Worship for the Lord’s Day
Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude

Oseh Shalom
Elana Jagoda

Combined choir of the Congregation Etz Chaim Choir, Lombard and the Community Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu.
They who make peace in their high places, may they bring peace upon us, and upon all.
May the One, may the One who makes peace - bring peace down, bring peace down.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Words of Welcome
Rev. Susan Tindall

*Opening Words
Michele Vickery

One: The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts.
All: We witness the glory of Christ!
One: God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.
All: We witness the glory of Christ!
One: The Lord loves justice and equity, and is exalted over all the people.
All: We witness the glory of Christ! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 189
O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
Call to Confession

Michele

One: Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts. Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God’s grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of transformation, you make new life where there was old, dazzling light where there were shadows, peace where there was violence, and friends where there were enemies. Forgive us, O God, when we stand in the way of your transformative love. Forgive us when we do not live as people who have been changed by your grace. Call us to the mountain once more, and send us out to be witnesses of your transformative grace.

Assurance of God’s Grace

Michele

One: People of God, proclaim the good news:

All: We are forgiven, again and again, by this glorious God. Alleluia! Amen.

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Beth

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

A Time with Youngest Children

Beth

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

Michele

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-28

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

All: Thanks be to God!
Scripture Reading  Matthew 17:1-9  Beth
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon  Witnessing Transformation  Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 193 v 1 - 3  Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain  UNSER HERRSCHER

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation to Offering  Michele
Offertory  Draw the Circle Wide  music, Mark Miller  lyrics, Gordon Light
Combined choir of the Congregation Etz Chaim Choir, Lombard and
the Community Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir. – Jason Hill, director

Draw the circle  Draw the circle wide
Draw the circle  Draw the circle wide
Draw the circle  Draw the circle wide

No one stands alone: We'll stand side by side,
Draw the circle  Draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side, draw the circle – DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings  Susan

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 540

Farewell, Good Friends!

English, Hebrew, English

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Hinen Mah Tov

Elana Arian

chorus of the Congregation Etz Chaim Choir, Lombard

Hinei mah tov umah na'im Shevet achin gam yachad

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together

How good it is (how good it is) How sweet it is (how sweet it is) To be together on this day

Shalom aleichem Assalamu alaikum

Shalom aleichem is a greeting in Hebrew, meaning "peace be upon you."

Assalamu alaikum is a greeting in Arabic that means 'peace be upon you.'

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Ann Jaltuch, Sam Dammers

LITURGIST: Michele Vickery

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Linda Cirillo

AV: Tristan Rush, Teagan Manning

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Ash Wednesday Worship, February 22

7:00 pm

Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

Psalm 51:1-17

Isaiah 58:1-12

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Next Sunday in Worship, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

9:30 am

Seeking: Who will you listen to?

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11
This week at CPC:

**Sunday, February 19**
*CPC and Etz Chaim combined choir*
- 8:45am — Combined Choirs warmup; Sanctuary
- 9:30am — Worship
- 9:45am — Sunday School; LL6
- 10:30am — Celebration of Life Charlotte Krueger; Fellowship Hall
- 10:45am — NO Adult Ed class today
- 5:00pm — Cubes 9-12th grades; Youth Lounge

**Monday, February 20**
- 6:30pm — Finance Committee; Zoom
- 7:00pm — CE-C; Zoom
- 7:00pm — Green Team; Chapel / Hybrid

**Tuesday, February 21**
- 1:30pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
- 7:00pm — Endowment; Zoom
- 7:00pm — Kids’ Academy Board; Chapel / Zoom
- 7:00pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom

**Wednesday, February 22**
*Ash Wednesday: Communion*
- 7:00pm — Ash Wednesday Worship; Sanctuary
- 7:45pm — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

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

**Friday, February 24**
- 10:00am — Marion Berry Memorial Worship; Sanctuary

**Saturday, February 25**
- 9:00am — 30 Hour Famine starts

**Sunday, February 26**
*First Sunday of Lent*
- 8:45 — Chancel Choir warmup; Sanctuary
- 9:30am — Worship
- 9:45am — Sunday School; LL6
- 10:45am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
- 3:00pm — 30 Hour Famine concludes
- 5:00pm — 6-8th grade Youth Group; LL8

**NURSERY CARE**
The Nursery will be staffed the first Sunday of the month (March 5). 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*

This week all children will remain in the sanctuary for worship service. There will be pew packets filled with activities and books that you can pick up on your way in! We look forward to seeing everyone on February 26 for the 1st Sunday of Lent.

**CPC YOUTH ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!**
5-7 p.m.
Students in grades 9-12th will be sharing their thoughts, playing games and having dinner together beginning at 5 pm in the youth lounge. 9-12th grade cubes will be discussing anger and how to process it in healthy ways. Dinner will be a LOGOS throwback meal complete with chicken nuggies followed by fast-paced “minute-to-win-it” games with our WF team. *Middle School will not meet this week!*

If you would like to be connected to youth ministry, please contact **Pastor Susan**.

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**Pasta Party FUNDRAISER**
Thurs., March 16 @ 5:30PM

$10 adults
$5 children under 12

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! **RSVP HERE**

If you would like to donate a dessert item please reach out to Kristin Duy by clicking **HERE**
News of THE AMOS GROUP

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

Help us Plan (to make a difference):

As we mentioned at the Annual Meeting, the Amos Group wants to do at least two activities along with the congregation and community this year. We could organize a mission project to help an agency or a neighborhood. We could organize a trip to get to know a culture different from most of ours – perhaps by worshiping at another church with persons of color. We could invite the community to hear a speaker at CPC on the impact of the public concerns about CRT (or African-American or Native American history) being taught in public schools. We could … [you fill in the blank].

What idea above – or idea of your own – would you like to see happen? We welcome your ideas – whether or not you have the bandwidth to get involved yourself! Our next meeting is March 2 – having your input before then will help us a lot!

Please send your ideas and your comments to Gregg Morton.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

10:45-11:45 am
Hybrid: Chapel or Zoom

SEVEN WORDS LENTEN SERIES BEGINS 2/26

Sunday Morning Adult Ed will not meet today but will begin a Lenten series next Sunday using Susan Robb’s Seven Words: Listening to Christ From the Cross. Each session will focus on 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 beginning with Betty Ann Morton. 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.

GREEN TEAM REIGNITE WORKSHOP

Monday, February 20
7:00 p.m.

The CPC Green Team needs YOU! People of all ages and interests are invited to work with Faith In Place to design a sustainable future for CPC. The first event will take place on February 20th. Dan Huntsha will be joining us to help us on our journey to bring about healthy changes for CPC through concrete action and energy to carry out our goals. The meeting will take place in the chapel and on Zoom. Attending the meeting is not about making commitments but sharing ideas! We look forward to seeing you!

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.
CONCERT: MARCH 5
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.

HEALING PRAYER, HEALING SONG: AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO PRAY FOR HEALING
Sunday, February 19
Ascension Church, Oak Park
Join us on Sunday evening, February 19 at 7:00 pm at Ascension Church, 808 S East Ave, Oak Park, as we embark upon a new ecumenical prayer outreach. This new service will include scripture, healing songs and hymns from various traditions, a time of silence, healing prayers and the opportunity for individual prayer, laying of hands and anointing for those who wish to partake. For more information concerning this new service or prayer for healing, contact David Anderson at 708-434-1535 or d.anderson@ascensionoakpark.com.

LENTEN MEDITATIVE WORSHIP
Wednesdays
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
7:00 - 7:30 pm
Chapel
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.
LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY
Wed Feb 22
Worship: 7:00 pm

Throughout Lent we will be SEEKING: honest questions for deeper faith. Share in Ash Wednesday worship on Feb 22 at 7:00 pm which will include communion and the imposition of ashes.

Each Sunday will go deeper into the bible text looking for answers and listening careful.

We will also gather on Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:00 pm for meditative worship that will often incorporate the examination of art through the spiritual practice of Visio Divina.

Planning ahead:
Sunday April 2 Palm / Passion Sunday
Thursday April 6 Maundy Thursday
Friday April 7 Good Friday
Sunday April 9 Easter Sunday

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