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Worship for the Lord’s Day Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024
9:30 am

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Brian Chung

verse 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer*; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to **rescue me from danger**, interposed his precious blood.

**Ebenezer is a “stone of help”*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sean Coriell

Words of Welcome

Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words

Robin Randall

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and the convicted.

One: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

All: there is room for all to gather here.

One: This is God’s house.

All: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

Call to Confession

Robin

One: In our scripture passage for today, Peter is out on a boat with the disciples when a storm hits. Instead of cowering in fear, Peter spots Jesus on the water and bravely crawls out of the boat to move closer to Christ.

Friends, I think the prayer of confession is one way that we do the same; it's one way that we can crawl out of our boats. And here's what I mean:

In the prayer of confession, we are honest about the storms that rage within and around us. In this prayer, we speak with honesty in an effort to move closer to God. This is our moment to crawl out of the boat. So friends, let's be like Peter. Join me in being courageous. Join me in truth-telling. Join me in prayer. It's time to get our feet wet. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Family of faith, you could get out of the boat and walk on water like Peter, or fall to your knees and stay in one place. No matter what you do, Christ's love for you is unchanging. Whether you are fearful or brave, faithful or doubting, Christ is always walking toward you. Let us proclaim the good news:

All: God's love is stronger than any storms. On our best days, and on our worst days, we are seen, forgiven, and loved. God is always walking toward us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Sung Response 604**

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Robin

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

Growing with God

Kristin Duy

Following our time together, all children are invited to remain in Grace Space or join the Faith Formation teachers in Rm LL6 downstairs.

Prayer for Inspiration

Robin

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:23-31

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Beth

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rescue Me from Danger

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

*Hymn 76

Do Not Be Afraid

ISAIAH 43

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Robin

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Robin



QRCode for Giving

Church Tidings

Susan

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray

One We lift our prayers to God.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer

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.

*Hymn 43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Victor C. Johnson

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

ACOLYTE: Sean Coriell

USHERS: Julie Trowbridge, Megan Trowbridge

LITURGIST: Robin Randall

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Wendy Cook

AV: Paul Abraham, Isaac Schloegel

Next Sunday in Worship, March 3

Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

Matthew 16:13-20; Psalm 19

Praise the Mount



“Who Do You Say That I Am” by Lauren Wright Pittman
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AV Volunteers Needed

Can you advance the slides during worship?

Church needs your help with Sunday morning worship! Might you be willing to volunteer once a month to sit at the AV desk and advance the worship slides? All it takes is following the order of worship and using the remote to move the slides in a timely fashion. Training will be provided!

Please contact Pastor Beth via text or call: 630-400-1401 or beth.fd@chcpc.or



Rescue Me

I'd rather not need rescue.
I'd prefer a five-step plan
and a quick-fix solution.
I'd prefer stubborn insistence
over honest vulnerability,
because rescue requires
asking for help.
Rescue names
the rising water.
Rescue sees
the tired, treading feet.
Rescue feels
the swell of the wind
and the rain at a slant.
But when the floor falls out
and the world is on fire
and my small hands
cannot fix the hurt welling in me,
the prayer that slips out
is *rescue*
rescue
rescue me.

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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. Donate online by clicking here: <https://onrealm.org/cpc/give/OGHS>

Visiting CPC? Welcome!

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious in learning more about us, reach out to Ingrid Ellithorpe, Community Connector, to chat by email: ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net or by phone: 630.452.2625

HELLO!
My name is

Visitor

This week at CPC:

Sunday, February 25

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

9:45 am — Bible Explorer class; LL Rm 8

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel/Hybrid

5:00 pm — High School Cubes; Youth Lounge
Middle School; Redeemer Lutheran, Hinsdale

Monday, February 26

Tuesday, February 27

9:15 am — PW Circle 1; Gathering Room

1:00 pm — PW Circle 2; Gathering Room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

4:00 pm — Chicago Presbytery Assembly; Elmhurst
Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm — A&P; Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — PW Circle 3; Gathering Room

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 pm — Soup Supper; Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm — Midweek Meditative Service;
Gathering Room / Zoom

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, February 29

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

7:00 pm — APNC; Fellowship Hall / Hybrid

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

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



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed on **Sunday, March 3**. 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 God, all children are invited to join our leaders in faith formation class.

This week we will learn that Jesus is with us when we're scared. They will listen to a book, participate in a game and create a craft!



CPCkids

CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!!

5-7:30 pm

This week middle school will meet at 4:45pm at CPC to go over to Redeemer Lutheran in Hinsdale to meet up with our FYC groups from United Methodist Hinsdale, Union and Redeemer. We will have dinner and play some rounds of different favorite youth group games.



CPC YOUTH
Connect • Explore • Serve

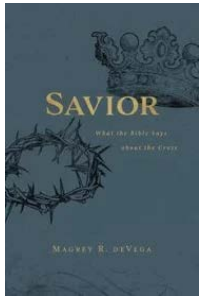
High school will meet at CPC to discuss what it means to live as a Christian in a Material World. Dinner will be shared followed by a WF game show night hosted by Willem Marginean. Come on down to be the next contestants for another amazing round of CPC Youth on Sunday nights!



BIBLE EXPLORERS GROUP

This Sunday during worship

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.



ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

LENTEN STUDY

February 25

10:45-11:45 am

This Sunday, we move to the second 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 Ransom Atonement, which deals with freedom from what binds us – our sin.

This week's class will be led by Linda Cirillo and will incorporate a short video from the author to get our discussion started.

We 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, February 25. [Zoom link](#)



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 & Special 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.



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 jiggling 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).

