to raise her children, Matt and Brooke, at CPC. After retiring, she is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren, Elliot and Evelyn!

THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

are given by Beth Freese Dammers and Sam Dammers to the glory of God and in celebration of the ministry, passion and fun of Deb Helms.

Next Sunday in Worship
April 22
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on
Acts 4:32-5:11
Community of Believers
Chancel Choir

Space for your reflections

SAVE THE DATES!

Please mark your calendar for these celebrations:

Sunday, April 29: Honoring the ministry of Cathy Stahr in worship (9:00 a.m.) with a 10:00 a.m. Retirement Reception in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 2: Retirement party for Deb Helms / Youth Group reunion (5:00-10:00 p.m.) on the church lawn

Sunday June 3: Honoring the ministry of Deb Helms in worship (9:30 a.m.)

Baskets will be available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall for the receiving of your cards, congratulations and notes of thanks.

This week at CPC:

Today, **Sunday, April 15**

Worship — 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. — Session meeting to receive new members

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8th Grade

10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor

5:00 p.m. — Disciples & Post-Disciples Cubes

7:00 p.m. — Westminster Fellowship

Monday, April 16

9:00 a.m. — *Beautiful Mess* CH Starbucks

7:30 p.m. — CE-C Meeting Parlor

7:30 p.m. — Youth leaders off-site

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group Parlor

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel

7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministers Rm. 6/8, 7

7:00 p.m. — Membership Committee Chapel

Wednesday, April 18

9:30 a.m. — Circle of Voices Parlor

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8

7:00 p.m. — CE-Y Committee Chapel

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir Sanctuary

Thursday, April 19

9:00 a.m. — Thursday Morning Devotions Chapel

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

7:00 p.m. — Mission & Outreach Committee Chapel

Friday, April 20

Church office closes at 12 noon.

6:30 p.m. — Disciples leave for retreat

Saturday, April 21

7:00 p.m. — PADS

Sunday, April 22

Worship — 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8th Grade

10:30 a.m. — *Tracing Our Faith* Parlor

11:30 a.m. — Finance Committee Chapel

3:00 p.m. — Disciples return from retreat

5:00 p.m. — Post-Disciples Cubes

No WF

Children & Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Nursery — 8th grade)

Children Nursery through 1st Grade should meet in their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. 2nd-8th graders join with their families at 9:00 a.m. worship and will be sent forth with their teachers to Sunday School after the sermon. Classes dismiss at 10:15. For more information, please come to the church office.

DISCIPLES AND POST-DISCIPLES CUBES

will meet at 5:00 p.m. today. **WF will meet at 7:00 p.m.** for flag and egg football.

Caravan applications are due TODAY, April 15! Don't miss out!

Adult Education

THE PRESENT WORD

will not meet today or on April 22. Class will resume Sunday, April 29. For more information, contact Walt King, wwkingo6@gmail.com.

TRACING OUR FAITH

will meet today at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. They are viewing a series called *Reading Biblical Literature — Genesis to Revelation*, which will delve into the literary structures and symbolism of the Bible. For information, contact Ron Eshleman: reshleman@vi-institute.org.

THE MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men from the church are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. Questions, contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753.

THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

meets from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We are beginning a new book, *Eat With Joy* by Rachel Marie Stone. Books are available in the office for \$14.00.

CIRCLE OF VOICES

the women's book discussion group, will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 to discuss *The Lilac Girls: A Novel* by Martha Hall Kelly. After the discussion everyone is invited to go out for lunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop at 630-963-8474

What's Happening At CPC...

SAVE THE DATE — PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

will be **Tuesday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m.** A delicious breakfast will be prepared and served by Circles 1 and 2. After that, we will be entertained by Gregg Morton and Jann Mochelle as they present their program, “Songs That Should Be Shared” (spelling intentional). Jann is a voice teacher in Downers Grove. They will present a variety of vocal music, both solos and duets, with guitar and piano accompaniments. They will also have some audience participation. Every woman is invited to join us!



JUBILEE RESALE — July 26, 27, & 28!

Save the dates and save your stuff for our annual mission resale! **Our first early drop-off date** (if you can't save your things until July) will be **Saturday, May 12, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Pick up a flyer in the narthex or on the credenza with more information.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO STRONGHOLD

CPC is organizing an adult work trip to support the ministry of Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center August 23-26. Stronghold would like us to help rehab and spruce up the Carriage House building, connected to one wing of the castle. There will be painting, exterior wood trim replacement, repairs to the building both inside and out. You do not need to be a carpenter or have special skills. There will be work for all.

- Four-day trip, August 23-26 to Stronghold Castle in Oregon, Illinois (1:45 hrs away)
- Must attend all 4 days. **Open to 19 yrs or older.
- Cost is \$220/person. **Space limited to 20 people.

Applications are available in the narthex and on the credenza. Questions, contact Jason Salbego 708-721-0516 or John Helms 630-986-8683.

CHILD CARE CENTER PLANT SALE



The Child Care Center at Community Presbyterian Church is sponsoring its annual plant sale. We've teamed up with Bronswood Nursery to provide a wonderful selection of high quality plants. Place your order, pay ahead of time, and on pick-up day just drive through the CPC church parking lot to have your order loaded into your vehicle. It's that simple. We have a wonderful group of volunteers to make it easy for you!!

- Order forms are available in the narthex, on the credenza and on the church website
- Orders with payment are **due April 22!**
- Pick up at Community Presbyterian Church: May 12, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

**Proceeds from the sale benefit the
Community Presbyterian Church Child Care Tuition Assistance Fund!**



SPRING CHURCH WORK DAY: Saturday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Help us spruce up the building and grounds for spring. There will be a job for everyone! Come when you can; leave when you must. Coffee and donuts for the early birds. Stay for lunch — we'll be grilling! Contact Fred Veenbaas (fredrick.veenbaas@nrg.com) for more information.

*You are invited to a deeper life with God
through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

**For more information about our programs,
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