Study for Nicodemus Visiting Jesus
by Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1899

Worship for the Lord’s Day
Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15
Frédéric Chopin

Known as the "Raindrop prelude," Op. 28, No. 15 is one of Chopin's most famous works and the longest of his preludes. The repeated drone note, A♭, throughout the piece evokes the mood of raindrops.
In contrast, the middle section builds with ominous harmonies and forceful chords, evoking the discomfort we experience in a heavy storm.

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Emily Jaycox

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words
Robin Randall

One: What is it like to begin again?
All: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.
It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.
It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.
It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

One: May we find God in our seeking.
All: May we learn as we go.
One: May we be brave enough to begin again.
All: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.
Call to Confession

One: One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is it offers us a new beginning. In the prayer of confession, we lay our cards on the table. We speak honestly with God about who we are and who we long to be. And in response, God wraps us in grace and lets us begin again. So together, with God’s grace, let us wipe the slate clean. Together, with God’s grace, let us pray the prayer of confession:

Prayer of Confession

All: God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we’ve missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: There is a grace to God’s love that is bigger than we can imagine. No matter what we did or didn’t do yesterday, we have been forgiven. Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

All: We belong to God. We are held in God’s love. We are made new. Amen.

*Sung Response 602  
*Holy Lamb of God  
*YA HAMALALLAH

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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  
Latin (solo voice) English (all), Latin (all)  
*UBI CARITAS (Taizé)

A Time with Youngest Children

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

Robin

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

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

All: Thanks be to God!
Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Seeking: How do we begin again?
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows, who welcomes our questions, who invites us to begin again.
We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith, a more compassionate existence.
We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation, and that no matter how many times we lose our way, God always welcomes us home. Amen.

Special Music

Land of the Seeking
Music and lyrics by Spencer LaJoye
Sanctified Arts

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

Offertory
I Will Lift Mine Eyes
Chancel Choir

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Rev. Susan Tindall and Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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, we thank you and join with the voices of the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:
One: You are holy, God of the seeking, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son.

(prayer continues)...

Great is the mystery of faith:

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.
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.

Communion Music 507  

Come to the Table of Grace

Prayer Following Communion

God we came to this table hungry and we leave feeling full—
full of hope, full of promise, full of what could be. For we not only found
glimpses of you at this table, but we caught a glimpse of the way things could be:
in a meal where all are welcomed and all are fed. Is there anything holier than that?
So thank you for nourishing our curiosity alongside our spirit and our conviction.
May we always seek you the way you seek after us. With grateful hearts we pray, amen.

*Hymn 684  

Faith Begins by Letting Go

*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
Portions of today’s liturgy written by Sanctified Arts www.sanctifiedart.org

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Next Sunday in Worship, March 12
3rd Sunday of Lent
9:30 am

Seeking: Will you give me a drink?
Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42
**This week at CPC:**

**Sunday, March 5**  
Second Sunday of Lent  
**Communion**  
8:45 am — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary  
9:30 am — Worship  
9:45 am — Sunday School; LL6  
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid  
12:00 - 3:00 pm — Quintet rehearsal; Sanctuary  
3:00 pm — Quintet Concert; Sanctuary  
5:00 pm — 6-8th grade Youth Group; LL8  
5:00 pm — Cubes 9-12th grades; Youth Lounge  

**Monday, March 6**  
7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room  
7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel / Hybrid  

**Tuesday, March 7**  
10:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid  
12:30 pm — PW Program; Fellowship Hall  
7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Chapel / Hybrid  

**Wednesday, March 8**  
6:30 pm — Lenten Meditation Worship; Chapel/Zoom  
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary  

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

**Friday, March 10**  

**Saturday, March 11**  

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

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**NURSERY CARE**  
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (**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.

**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 121, trusting that our safety comes from God.

**CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!**  
5-7ish pm  
Students in grades 6-12 will meet from 5-7pm this week for food, fellowship and fun! High school cubes will be taking some time to discuss the pervasive issue of suicide. The middle school group will be discussing all things Lent! Parent volunteers will be making our meal and WF is plotting the return of stealth! If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact **Pastor Susan**.

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**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION**  
10:45-11:45 am  
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom  

**SEVEN WORDS LENTEN SERIES**  
Our Lenten series continues this Sunday 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. You do not need to read the book to participate in the conversation but extra copies will be available in the church office. 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.

Books are available in the church office. We are happy to provide this reading for your faith formation. If you wish to make a donation, the book is $16.

Pasta Party FUNDRAISER
Thurs., March 16 @ 5:30PM
$10 adults  $5 children under 12
CE-C is sponsoring an intergenerational event to help raise funds for the HS caravans!
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 & desserts! If you would like to donate a dessert item, please reach out to Kristin Duy.
RSVP HERE

CHICAGO TIMELINE
Presbyterian Women March Program
March 7 12:30 Fellowship Hall

Please join Presbyterian Women in Fellowship Hall for our March program, featuring an intriguing look at Chicago history. Basing her talk on her book, Chicago: An Illustrated Timeline, lifelong Chicagoan Ellen Shubart will guide us through the highlights of the Chicago story. Ms. Shubart earned a master’s degree in historic preservation and her career spans journalism, college teaching, and management of a preservation coalition called Campaign for Sensible Growth. In retirement, she now enjoys giving tours of Chicago architecture.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to this presentation. Enjoy fellowship along with scrumptious desserts and beverages. Bring a guest!

LENTEN MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Wednesdays
March 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30 - 7:00 pm
Chapel / Hybrid (Zoom)

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:
Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/99005387629?pwd=a1Yvbkpyb3BDUwpDQopNBRjZNN2JUZz09
Beginning March 15, the Deacons will provide a light soup supper at 6:00pm.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
Ongoing until APRIL 9
Fish banks are available for anyone wanting to participate in this Lenten giving program. Each day read the Sharing Calendar and reflect on the question. 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.
CIRCLE OF VOICES WILL NOT MEET IN MARCH
Our April book is *The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel*, by Laura Dave. It will be available at the Clarendon Hills Library at the end of March.

For more information contact Barb Coop.

CONCERT: TODAY
Quarantet Wind Quintet
The Concert Series season will conclude on Sunday, March 5, with the wind ensemble, Quarantet, featuring flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and French horn musicians affiliated locally with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera Orchestra, and more. This refreshing ensemble will perform music by classical composers such Bartok, Puccini, and Beethoven, contemporary composers Valerie Coleman and Amy Beach, as well as arrangements of popular songs from operas and movies.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 30 HOUR FAMINE TEAM
Our 30 Hour Famine team crushed their fundraising goal and it is all because of you! You made an impact on hunger by supporting this team and raising close to $3,750. Thank you for encouraging us as we learned together, crafted together, and fasted together. All of the students and leaders did an amazing job this weekend. We had a great time bringing back this event in person and we look forward to sharing our experience with you.

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