Worship for the Lord’s Day
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
Prelude No. 2
George Gershwin

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words
Robin Randall

One: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?
All: Have you ever felt grief lie heavy on your back?
One: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?
All: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?
One: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house. Hope lives here.
All: So, come. Rest your weary bones. Let us worship Holy God.

*Hymn 366
Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling
HYFRYDOL
Call to Confession

One: Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God—not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace. So let us not hold back. Let us bring our full selves to this prayer, knowing that God is already running to meet us. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

All: Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world’s problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God’s beloved. So hear and believe this good news:

All: We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.

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

A Time with Youngest Children: Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing  
Kristin Duy & Susan Tindall

Prayer for Inspiration

Robin

Scripture Reading  
John 11:1-45, selected verses

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Beth

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

All: Thanks be to God!
Seeking: Can these bones live?

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Land of the Seeking

Music and lyrics by Spencer LaJoye

Gregg Morton, guitar & vocalist

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

Ordination & Installation of Deacons

Sentences of Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:4-7,12

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
One: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.
All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
One: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination & Installation

*Profession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.
Constitutional Questions

Prayer for Ordination for Elders and Deacons / Laying on of Hands

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Charge

Welcome Deacons Ordained & Installed
   Janice Bouchard, class of 2025
   Wendy Wilhelm, class of 2025

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Lenten Meditation
   Quartet: Pat Garner, Ruth Karasek, Gregg Morton, Barbie Polus
*Doxology words 607, tune 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings

Joys & Concerns

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 543 v 1, 4 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER
*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

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

USHERS: Ann Jaltuch, Michele Vickery
LITURGIST: Robin Randall
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton
AV: Pat Garner, Scott Anderson

Next Sunday in Worship, April 2
Palm / Passion Sunday
9:30 am

Seeking: Where are you headed?
Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11
Liturgy of the Passion: Matthew 27:11-54
This week at CPC:

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

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28
9:15 am — PW Circle 1; Gathering Room
1:00 pm — PW Circle 2; Gathering Room
1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
7:00 pm — A&P; Chapel / Hybrid
7:00 pm — PW circle 3; Gathering Room

Wednesday, March 29
6:00 pm — Soup Supper; Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm — Lenten Meditation Worship;
Chapel / Zoom
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

Thursday, March 30
9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devotions;
Chapel/Hybrid
7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Rehearsal; LL8

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

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NURSERY CARE
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (next time is 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.
*No Sunday School this week

CPC YOUTH ARE ON SPRING BREAK!
Students in grades 6-12 will not meet again until April 16th! Have a restful and relaxing spring break! 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 3/26
Sunday Morning Adult Ed is using a series based on Susan Robb’s book, 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. Join us in person or on Zoom. Our last session with this book is Thursday March 30.

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

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 on the list in the narthex or on the credenza to 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. Send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.

LENTEN MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Wednesdays
March 15, 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. The Deacons provide a light soup supper at 6:00 pm.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
Now through 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.

KIDS' ACADEMY FUNDRAISER
Spring Flower / Plant Sale
Orders due Monday April 10

Please order your Spring flowers and plants from the Kids' Academy (KA) sale! All proceeds benefit the KA Tuition Assistance Fund, ensuring all children have access to quality preschool and before / after school care for elementary aged children. Click here for the order form.

Thank you for your support and we wish you Happy Gardening!
PW APRIL PROGRAM: RAISING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES
Tues April 11 at 12:30pm

Everyone is invited to the Presbyterian Women’s April program on 04/11 at 12:30pm. The beautiful monarch butterfly is now an endangered species. Due to climate change and other environmental factors, its population has dropped considerably in the past few years. Join us as Forest Preserve Commissioner and passionate conservationist Linda Painter shows us how to raise monarchs in our own backyards. She will bring and demonstrate the special equipment needed and tell us the techniques she uses.

Of course, there will be delicious desserts and time to fellowship. See you there!

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 - Tenebrae service, remembering Christ’s trial and crucifixion
Easter Sunrise Worship  April 9, 7:00 am - in the garden
Easter Worship  April 9, 9:30 am - sanctuary
April 9, before & after worship: 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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