



*Zacchaeus* by Lauren Wright Pittman

## Worship for the Lord's Day

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

9:30 am

**Prelude**

*Siciliano, from Concerto in d*

Vivaldi, arr. Bach

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Emily Jaycox

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Opening Words:**

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**All: We long for community. We long for God.**

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

**All: We need connection. We need moral reminders.**

One: We come to worship because we are in between:

**All: hope and grief,  
faith and doubt,  
joy and longing,  
curiosity and conviction.**

One: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**All: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.**

**\*Hymn 418**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

## Call to Confession

Judy Johns Schloegel

Friends, our faith calls us to live with both mercy and righteousness.

Somewhere along the way, however, we have forgotten that truth.

Somewhere along the way, we began arguing about who deserves mercy and whether or not they had acted with enough righteousness to receive it.

Fortunately, God does not act that way.

No matter what mistakes we have made or wrong turns we've taken, God consistently meets us with mercy and invites us to try again. So let us lean into that good news, and go to God in prayer:

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.**

**When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.**

**Again and again, bring us closer to you.**

**Again and again, show us the way.**

**Amen.**

## Assurance of God's Grace

One: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,

**All: God is merciful.**

One: When we fail to be merciful,

**All: God invites us to try again.**

One: Again and again,

**All: God moves closer to us.**

## \*Sung Response 551

*Lord, Have Mercy*

LAND OF REST

## \*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 414 sing twice

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*

PSALM 46

## Growing with God

Beth

*Following Growing with God, all children are invited to go to Faith Formation class in LL6 or sit in the pews with their families.*

## Sung Response 414 remain seated, sing once

*Be Still and Know That I Am God*

PSALM 46

## Prayer for Inspiration

Judy

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 19:1-10

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

All: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon**

*Everything [in] between **righteousness** & **mercy***

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by different rules.  
He offered mercy. He invited people to dinner. He told stories of love.  
He chose to see the best in others.

We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.  
We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith.

So like Christ,

we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner, telling stories of love, and  
choosing to see the best in others.

With God’s help, may it be so. Amen.

**\*Hymn 435**

*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

IN BABILONE

**Offering Our Gifts to God**



Invitation to Offering

Judy

Offertory

*Hear My Cry*

César Franck

Maura Janton Cock, soprano

QRCode for Giving

**\*Doxology** words 607, tune 606 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Church Tidings**

Minute for MIssion: Exodus Refugee Support



Beth

Linda Cirillo

*use this QRCode to sign into the friendship pad*

**Joys & Concerns**

One: We lift our prayers to God.

All: Lord, hear our prayers.

**God’s People Pray / The 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 726 v 1-2, 4-5**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

*St. Peter*

arr. C. S. Lang

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Judy Johns Schloegel

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Barb Coop

ACOLYTE: Emily Jaycox

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USHERS: Janice Bouchard, Joanne King

AV: Sam Dammers, Glenn Gabanski

LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.

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Next Sunday in Worship, April 13

**Palm / Passion Sunday**

Luke 19:29 - 40

Everything [in] between **shouting** & **silence**



**VISITING CPC? WELCOME!**

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious in learning more about us, reach out to Erin James, Community Connector, to chat by email [erinjames1@comcast.net](mailto:erinjames1@comcast.net) or by phone at (630) 649-0151.



**Holy Week Services**

April 13	9:30 am	Palm / Passion Sunday
April 18	7:30 pm	Good Friday
		<b>Easter Sunrise Garden</b>
	7:00 am	• BYO chair • Communion • Continental breakfast follows
April 20		<b>Easter Worship</b>
	9:30 am	• Brass Quartet • Communion

## This week at CPC:

### Sunday, April 6

#### 9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm — Youth Group (Middle School & High School)  
Movie Night

### Monday, April 7

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel & Zoom

7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room

### Tuesday, April 8

1:30 am — Staff Meeting; chapel/zoom

12:30 pm — PW Program: Road Scholar; Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 9

6:30 pm — Lenten Meditative Worship & Communion;  
Gathering Room / Zoom

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Manse Task Force; Chapel

### Thursday, April 10

9:00 am — NO Read \* Share \* Pray

10:00 am — Ron & Judy Eshleman Memorial Service;  
King Bruwaert

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

### Friday, April 11

### Saturday, April 12

### Sunday, April 13

#### Palm / Passion Sunday

#### 9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — No Faith Formation

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm — HS & MS Cubes; Road Rally

## NURSERY CARE



The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers **April 20**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.



## BIBLE EXPLORERS

### April 27

#### During Sunday worship service

All kids in 4th - 6th grade are encouraged to participate in our Bible Explorers group. These sessions will be exciting and engaging. 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.



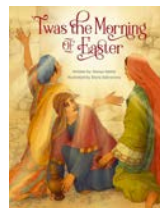
## LENDING LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

### Psalms of Wonder

For readers of all ages, these inviting poems and gorgeous illustrations are inspired by the book of Psalms, echoing all its wonder and courage, comfort and joy, protection and love. For children, *Psalms of Wonder* offers an introduction, bridging to the beloved phrases and images of Scripture. For readers who already know and love the Psalms, the poems reveal a refreshing new perspective while holding true to respected biblical translations. Perfect for savoring and sharing, this luminous collection will resonate deep in the hearts of God's children. **Check it out today!**

## EASTER STORY WALK

### Palm Sunday thru Easter Sunday



Take a walk through the garden at church on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday and read the story *Twas the Morning of Easter*. Kids can collect Easter Eggs along the way and each family will receive a copy of the book at the end of the walk!



## ADULT EDUCATION FOR LENT: *Turning Over Tables*

### Sundays

10:45 Chapel & [Zoom link](#)

We continue our study of the book *Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power*, by Kathy Escobar. The daily readings discuss power – how we use it and how it influences us and others in the world in which we live together. We work through a chapter of the book on our own each week. Then we meet together on Sunday morning and discover more together. Please join us in this journey!

This week's class will cover the chapter Week Four: **Disrupt**. Amy Hall will be our leader this Sunday.

A couple of books are still available at the church. Please pick up your copy and get started. Then join us in the chapel or on Zoom at 10:45.





## ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday April 27  
10:45 Chapel & [Zoom link](#)

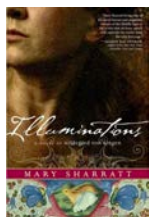


### Estate Planning: featured speaker, Sherri Finke of the Presbyterian Foundation

We welcome Sherri Finke from the Presbyterian Foundation to Adult Ed. She will spend an hour speaking about estate planning topics, such as tax-advantaged Donor Advised Funds and Qualified Charitable Distributions, among other more general estate planning topics.

## READ\*SHARE\*PRAY

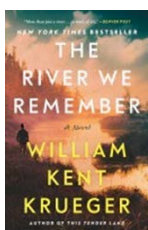
Thursdays  
9:00 - 10:30 am  
Chapel / Zoom



Join us on Thursday mornings for a book discussion on the novel entitled Illuminations, a novel of the life and spiritual journey of Hildegard von Bingen.

## CIRCLE OF VOICES: DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 23  
9:30 am  
Gathering Room



Circle of Voices will meet on **Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book will be available at the end of March at the Clarendon Hills Library.

Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information contact Barb Coop.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PC(USA) Special Offering  
March 5 - April 13

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support 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. Fish banks for all are available in the narthex. We continue to share updates about how the PC(USA) distributes and supports many different initiatives through this special offering. We will dedicate these donations on Palm / Passion Sunday, April 13.



## KIDS' ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

Spring Flower / Plant Sale  
Orders due Sunday, April 13

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

[Click here to order online.](#)



## CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Final Gathering this Lenten Season: April 9  
6:30 - 6:55 pm  
Gathering Room / Zoom  
[Zoom Link](#)

Pausing for 25 minutes to listen to scripture, poetry, examine and ponder art and share in communion may be just what you need this year. Open yourself to the Spirit and trust you will meet God in the midst of the extremes of our everyday life.

## CPC CONCERT SERIES

April 27, 3:00pm

### Sanctuary

We welcome John Sharp, the principal cello of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Liba Shacht, violinist in the Lyric Opera Orchestra and the principal second violin in the Grant Park Orchestra, and Winston Choi, an Associate Professor of Piano and the Head of the Piano Program at Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts.

The program includes the Shostakovich Cello Sonata and a well-known Haydn piano trio often nicknamed the Gypsy. The final work embodies all the finest qualities of Mendelssohn's art from the passionate to the sublime.

Admission to the concert is free, although donations are appreciated.



### HELP A REFUGEE FAMILY THROUGH EXODUS WORLD SERVICES

Sign up to provide a refugee family with useful household supplies as they rebuild their lives in the U.S. Delivered by volunteers, these essentials provide families with extra support along with a neighborly visit that blesses refugees and volunteers alike. The following list of items is required by the U.S.



Government Office of Resettlement. We look forward to keeping in touch and sharing updates on refugee ministry. By entering your email in this sign-up, you will be added to Exodus World Service's mailing list. You may opt out at any time.

You can drop off or have your item(s) delivered to the church.



### ALL INVITED TO JOIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

#### Road Scholar Adventure!

Tuesday, April 8

12:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

We'll start with a scrumptious dessert and fellowship and then hear an educational lecture by Merrill Medansky of Road Scholar.

Road Scholar offers group travel experiences across the U.S. and around the world, ranging from four days to four months. Think of us as a "university of the world." Road Scholar's mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Their learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. Regardless of the topic, you will learn something with every Road Scholar program, and your curiosity will be piqued to learn and discover more! A zest for learning is a zest for life. Looking for a musical respite in these trying times? Join us for an afternoon of string and piano chamber music across 3 centuries, performed by the finest classical musicians in the Chicago area.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 18th

Retirement Celebration for Beth Freese Dammers  
Details to follow!



**ADULT ED: The Emotionally Healthy Life**

**Sunday May 4**

**10:45 - 11:45**

Chapel/ [Zoom link](#)

In this fast-paced world, the challenges to our emotional well-being are constant and daunting. CPC is pleased to welcome Dr. Genalin Niere-Metcalf on Sunday, May 4 for a discussion to help you cope with your own struggles and be better able to recognize when others have problems. Dr. Niere-Metcalf is a clinical psychologist and spiritual director at Samara Care Counseling in Naperville who has worked extensively with various groups to raise awareness of emotional health, including working with churches and individual clergy. She has a Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College, as well as a M.A. in Spiritual Formation and Soul Care from Talbot School of Theology and B.S. in Nursing from California State University of Long Beach.



**2025 CPC FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT!!**

**April 27, 5:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Neat Kitchen & Bar**

Come for a night of fun and food while supporting the Youth Summer Mission Caravan! CPC's Trivia Night will be held at Neat Kitchen & Bar in Westmont on Sunday, April 27. Doors open at 5:00 pm to start prepping your team and getting your food orders in! *Trivia will begin promptly at 5:30 pm.*

Teams will be randomly assigned unless you register a guest who will then be placed on your team. Please pay the small registration fee online or by check at the church office. All fees are part of a fundraising effort for our CPC Youth Summer Caravans or short-term mission trips.



QR Code for Registration

Admission is \$10 per person; \$25 max for families. All proceeds will go to the Youth Mission Caravan fund!



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