

## Worship for the Lord's Day

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025

9:30 am

**Prelude**

*Andante Religioso*

Leon Boellmann

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Martin Cahill

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Opening Words:**

One: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

**All: whose confidence is in God.**

One: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

**All: sending out roots by the stream.**

One: This tree does not fear when heat comes;

**All: its leaves are green, its fruit endures.**

One: So come, let us place our trust in God!

**All: Let us live in blessed faith together!**

**\*Hymn 65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**Call to Confession**

Michele Vickery

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kin-dom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Assurance of God's Grace

One: God's word does not come to condemn us,  
but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

**All:** God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,  
who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

## \*Sung Response 582

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

## \*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 399

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

## Growing with God

Kristin Duy

*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 399 remain seated

*God Welcomes All*

THEMBA AMEN

## Prayer for Inspiration

Michele

## Scripture Reading

Luke 6:17-26

One: <sup>17</sup> Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground... Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

**All:** "Happy are you who are poor, because God's kingdom is yours.

One: <sup>21</sup> Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied.

**All:** Happy are you who weep now, because you will laugh.

One: <sup>22</sup> Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One.

**All:** <sup>23</sup> Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

One: <sup>24</sup> But how terrible for you who are rich, because you have already received your comfort.

**All: <sup>25</sup> How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry.**

One: How terrible for you who laugh now, because you will mourn and weep.

**All: <sup>26</sup> How terrible for you when all speak well of you.**

**Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Plain Words

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

\*Hymn 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Michele

Offertory

God is our Refuge

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

\*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

\*Prayer of Dedication



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Beth

Joys & Concerns

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 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'LL FLY AWAY

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude

Prelude in F Major, BWV 928

Johann Sebastian Bach

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

**LITURGIST:** Michele Vickery  
**ONLINE WORSHIP HOST:** Linda Cirillo  
**ACOLYTE:** Martin Cahill

**USHERS:** Ann Lorenz, Phil Lorenz  
**AV:** Geneva Ali, Erich Kretchmer

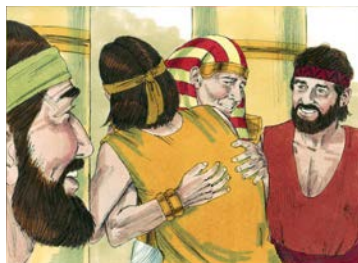
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**Next Sunday in Worship, February 23**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38

**Scandalous Forgiveness**



**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 Ingrid Ellithorpe, Community Connector, to chat by email [ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net) or by phone at 630.452.2625.

Let us know you are here!



**ALL CHURCH BRUNCH**  
**TODAY: Sunday Feb 16**  
**10:30**

**Everyone is warmly invited** to attend this homemade brunch! It is a time of fellowship, conversation and connecting with friends, as well as making new friends!



**CONCERT: KAIA STRING QUARTET**  
**TODAY: Sunday, February 16**  
**3:00 p.m.**

From the tango of the Rio de la Plata to the string quartets of Silvestre Revueltas, the KAIA String Quartet is an ensemble devoted to promoting the rich and colorful music of Latin America.

The concert is titled "**Song and Dance: Celebrating Latin American Culture.**" The program will include a variety of music based on South American songs and dance. Come hear how diverse the string quartet repertoire can be through the masterful writing of composers like Astor Piazzolla, Joaquín Turina, and Clarice Assad.

The musicians are Victoria Moreira (violin), Naomi Culp (violin), Susan Bengtson Price (viola), and Hope Shepherd DeCelle (cello).

**This week at CPC:**

**Sunday, February 16**

9:30 am — **Worship**

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

10:30 am — All Church Brunch; Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm — Concert: KAIA String Quartet; Sanctuary

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

**Monday, February 17**

6:30 pm — Finance; Zoom

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

**Tuesday, February 18**

10:30 am — PW Coordinating Team; Gathering Room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting, Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — KA Board meeting; Gathering Room

7:30 pm — CE-Y; Chapel & Zoom

**Wednesday, February 19**

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 20**

9:00 am — Read \* Share \* Pray

10:30 am — Chicago Presbyterian Meeting;  
Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:30 pm — Mission, Education, Outreach; Chapel/ Zoom

**Friday, February 21**

**Saturday, February 22**

**Sunday, February 23**

9:30 am — **Worship**

9:45 am — Bible Explorers; Gathering Room

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LLRm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel/Hybrid

5:00 - 7:00 pm — Youth Event: Sky Zone



**FAITH FORMATION CLASS ~ Goodness**

After Growing with God we will go downstairs and learn more about the 6th fruit of the spirit ~ Goodness

**NURSERY CARE**

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers **March 9**. 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**

**February 23, March 23 & 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**

**I'm Fabulous Crab**

A young crustacean is tired of life on the dim, drab, dull ocean floor. He wants glamour! He wants bling! Even when his new dazzle and sparkle lead to the unexpected, he still wants to be... **Fabulous Crab!**

*I'm Fabulous Crab* is a sparkling story about joyfully wearing your true colors—and perhaps a touch of glitter!

**I'm Fabulous Crab is available in the Lending Library...check it out!**



**ADULT ED:  
UNDERSTANDING OUR CONNECTIONS –  
THE QUR'AN AND THE BIBLE  
NO class this week**

The series will resume on February 23 with Iman Hassan Ali and the Rev. Dr. Bob Cathey leading.

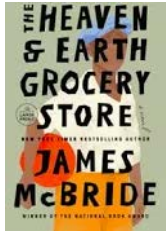


## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM

### “Bison Tales and Tallgrass Trails”

Tuesday, March 4, 12:30

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a delicious luncheon with dessert and a stimulating presentation by Cindy Crosby. Cindy is a steward supervisor for the Schulenberg Prairie at the Morton Arboretum and a writer, teacher, and lecturer on the tallgrass prairie and nature conservation. She has a master’s degree in natural resources with an emphasis on environmental interpretation. Her talk will focus on tallgrass prairies including wildlife and particularly bison. All are invited. Bring friends!!



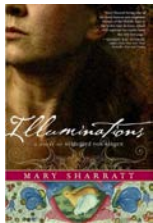
## CIRCLE OF VOICES

Wednesday, February 19

9:30 am

Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, February 19th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. We will be discussing *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel* by James McBride. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.



## 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.



## KIDS' ACADEMY

Enroll NOW for Fall 2025

CPC Kids' Academy is a preschool for children 30 months to 5 years and an after-school program for kids in kindergarten thru 5th grade. The Academy has been in the Clarendon Hills community for more than 50 years and is VERY proud to be NAEYC accredited!



New families are invited to learn more about the Academy by contacting the Director Kelley Lemley at [kelly.lemley@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.lemley@gmail.com) to schedule a tour.

**Enroll your child by February 17 to receive \$150 off your first month's tuition!**

## MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with non-perishable grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal and Pancake Mix      Rice
- Mac & Cheese                      Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Peanut Butter & Jelly              Salad Dressing
- Beans                                      Paper Products



Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.



## TROUBLE THE WATER

Fri March 7 - Sun March 9

Weekend workshop with Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance

Through powerful storytelling, guided discussions, and immersive experiences, participants will engage and reflect on the generational systems and forces that shape our world, and our place within them. Sessions offer a space for meaningful soul-work.



We hope you leave with a deeper awareness of yourself, your community, and the responsibility we all share in creating a more equitable future. Register today with the QRcode or visit [chcpc.org/trouble-the-water](http://chcpc.org/trouble-the-water). Sponsored by the Mission, Education & Outreach Committee of CPC.

### Four Sessions:

Fri March 7	7:00 - 9:00 pm
Sat March 8	9:00 - 11:30 am
	11:30 - 12:30 lunch provided
	12:30 - 3:00 pm
Sun March 9	10:45 - Noon

While participation at all four sessions will provide the most meaningful experience, it is not required. Child / Family care stipends available to support your need for care in your home while you attend **Trouble the Water**.

### You may be asking what can I expect from this weekend? WHY should I participate in this?

We will explore how to acknowledge that racism exists and to honor differences in how we perceive it. We will honor our individual need for solace and lean into the value of conversation as we support one another in building beloved community and belonging. We hope that our time together may inspire movement from uncomfortable acquiescence, to more active engagement in building the beloved community for which God longs. This weekend will not eliminate any uncomfortable feelings around racism; we hope it will reform our response to the racism of the world.

### Our leaders for **Trouble the Water**



**Alicia Reese** joined Crossroad's organizing and facilitation team in November and also serves as an on-call hospital chaplain. She received her Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary and is ordained PCUSA. Alicia lives in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago with her spouse and three fur babies.



**Jessica Vazquez Torres**  
see bio below



### GUEST PREACHER: Jessica Vazquez Torres Sunday March 9

Jessica is a proven leader with over 20 years of experience in antiracism, anti-oppression, and cultural competency workshop development and facilitation. Jessica is deeply committed to addressing social structures and cultural dynamics that marginalize and minoritize communities, limiting their access to the resources needed to thrive not just survive. A 1.5-generation ESL Queer Latina of

Puerto Rican descent, Jessica holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Central Florida, a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary, and a Master of Theological Studies from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She lives with her spouse Laura and their 80-lb dog Maggie.

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**  
**BEGINNING OF LENT**  
**Wednesday March 5**  
**7:00 pm**

Lent is a journey of preparation for the coming of Holy Week. In this season we will walk with Jesus as he moves closer to the cross. This year we will study key texts in the gospel of Luke. We will engage familiar stories—the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the fruitless fig tree, the Lost Sheep, Zacchaeus, and more.



The liturgical season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, a day to remember that we are dust and to dust we will return. A worship service with the imposition of ashes and communion will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday March 5 in the Sanctuary.



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