Worship for the Lord’s Day
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
*Intermezzo in A major*
Johannes Brahms

Dedicated to Clara Schumann, *Six Pieces for Piano*, Op. 118, are some of the most beloved compositions that Johannes Brahms wrote for solo piano. Number 2, the Intermezzo in A major, is my favorite and today is my first time playing it in public. -Jason

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Sean Coriell

Words of Welcome
Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words*
Amy Hall

One: Scripture is full of questions...
All: Where are you?
One: Am I my brother’s keeper?
All: Whom shall I send?
One: Who do you say that I am?
All: Who sinned?
One: How many times shall I forgive?
All: If God is for us, who can be against us?
One: Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.
All: Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.
Call to Confession

One: In today’s text, the disciples ask Jesus, “Who sinned?” They want to know who around them could be blamed for suffering. The disciples want to identify who around them had done wrong. In the prayer of confession, we stop pointing fingers at others. In confession, we turn our attention toward ourselves and invite God into that honest and vulnerable space. So do this counter-cultural thing with me today. Let us pray together using the prayer of confession, printed in your bulletin or visible on your screen.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Who here has sinned?

All: We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

One: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

All: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

One: I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

All: Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

*Sung Response 602  Holy Lamb of God  YA HAMALALLAH

*Sharing the Peace of Christ  Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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 205  Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas  UBI CARITAS (Taizé)

Latin (all) English (all), Latin (all)

A Time with Youngest Children  Kristin Duy

Following our time together, all kids are encouraged to go with our Sunday School volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick-up your child there immediately after worship.
Prayer for Inspiration

Scripture Reading
John 9:1-11
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading
John 9:12-17
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
Seeking: Who sinned?
Rev. Susan Tindall

Special Music
Land of the Seeking
Music and lyrics by Spencer LaJoye
Sanctified Arts
Maura Janton Cock, vocalist & Gregg Morton, guitar

Congregation joins singing on the Chorus:
Coax your quiet questionings
Speak your soft uncertainties
There is room for these
In the land of the seeking

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering
Ave Verum Corpus
W.A. Mozart
Chancel Choir

Ave, ave verum corpus
Hail, true body
natum de Maria Virgine,
born of the Virgin Mary,
Vere passum immolatum
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
in Cruce pro homine,
on the Cross for man,
Cujus latus perforatum
Whose pierced side overflowed
unda* fluxit (et)* sanguine,
with water* and blood,
Esto nobis praegustatum
Give us a foretaste of the heavenly feast
in mortis examine.
In our hour of death.

*Doxology words 607, tune 606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings
Susan

Joys & Concerns
Beth

God's People Pray
One: We lift our prayers to God.
All: Lord, hear our prayers.
Lord’s Prayer (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.

*Hymn 39  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Charge and Blessing  
Susan

*Postlude  
Grace Greater than Our Sin  
arr. Larry Shackley

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face, will you this moment His grace receive?
Grace, grace, God’s grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin!

* Please rise in spirit or body
All speak emboldened type
Portions of today’s liturgy written by Sanctified Arts www.sanctifiedart.org

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ACOLYTE: Sean Coriell
LITURGIST: Amy Hall
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton
AV: Robert Monson, Andrew Petersen

Next Sunday in Worship, March 26  
5th Sunday of Lent  
9:30 am

Seeking: Can these bones live?  
John 11:1-45  
Ezekiel 37:1-14
This week at CPC:

**Sunday, March 19**
- **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
- 8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary
- 9:30 am — Worship
- 9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6
- 9:45 am — 6-8th grade Bagel Bunch; LL8
- 10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
- 5:00 pm — Cubes 9-12th grades; Youth Lounge

**Monday, March 20**
- 6:30 pm — Finance; Zoom
- 7:00 pm — Deacons; Chapel / Hybrid

**Tuesday, March 21**
- 1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
- 7:00 pm — Membership; Zoom
- 7:00 pm — Stephen Ministry; Zoom

**Wednesday, March 22**
- 6:00 pm — Soup Supper; Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm — Lenten Meditation Worship; Chapel/Zoom
- 7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 23**
- 9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions; Chapel / Hybrid
- 7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8

**Friday, March 24**

**Saturday, March 25**

**Sunday, March 26**
- **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- 8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary
- 9:30 am — Worship
- 10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
- NO Youth Ministry Activities; resumes April 16
- NO Sunday School; resumes April 16

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**NURSERY CARE**
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (next time, April 2). 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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- *kids 3 yrs - 5th grade*
  Kids can pick up a bulletin and coloring page from the Narthex on their way into the Sanctuary.

  Following “A Time with Youngest Children,” all kids will be invited to go with our volunteers to Rm LL6 on the lower level for faith formation. Please pick up your child there immediately following worship service.

  This week our focus will be on Psalm 23. We will talk about how God is always with us. How He leads us and provides for us. That even though we may go through hard times God is still there giving love and support!

**CPC YOUTH**
- **6-8th grade:** 9:45-10:45 am
- **9-12th grade:** 5:00-7:30 pm

  Students in grades 6-8 will meet in LL8 during the worship service today for food and fun. They can follow their adult leaders downstairs following the Children’s Time. Students in grades 9-12th will meet tonight for cubes, dinner and WF games from 5-7pm. Following tonight, we will not be meeting formally until 04/16 due to D86’s spring break and Easter. We look forward to seeing you tonight! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact Pastor Susan.
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION
10:45-11:45 am
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom
**SEVEN WORDS LENTEN SERIES Continues Today 3/19**
Sunday Morning Adult Ed begins a Lenten series using Susan Robb's Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross. Each session will focus on one of the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. Our facilitators will be different each week. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the chapel or online via Zoom.

**THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS**
Thursdays, 9:00 -10:30 am
Join us to read and discuss A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World by Jonathan L. Walton. The book is instructive in how to read and interrupt scripture.

**News of THE AMOS GROUP**
*Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.* Amos 5:24

**New Direction for our Efforts**
On Sunday, we announced that we are heading to Trinity UCC in Chicago on April 30 to join them for worship. After a couple of years of study, including with many of you, we are eager to get to know our African-American brothers and sisters better. Direct connection is the best way to figure out how we can be allies in the struggle for justice and equity for all. This visit is an important step in that direction.

Please sign up and come with us. The worship service will be very uplifting, and we know from experience that we will be warmly welcomed. We welcome members of the congregation and also folks in our communities. Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

**LENTEN MEDITATIVE WORSHIP**
Wednesdays
March 22, 29
6:30 - 7:00 pm
Chapel / Hybrid (Zoom)
**Preceded by Soup Supper at 6:00 pm**
During Lent we gather for mid-week worship. It is a time to pause, take a breath and deepen our relationship with Christ. This year we will use the spiritual practice of *visio divina* to engage with the scriptures through the study of art and visual images. Each Wednesday will be a precursor to the coming Sunday. Communion will be celebrated. Join us in person or on Zoom. Beginning March 15, the Deacons will provide a light soup supper at 6:00pm.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**
Now - APRIL 9
Fish banks are available for anyone wanting to participate in this Lenten giving program. You can pick up a fish bank and a Sharing Calendar in the Narthex. Each day read the Sharing Calendar and reflect on the questions. You can then place a gift in your fish bank. We will collect the banks and celebrate your generosity on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday    April 2, 9:30 am - begins with Palm parade in the garden
Maundy Thursday April 6, 7:00 pm - remembering Jesus’ last night with the disciples; foot washing and communion
Good Friday    April 7, 7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Worship April 9, 7:00 am in the garden followed by breakfast in the Gathering Room
Easter Worship  April 9, 9:30 am, sanctuary with brass quartet

- Everyone is invited to take our Easter story walk through the garden and front of the church either before or after worship service

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