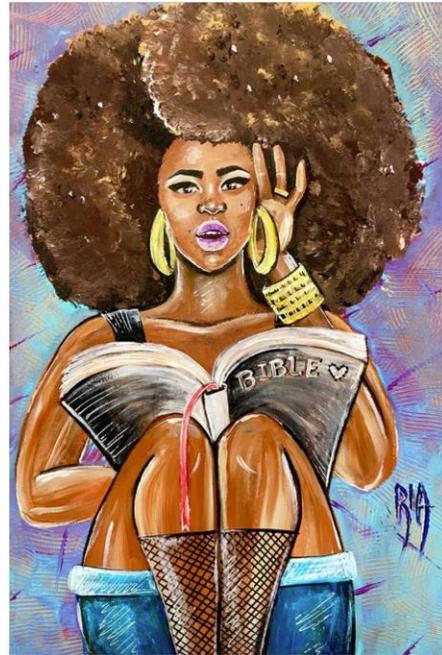




Community  
Presbyterian  
Church  
OF CLARENDON HILLS



*Aha Moment, by Ria*

## Service for the Lord's Day

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

### Prelude

*Praeludium in C*

Dieterich Buxtehude

(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

Dylan Connolly (9:00)

### \*Sung Call to Worship 587

*Alleluia!*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

### \*Opening Sentences

Matthew Lorenz / Dan Youngman

One: God calls us to worship in this place.

All: **But we do not worship alone. We are on this journey of faith together.**

One: The young and the old, those new to faith and those who have walked the path... we all gather here to learn about the Gospel.

All: **God wants us to help each other; in prayer, in praise, and in sharing all we have.  
Let us worship God!**

### A Time for our Youngest Disciples (9:00)

Rev. Lauren Cochran

(During the singing of the following hymn, children First Grade and younger may go to their Sunday School room with their teachers.)

**Call to Confession**

Matthew / Dan

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us and we deceive ourselves. With confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sins together.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Living God, you ask us to be with you in so many ways, and in so many ways we ignore your voice. When you ask us to teach others, we say we are too busy. When you ask us to try a different path, we say it's too hard. When you share your message in your Holy word, we say it's too confusing and we give up on seeking you. When you ask us to spread the Good News, we say we aren't qualified. Forgive us, Lord; we are afraid. *A time for silent prayer... Lord, help us.* Help us to say yes, and to follow when you lead. Transform us into the disciples you have created us to be. We pray through the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. Jesus knows every corner of our hearts, and every part of our past. In expectant hope for our futures, we are forgiven and loved by God.

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

**\*Sung Response to Pardon 582**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: As a sign that we are reconciled to God and to 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**

Matthew / Dan

**Responsive Psalm Reading**

Psalm 22:25-31 (CEB)

One: I offer praise in the great congregation because of you; I will fulfill my promises in the presence of those who honor God.

All: **Let all those who are suffering eat and be full! Let all who seek the LORD praise God! I pray your hearts live forever!**

One: Every part of the earth will remember and come back to the LORD; every family among all the nations will worship you.

All: **Because the right to rule belongs to the LORD, God rules all nations.**

One: Indeed, all the earth's powerful will worship God; all who are descending to the dust will kneel before the Lord; my being also lives for God.

All: **Future descendants will serve God; generations to come will be told about my Lord.**

One: They will proclaim God's righteousness to those not yet born, telling them what God has done.

All: **Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

arr. Mark Hayes

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 8:26-40 (N.T. p. 119)

Lauren

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**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.**

Young people 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.

**\*Hymn 183**

*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

AUSTIN

**The Offering**

**Call to Offering**

Matthew / Dan  
Johannes Brahms

**Offertory**

*Blessed Are They*

**\*Doxology words from 607**

*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**

Beth  
Phil Lorenz

**Minute for Administration and Personnel (9:00)**

**Celebrating Cathy Stahr**

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns (We lift this prayer to God, Lord hear our prayer.)**

**Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer (using "sins")**

**\*Hymn 722 (vs. 1 through 4)**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Lauren

**\*Response to Benediction 722 (vs. 5)**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak  
O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.*

CANONBURY

**Postlude**

*Improvisation on Nun Dankett alle Gott*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgists:

Matthew Lorenz (9:00); Dan Youngman (10:30)

Chancel Choir

**USHERING THIS MORNING:** Laura Glenn, Matt Glenn, Veronica Then, Michele Vickery (9:00)  
Tom O'Brien, Grace Miao (10:30)

**HOSPITALITY:** Laura Folliard

**OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN**

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE**

are given by Ann & Phil Lorenz to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry and service of Cathy Stahr.

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**CELEBRATING CATHY STAHR!**

We extend the warm and deepfelt thanks of the congregation to Cathy for her 29 years of service and loving care to the church and community. Cathy has been the rock and center of life at CPC and we have come to depend on her for everything from communication and compassionate listening, to where can I find a screw driver.

Cathy began her career with CPC in 1986 as a Child Care Center teacher for 4 years under then director, Nancy Hamouz. She continued sharing her love of teaching young children in the 3-year-old class of the Preschool where she co-taught with Cyndi Frost and Leslie Kindberg for 8 years.

3-year-old Preschool, 2000  
(See if you can find members Riley Roca,  
Sarah Harmet and Madison Bishop!)



In 1995, Jane Clarke Whittington approached Cathy about working some part-time hours in the church office doing Children's Ministry work under then director, Joan Reiner. She eventually took on more hours over the years managing the details of the children and youth programs for Cyndi Frost, Director of Children's Ministries and Deb Helms, Director of Youth Ministries. Cathy moved to full-time office work in 2005, taking on general office duties in addition to the children and youth work. Cathy was named Office Manager in 2012 and her title was changed to Church Administrator in 2016.

Today, Cathy supervises our custodian Charlie Justema and financial administrator Laurie Scola. She is the staff support to the House & Grounds Committee and assures that every need of the church building, manse and grounds is attended to.

Cathy looks forward to more leisure time for her great passions: reading and time with her four grandchildren. We thank Cathy for her loving kindness and her deep commitment to excellence in all matters.

Next Sunday **May 6**  
**Worship & Communion**  
**Rev. Beth Freese Dammers preaching on**  
**Acts 6:1-7:2a, 7:51-8.3**  
***Compassion and Conviction***  
Chancel Choir  
20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stephen Ministry

### **THE CHURCH OFFICE**

will be closed on Fridays beginning May 4 until further notice. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Space for your reflections

### **Children & Youth**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (Nursery — 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Children Nursery through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade should meet in their classrooms at 9:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 outdoor games — Capture the Flag and Egg football.

## **This week at CPC:**

Today, **Sunday, April 29**

**Worship — 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8<sup>th</sup> Grade

9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor

10:00 a.m. — Reception for Cathy Stahr Fellowship Hall

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

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

7:00 p.m. — WF outside games

**Monday, April 30**

7:00 p.m. — House & Grounds Rm. 8

**Tuesday, May 1**

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

9:00 a.m. — PW Faith & Fellowship Breakfast Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel

4:30 p.m. — Memorial & Gifts Parlor

7:00 p.m. — Stewardship Committee Chapel

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

**Wednesday, May 2**

1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change Rm. 6/8

6:30 p.m. — Mission & Outreach Chapel

7:30 p.m. — Chancel Choir

**Thursday, May 3**

9:00 a.m. — Thursday Morning Devotions

9:00 a.m. — Mission Sewing Rm. 8

7:00 p.m. — Clarion Bells

7:00 p.m. — Visual Task Force Chapel

**Friday, May 4**

Church office closed

**Saturday, May 5**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. — Church Work Day

**Sunday, May 6**

**Worship & Communion**

**9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

9:00 a.m. — Sunday School Nursery–8<sup>th</sup> Grade

9:00 a.m. — *The Present Word* Parlor

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

11:30 a.m. — 50+ Friends Luncheon FH

5:00 p.m. — Disciples Cubes & Mega-Cube

5:00 p.m. — Finance Committee Parlor

7:00 p.m. — WF Bigger, Better, Best

## **Adult Education**

### **THE PRESENT WORD**

will meet at 9:00 a.m. this morning in the parlor. Discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. For more information, contact Walt King, [wwking06@gmail.com](mailto:wwking06@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](mailto: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. They are starting a new book, *A New Kind of Christianity*, by Brian McLaren. Questions, contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753.

### **THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS**

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

## **What's Happening At CPC...**

### **50+ FRIENDS LUNCHEON**

The CPC Fabulous Food Masters are planning a delectable lunch for the 50+ Friends group on **Sunday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Join us for lunch and always wonderful fellowship.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

We will celebrate the **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stephen Ministry** at Community Presbyterian Church in worship on **Sunday, May 6**. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual one-to-one care for people facing challenges in their lives, such as loss of a loved one, illness, or loss of employment. This is a confidential ministry and the entirety of those receiving care and what takes place in a caring relationship remains private. For more information, please speak to a Pastor or send a confidential email to: [StephenMinistry@chcpc.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@chcpc.org)

## **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, “Shongs 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!



For many years the Presbyterian Women raised money to support local agencies through the profits from the sale of hand-made items at the annual bazaar. The Faith and Fellowship breakfast has taken the place of that fundraising event. Today PW members will be distributing information about the breakfast and offering envelopes. Your support by joining us for breakfast or making a contribution to our mission work is greatly appreciated.

## **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](mailto:fredrick.veenbaas@nrg.com)) for more information.

## **JUBILEE RESALE — July 26, 27, & 28!**

Save the dates and save your stuff for our annual mission resale! **Our next early drop-off date** (if you can’t save your things until July) will be **Wednesday, May 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.



**Thank you for your support of the  
CPC Child Care Tuition Assistance Fund!**

**Plant Sale pick-up: Saturday, May 12 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**  
Just drive through the church parking lot and we will load your plants for you.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**Saturday, June 2**  
**Retirement party for Deb Helms**  
**Youth Group reunion / Caravan Fundraiser**  
**5:00-10:00 p.m.**  
on the church lawn and parking lot.



There will be food to purchase; snacks, drinks, and cake.  
DJ and games will be included in the fun.  
Please consider making a donation for our Summer Mission Caravans  
in honor of Deb's service to our youth.

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

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through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

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Cathy Stahr  
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