



Lost & Found by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Worship for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025 9:30 am

Prelude What Wondrous Love is This arr. John Carter

Lighting the Christ CandleTy Skupien

Words of Welcome Warren Ali

*Opening Words:

One: Our God is a shepherding God.

All: Our God knows us by name.

One: Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,

All: then know that God is seeking you.

One: If you feel found,

All: then know that God will never leave.

One: This is the promise of scripture.

All: This is the promise of God's love.

One: Let us worship our with-us God.

Call to Confession Warren

Friends, in the Christian tradition many have used "lost" and "found" labels to describe people "out there" versus people "in here." Many have used "lost" and "found" language to create a damaging dichotomy that Christians are found and non-Christians are lost.

But the truth is, each and every one of us is a little bit lost and a little bit found from time to time. Each and every one of us needs the love of the Good Shepherd.

So join me in the prayer of confession, as people who know both ends of that spectrum. Join me as we go to God in prayer:

Prayer of Confession

One: If God is a painter,

All: let us be the brush.

One: If God is a musician,

All: let us be the song.

One: If God is an architect,

All: let us be the tools. Let us be the hands. Let us be the builders.

One: But if God is a shepherd, who never stops seeking,

All: let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we feel.

One: Our God is never far away.

All: Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found. We grumble. We push back.

We doubt God. We doubt ourselves. We leave the flock and lose our way.

But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: No matter how far we wander, we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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 Kristin Duy

Following Growing with God, all children are invited to go to return to Grace Space or sit in the pews with their families.

Prayer for Inspiration Warren

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-7

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Everything [in] between lost & found Rev. Judy Hockenberry

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a chasing-after-us God.

We believe that no matter where we wander or what mountains we climb, this God —
the God who walked the streets of Jerusalem,
shook hands with leners

shook hands with lepers, patted children on the head, and told stories of love

is always close at hand.

So on the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

*Hymn 801 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want CRIMOND

Offering Our Gifts to God Invitation to Offering

Warren

Offertory When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

QRCode for Giving

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

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")

Judy

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. *Postlude

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Warren Ali

USHERS: Janice Bouchard, Jessica Skupien

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton **AV:** Erich Kretchmer, Pat Garner

ACOLYTE: Ty Skupien

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LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.



Guest Preacher: The Rev. Judy Hockenberry

Judy is a retired Presbyterian minister. She served churches and retirement communities in Syracuse, New York; Louisville, Kentucky; and Arlington Heights, Illinois, for close to 40 years. She and her husband have 3 adult children and twin grandsons. Her husband, Ken Hockenberry, works for the Presbytery of Chicago. In her retirement Judy enjoys guest preaching and volunteering at Northwest Community Hospital. She and their miniature labradoodle, Penny, take long walks when it is above 25 degrees outside! She has been passionate about the Chicago Cubs since the age of 9.

Next Sunday in Worship, April 6
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Luke 19:1-10

Everything [in] between righteousness & mercy





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 or by phone at (630) 649-0151.



This week at CPC:

Sunday, March 30

9:30 am — Worship No Faith Formation

10:45 am --- Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom

No Youth Group

Monday, March 31

Tuesday, April 1

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting, Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Chapel / Zoom

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 pm — Contemplative Worship & Communion;

Gathering Room/Zoom 7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

Thursday, April 3

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

5:00 pm — Exodus Celebration of Hope; Drury Lane, OB

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 5

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

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.

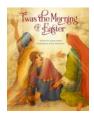


LENDING LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT: The Story of AND

When an array of opinionated shapes just can't find common ground, AND comes to the rescue. AND is the link that helps each pair

of shapes overcome their differences, teaming up to create something entirely new. Bouncy rhyming text and colorful paintings come together in a fable that will prompt children to look for the unexpected connections all around them.

Check out The Story of AND in the Lending Library.



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

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 Three: Repent. Linda Cirillo 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.

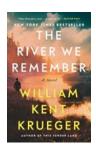


READ*SHARE*PRAY Thursdays 9:00 - 10:30 am Chapel / Zoom

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 <u>Wednesday April 23rd</u> 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 children and adults 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 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 to order online.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING ~ FISH BANKS March 5 - April 13

Fish banks are available for anyone wanting to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. 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.





SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, May 18th

Retirement Celebration for Beth Freese Dammers Details to follow!



SEASON OF LENT Everything [in] Between: Meeting God in the midst of extremes

This Lent, we study Jesus' journey to Jerusalem as told through the stories of Luke; stories we know: Mary and Martha, the fig tree, Zacheaus and more. In each of these is an example of the dichotomy of life. For example, in the Mary and Martha story we have work and rest; the Good Samaritan: stranger and neighbor, etc.

In the logo, the two hands reaching toward each other represent our longing for connection despite the politics, assumptions, beliefs, and narratives that divide us. The hands look as if they are reaching in for a handshake, but they are paused just before they connect. The negative space in between the hands creates the shape of a doorway, symbolizing hospitality or a pathway forward. The doorway invites us to look for God in the spaces in between. This Lenten Season, may we meet God in the midst of extremes.



CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP AND COMMUNION Wednesdays in Lent 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.



LENTEN DEVOTION BOOKS: FREE

Follow the rhythm of Lent through weekly writings that follow the scripture for each Sunday's worship. Poetry, art, prayers and teachings will illuminate your personal study as you reflect and walk these days with Jesus.



ADULT EDUCATION Sunday April 27 10:45 Chapel & Zoom



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. **Zoom link**







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.





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