



“Who Do You Say That I Am” by Lauren Wright Pittman
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Worship for the Lord’s Day Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024
9:30 am

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Cindy Berry

(In the setting of Tchaikowsky’s Concerto, Op. 23)

verse 1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Shelley Jaycox

Words of Welcome

Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words

Stan Cook

One: If you ask the sky who God is,

All: the sky will tell you of God’s reach.

One: If you ask the day who God is,

All: the sun will tell you of God’s warmth.

One: If you ask the night who God is,

All: the moon will tell you of God’s comfort.

One: “The heavens are telling the glory of God.” (Psalm 19:1). Are you listening?

All: We are listening! We will sing of God’s glory.

One: Let us worship Holy God.

Call to Confession

Stan

One: In our scripture for today, Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter said, “You are the Messiah.” Have you ever wondered if his voice faltered when he answered? Did he respond loudly and with confidence, or with a tentative whisper?

We’ll never know. The text doesn’t provide those details. But we can trust that, no matter how we speak to God, when we speak, God is listening.

So friends, join me in the prayer of confession. Whether you whisper these words or speak them with conviction, may you trust that our gracious and merciful God is listening with love. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness. Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith. Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers. Forgive us for losing sight of you. Some days we are quick to accept your blessings, trusting that we are called, and confident we can make a difference. Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in. Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves. We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith. But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves, we ask for your tender grace. Pull us closer toward you. Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Friends, whether you speak to God in a whisper or with clear conviction, with questions or with answers, with hope in your heart or with doubt in your throat,

All: God will always listen with love and mercy. So we rest in this good news: regardless of how loudly we live our faith—we belong to God. We are loved. We are claimed. We are forgiven. Let us speak this good news with confidence! Amen.

***Sung Response 604**

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Susan

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

All: And also with you!

***Sung Response 695**

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Following our time together, all children are invited to remain in Grace Space or join their families in the pews for the remainder of the worship service so they may participate in Communion.

Prayer for Inspiration

Stan

Scripture Reading

Psalm 19:7-14

One: ⁷The Lord's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.
The Lord's laws are faithful, making naive people wise.

**All: ⁸ The Lord's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.
The Lord's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.**

One: ⁹ Honoring the Lord is correct, lasting forever. The Lord's judgments are true.
All of these are righteous!

**All: ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold!
They are sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honeycomb!**

One: ¹¹ No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them;
there is great reward in keeping them.

All: ¹² But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong?

One: Clear me of any unknown sin ¹³ and save your servant from willful sins.
Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be completely blameless;
I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

**All: ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Beth

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Praise the Mount

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Affirmation of Faith

One: Jesus asked the disciples, "But what about you? Who do you say that I am?"
Church, what do you say?

**All: Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,
the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls.
Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt, and welcome for the stranger.
Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend —
with me on the mountain and beside me in the valley.
Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.**

One: Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

All: Like Peter, we say, "Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God."

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Stan

Offertory

Wondrous Love

arr. Jason Krug

Clarion Bell Choir



QRCode for Giving

*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

*Prayer of Dedication

Stan

Holy Communion

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers & Rev. Susan Tindall

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: (prayer continues)

...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

One: (prayer continues)

...Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(prayer continues)

Lord's Prayer (unison, using "sins")

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

***Communion of the People**

*Ushers will invite you to come forward for the receiving of communion.
All are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return via the outside aisles.
The center station offers allergen-free wafers and prepackaged communion elements.
Any with mobility challenges will be served in the pews.*

***Communion Music**

Interlude
Glenn Gabanski, organ

Alexandre Boëly

Prayer after Communion

All: We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the strength you have given us at Christ's table. Renew our convictions, bless us with energy and guide our steps so that all we do and say may bring about the recognition that you are the Christ, the son of the Living God. Amen.

***Hymn 543 v 1, 4, 5**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

***Charge and Blessing**

Beth & Susan

***Postlude**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

James Mansfield

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

Liturgy by A Sanctified Art LLC

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LITURGIST: Stan Cook

COMMUNION SERVERS: Sam Dammers, Ann Jaltuch, Kris Veenbaas

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

AV: Paul Abraham, Kathy Florence, Teagan Manning

Next Sunday in Worship, March 10
Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

Matthew 16:21-23; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

I'm Fixed Upon It

"Beseeching" by Hannah Garrity
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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Wandering Heart: "Praise the mount"



Who Do You Say That I Am?

by Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Matthew 16:13-20 *Digital painting*

I don't know if this was a moment of clarity for Peter, if he was regurgitating the answer he thought Jesus wanted to hear, or if he was trying to convince himself that dropping everything and following this man was worth it, but I imagine this was a breakthrough for Peter.

I wanted to capture this as a moment of seeing and being seen. Jesus sees him as more than Simon, a fisherman and son of Jonah, and renames him Peter, the blessed foundation through which his ministry would take root and continue to grow. Jesus sees Peter through the eyes of God.

Peter sees Jesus as more than a teacher and companion. He sees through the veil of confusion concerning Jesus' identity. He doesn't see him as the reincarnation of a former prophet, or another contemporary baptizer pointing the way. He names Jesus as the "anointed one," the one his people have so

desperately longed for. Peter proclaims Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God.

In this image, I wanted to create a kaleidoscope of perception, imaging the ways Jesus is perceived in the context of this passage, like light broken down into a myriad of shapes and colors. In the gold rays of light Jesus' form is obscured by the metallic shine of God's glory. In the gray and earth-tone rays he is seen in monochrome. Each of the earth-tone rays holds a pattern on Jesus' clothing which represents a misunderstanding of who Jesus is. Starting on the left, honey, locusts, and baptismal waters misidentify him as John the Baptist. Within the next ray to the right, ravens, an empty chair, rain, and fires from the heavens misidentify him as Elijah. On the right, scales of justice and plants being uprooted and planted misidentify him as Jeremiah.

Through the middle of the image, there is a ray of light where the image comes into full color that holds this moment of clarity where Jesus and Peter truly see one another. In this ray, Peter's clothing holds symbols of his new identity: a rock upon which the church will be built and keys to the kingdom. Jesus' clothing holds imagery—an oil jar and the light of the sun—representing the way Peter sees him as the Messiah and Son of the living God.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittma

Space for your notes, wonderings and wanderings...

This week at CPC:

Sunday, March 3

Communion

9:30 am — Worship

No Faith Formation; children remain in worship

10:45 am — Adult Ed.; Chapel / Hybrid

5:00 pm — High School Cubes; Youth Lounge

Monday, March 4

7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel / Hybrid

Tuesday, March 5

10:30 am — Staff Meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — PW Program; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 pm — Soup Supper; Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm — Midweek Meditative Service;

Gathering Room / Zoom

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, March 7

9:00 am — Read • Share • Pray; Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — APNC meeting; Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

8:00 am — 30 Hour Famine begins; Youth Lounge & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 10

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 8

10:45 am — Adult Ed.; Chapel / Hybrid

2:00 pm — 30 Hour Famine ends



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed **TODAY**. Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed.

The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open and available for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.

Live stream of the worship service is offered in the Nursery.

CPC KIDS ~ 3yrs thru 5th grade

After Growing with, the children will return to Grace Space or join their families in the pews for the remainder of the worship service so that they may participate in communion.



CPC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!!

5-7:30 pm

Middle School is off for 3/3 and 3/10, but we hope you will support our high school friends during their 30 Hour Famine weekend on 3/9-3/10 by coming to worship or by donating to our team!



High school students will meet in cubes beginning at 5pm to share thoughts on how to navigate change. Confirmation will take place during dinner made by Andrew's cube. We will end the night with some rounds of 2 Truths and a Lie! We look forward to seeing you in the youth lounge!



BIBLE EXPLORERS GROUP

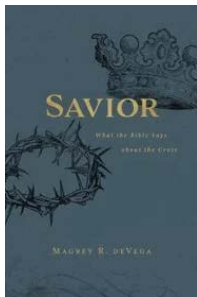
March 17 & April 28

During Sunday worship service

All kids in 3rd - 5th grade are encouraged to participate in our Bible Explorers group. These sessions will be exciting, engaging and experiential. Kids will get a chance to interact with their friends and their bibles in ways that equip and inspire them to read their Bibles regularly at home.

SUPPORT OUR CPC 30 HOUR FAMINE TEAM!

Beginning Saturday, March 9, a team of high school students and adults will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. The team will be fasting for 30 hours but staying hydrated with juice and water while learning about poverty in our global community. They will be led through different service opportunities and activities to learn more about the impact they can make and the challenges our world currently is facing. We hope you will consider either sponsoring our team online by [clicking here](#) or bringing a donation on Sunday, March 10 to worship! If you cannot donate monetarily, we are looking for cardboard boxes to use for an activity. Reach out to Pastor Susan for more information! Thank you for your constant support!



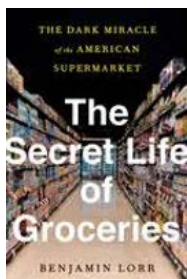
ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS LENTEN STUDY March 3 10:45-11:45 am

This Sunday, we move to the third week of our six-week study of *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, written by Magrey R. DeVega. This book helps us to wrestle with what the Cross means to us. It explores atonement, God's action to bring us fully into relationship with God. DeVega digs into six Bible-based theories of what atonement means. This week, we will look at **Moral Example Atonement**, which focuses on living as disciples -- followers and imitators -- of Jesus. This week's class will be led by Nancy and Wayne Pritzel and will incorporate a short video from the author to get our discussion started. We still have some extra copies of the book, and we strongly urge you to read it, so that you can get the whole impact of the study. But even if you don't read the book ahead of time, still come to class. And if you wish to help defray the costs of the books, we are happy to accept.

We will meet in the chapel and on Zoom at 10:45 on Sunday, March 3. [Zoom link](#)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENT AN EVENING OF MUSIC CIRRUS FALCON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 7:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

It's been a long time since Presbyterian Women has held an evening program, but oh my! Get your jigging shoes on and enjoy Cirrus Falcon! Everyone is invited to this fun night of music, which will include some Irish tunes to get us in the mood for St. Patrick's Day. This delightful duo has entertained us at our church services before, to great enjoyment. Dessert and coffee will be served. Enter from the East door by the parking lot (5C).



CIRCLE OF VOICES BOOK CLUB WILL NOT MEET IN MARCH

Our April book is *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Super Market* by Benjamin Lorr. It will be available at the Clarendon Hills Library at the end of March.

For more information contact Barb Coop.

EXODUS: CELEBRATION OF HOPE DINNER
Thursday, April 4
Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
5:00-6:00 pm Check-In & Reception
6:00-8:15 pm Complimentary Dinner & Program



You're invited to a joy-filled evening in support of welcoming refugees!

On April 4, join with fellow church members at Drury Lane for *Celebration of Hope*. Our friends at Exodus World Service will share inspiring stories of refugees and their connections with the volunteers who welcome them. There will be exciting updates on new ways to welcome, as well as an opportunity to partner with Exodus to help give refugees practical help and hope as they rebuild their lives. Register and learn more at exodusworldservice.org or scan the QR code with your phone camera. Contact Linda Cirillo at lcirillo2@comcast.net with questions.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY MARCH 10

Spring Forward Saturday, March 9, before bedtime or you'll arrive at church just in time for the final hymn!



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Friday, March 15

5:30 pm

\$10 - Adults

\$5 - Children under 12

Payable at the door

CEC is sponsoring an intergenerational event to help raise funds for the High School Youth Caravans (aka summer mission trips)! Please join us as we share a meal together and then play games for all ages! We will serve spaghetti with or without meatballs & sauce, buttered pasta, salad, garlic bread & beverages!

If you would like to donate a dessert item, please reach out to Kristin Duy [HERE](#). [RSVP here with the # attending](#)



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PC(USA) Special Offering

February 18-March 24

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Beginning this Sunday, fish banks for children and adults will be available in the narthex. We will continue to share updates about how the PC(USA) distributes and supports so many different initiatives through this special offering. We will dedicate these donations on Palm Sunday, March 24.

MINISTRY OF THE CARDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Bring cards to the church office

The Deacons reach out in many ways but one that we consistently love to do is send cards to people who have requested prayer. It reminds people that their joy or concern is prayed over many times beyond Sunday mornings. If you have cards either sent to you by charitable organizations or maybe just sitting unused at home, please share them with the Deacons by bringing them to the church office! Thank you for supporting this ministry!



Season of LENT Figuring out Faith with Peter

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

Meditative Worship preceded by Soup Supper

Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 20

Gather in fellowship hall for a light supper of soup at 6:00 pm followed by Meditative worship in the Gathering Room, 6:30 - 6:55. Zoom link for Meditative Worship 6:30 - 6:55 is

<https://zoom.us/j/94986615729?pwd=TzdScDluWUlxSmdJQo5wVEhoSjZDdzog>

Lenten Devo Book and Lenten Prayer Cards

A Lenten Devotional book and Lenten Prayer cards are available at the church. If you would like a devotional book mailed to you, please contact Shannon Nyhart at shannon.nyhart@chcpc.org. We are happy to put a copy in the US mail to you!

Celebrate Holy Week with CPC!



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24

- 9:30 am worship in person and live-streamed
- Palm Processional from the garden
- Easter Story garden walk



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29

- 7:00 pm worship in person and live-streamed
- Tenebrae Service of candlelight and darkness



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

- 7:00 am Sunrise Garden Worship
- 9:30 am Easter Worship in person and live-streamed
- Easter Story garden walk



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