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Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Ken Barker

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

Max Fenstermacher

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words

Michele Vickery

One: Wait for the Lord.

All: Our souls wait and hope in God's word.

One: Come in.

Feel your feet on the floor.

Settle your worries.

Take a deep breath.

Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

All: for Christ is here.

God never stops seeking us.

One: We have been found.

All: Let us find God in return.

One: Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

Call to Confession

Michele

One: In our scripture passage for today, we will read about Jesus calling Peter to be a disciple. In the story, Peter is in the presence of the Divine for quite some time before he realizes it. Jesus crawls into Peter's boat. He tells him to head toward deep water. Together, they let the nets down. And it is only when the boat threatens to sink due to the extreme abundance of fish that Peter turns to Jesus and truly sees who's in his boat.

Sometimes we miss what's right in front of us. Fortunately, Christ keeps crawling into our boats anyhow. So join me in the prayer of confession, not out of fear, but out of a desire to finally see who's right in front of us. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, you call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, Peter didn't exactly make a good first impression when Jesus got into his boat. He questioned dropping his nets, as they hadn't caught any fish all night. He was oblivious to who Christ was for quite some time, and once he realized the Divinity standing in his boat, he quickly deemed himself unworthy.

All: And even still, Jesus called Peter a disciple and a friend.

One: Church family, hear and believe this good news:

We can make a thousand bad impressions. We can make every mistake in the book, roll our eyes, and assume we know better. And even still, Christ will forgive us, claim us, and continue to seek our hearts.

All: This is the good news of the gospel. Let's rest, celebrate, and trust in that. Amen.

***Sung Response 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

***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

Growing with God / Introduce One Great Hour of Sharing: Gracie

Beth

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

Michele

Scripture Reading

Psalm 25:1-10

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11

Beth

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Jesus Sought Me

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Affirmation of Faith

One: I believe in a God of abundance,

**All: a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

One: I believe in a God who comforts,

All: a God who says, "Do not be afraid;" a God who joins me in life's deep waters.

One: I believe in a God who invites,

All: a God who says, "Follow me," and, "You will be fishers of people."

One: I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently,

All: a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 740**

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Michele

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Michele



QRCode for Giving

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray / 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 170**

You Walk along Our Shoreline

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Lead Me to Calvary

arr. Cindy Berry

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

ACOLYTE: Max Fenstermacher

USHERS: Becky Rush, Derek Rush

LITURGIST: Michele Vickery

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Amy Hall

AV: Liz Monson; Andrew Petersen

Next Sunday in Worship, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

Matthew 14:22-33; Psalm 22:23-31

Rescue Me from Danger



“Lift Off” by Nicolette Peñaranda
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This week at CPC:

Sunday, February 18

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation

10:45 am — Adult Ed.; Chapel/Hybrid

5:00 pm — High School Cubes; Youth Lounge
Middle School Youth Group; LL Rm 8

Monday, February 19

6:30 pm — Finance; Zoom

7:00 pm — CE-C; Zoom

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, February 20

10:30 am — PW Board meeting; Gathering room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — KA Board meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room

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 22

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

6:30 pm — EXODUS Cross Cultural Training;
Chapel/Hybrid

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

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



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 what a disciple is and how we can be disciples. The kids will share ideas on how they can be a disciple, make a craft and listen to a video book.



CPCkids

CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!!

5-7:30 pm

This week our high school cubes will be looking at places in scripture where Jesus dared others to change or to challenge the way people view their faith and their world. Middle School students will be discussing what we mean by justice as Christian believers. Dinner will be followed by a round or two of sardines! Plenty of fun to be had on Sunday!



CPC YOUTH
Connect • Explore • Serve

BIBLE EXPLORERS GROUP

Feb. 25, 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.

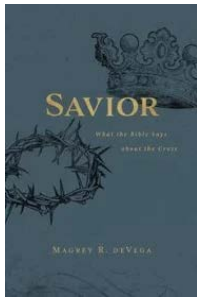
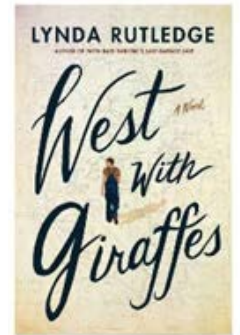
CIRCLE OF VOICES

West With Giraffes: A Novel by Lynda Rutledge

Wed February 21

9:30 am in the Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, February 27th at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.



ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS BEGINS LENTEN STUDY

February 18

10:45-11:45 am

This Sunday, we begin a 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 the first of those: Substitutionary Atonement.

This class will be led by Bob Parsons and will incorporate a short video from the author to get our discussion started.

It is not necessary to have read the book ahead of time. But if you wish to have a copy, there are some in the church office. And if you wish to defray the costs of the books, please ask.

We will meet in the chapel and on Zoom at 10:45 on Sunday, February 18. [Zoom link](#)

NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24



Help college-bound students from Hinsdale South High School

For the past two years, CPC has been a major supporter of deserving Hinsdale South seniors heading off to college. We have the opportunity to continue that support now. Ayesha Truman, Student Support Coordinator for the school, has created an Amazon Wish List specifically



for this purpose. When we use the link below, all donations will be delivered directly to Ayesha at the school. Thanks in advance for helping to ease this important transition time! [COLLEGE WISHLIST](#)

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.





EXODUS REFUGEE TRAINING COURSE
SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

We are excited to be sponsoring a training course right at Community Presbyterian Church! This training prepares volunteers to engage with refugees. It offers in-depth learning and activities to broaden understanding of who refugees are, how they get to the U.S., and what help they receive when they arrive. Learn about the culture(s) of many refugees who are arriving and how to navigate cross-cultural communication and friendship. Come if you want the chance to meet a refugee family or even if you are curious to know more about the program.

The world refugee crisis is increasing dramatically, and people are fleeing from beleaguered countries all over the world. CPC will soon be preparing another Welcome Pack to bring to a family as we did last year, and there are other ways to volunteer. You will hear about those. There is no cost and no obligation, so please come on the 22nd and gain understanding of this important mission. Christ calls us to care.

THANK YOU!

A huge note of gratitude to our students for leading us in worship last Sunday! You did an amazing job! Thank you, CPC Congregation, for your encouragement and support of our students in worship and for our surprise supplies fundraiser! We raised **\$2,730** which makes us over halfway to our first fundraising goal of reaching 4K in 2024! If you were unable to attend and would like to lend your support, you can still do so by [clicking here](#). All donations are a surprise and will help us receive the supplies we need for our youth summer mission trips called Caravans. Also, to view worship from last week, [click here!](#)



SPAGHETTI DINNER
Friday, March 15
5:30pm

\$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](#)



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
Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13

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.

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!



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