



*Mary & Martha* by Lauren Wright Pittman

## Worship for the Lord's Day Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025  
9:30 am

**Prelude**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Hal Hopson

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

Shelley Jaycox

**Words of Welcome**

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

**\*Opening Words:**

One: Come as you are.

**All: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**

One: if you know every scripture or none at all,

**All: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**

One: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

**All: come as you are.**

One: This is God's house.

**All: None are turned away. All are welcome here.**

**\*Hymn 409 v 1, 3-4**

*God is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

## Call to Confession

Liz Monson

The story of Mary and Martha is often painted as a story where one does right and one does wrong. We know that life is often more complicated than that. We know that faith is embodied through being present and taking action—and everything in between.

Knowing this, like Mary and Martha, let us draw near to God. Let us be honest about our lives, our hopes, and our mistakes. For even in our messy middle, God meets us with grace. Let us pray:

## Prayer of Confession

**All: God of Grace, we long to do the “right” thing.  
We long to make the “right” choice.  
We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.**

**In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred that is right in front of us.  
In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.**

**Show us how to hold loosely our heart’s desire for perfection.  
Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.  
For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.  
Show us the way. Amen.**

## Assurance of God’s Grace

**One: Faithful friends, God knows your heart.  
When you mean well and lose your way, God knows.  
When you try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows.**

**All: When we long to be close to God, and doubt our worth, God knows.  
We are seen. We are loved. We are forgiven. We have been sent to serve.  
This is the good news of the gospel!**

## \*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

Liz

## Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

*Everything [in] between: **faith & works***

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

## \*Hymn 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

## Offering Our Gifts to God



### Invitation to Offering

Liz

### Offertory

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

arr. Jason Krug

Clarion Bell Choir

QRCode for Giving

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Church Tidings

Beth

Minute for Interim Pastor Search Committee

Fred Veenbaas



QRCode to sign into the friendship pad

## 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 543 v 1-2, 4-5

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

### \*Charge and Blessing

### \*Postlude

*Prelude in g minor, BWV 861*

Johann Sebastian Bach

\* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Liz Monson

USHERS: Joanne King, Julia Trowbridge

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Amy Hall

AV: Gabe Ali, Erich Kretchmer

ACOLYTE: Shelley Jaycox

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**LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.**

Next Sunday in Worship, March 23  
Third Sunday of Lent

Luke 13:6-9

Everything [in] between rest & growth



**VISITING CPC? WELCOME!**

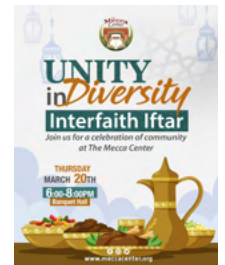
We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious in learning more about us, reach out to Erin James, Community Connector, to chat by email [erinjames1@comcast.net](mailto:erinjames1@comcast.net)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



**Unity in Diversity Interfaith Iftar  
Mecca Center Invites YOU**  
16W560 91st St., Willowbrook  
Thursday, March 20  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Our neighbors at the Mecca Center have once again invited CPC to be their guests at the Interfaith iftar. During the Islam month of Ramadan our Muslim neighbors fast during the day, focus on prayer and increase charitable acts and giving. The fast is broken at sunset.

On Thursday March 20, they invite interfaith neighbors to be their guests. The evening includes presentations from scholars and community leaders, a delicious meal, and the assurance of meeting new Muslim friends.



**RSVP to Pastor Beth by March 16 if you will be attending.**



**YOUTH SUMMER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**  
We are excited to offer 2 summer trips for our youth this year!

**Camp Courageous Caravan**  
July 13 - 19 (Sun – Sat)

We will be working as volunteer counselors alongside paid staff at a camp for mentally and/or physically challenged children and teens.



**Appalachia Work Caravan**  
July 26 - August 2 (Sat – Sat)

We will be traveling to Kentucky, Tennessee, W. Virginia or Virginia to provide high quality home repair to needy families/homeowners to make them safer, dryer and warmer. We will be partnering with Appalachia Service Project, ASP, who will plan the projects, housing, programming/entertainment and meals.



Visit [chcpc.org/youth](http://chcpc.org/youth) for details and registration materials  
Applications due by Sunday, March 16

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Woody at [alabrash21@gmail.com](mailto:alabrash21@gmail.com) or Wendy Cook at [5fivecookies@gmail.com](mailto:5fivecookies@gmail.com).

## This week at CPC:

### Sunday, March 16

#### 9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel/ Zoom

5:00 pm — MS Cubes; LL Rm 8

5:00 pm — HS Cubes; LL Youth Lounge

### Monday, March 17

6:30 pm — Finance; Zoom

7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

### Tuesday, March 18

10:30 am — PW Coordinating Team; Gathering Room

1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Zoom

7:00 pm — Kids' Academy Board; Gathering Room

7:30 pm — CE-Youth; chapel; Zoom

### Wednesday, March 19

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

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir; Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 20

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

6:00 pm — Mecca Center Interfaith Iftar; Willowbrook

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

### Friday, March 21

### Saturday, March 22

1:00 pm — Robert Sacks' Student Piano Recital;  
Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 23

#### 9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6

9:45 am — Bible Explorers; Gathering Room

10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Zoom

5:00 pm — MS Cubes; LL Rm 8

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## FAITH FORMATION CLASS



Join us this Sunday as we learn the Bible story of Mary & Martha. We will watch a short video about the sisters, have a discussion about showing our love for God and make a poster reflecting our love.



## NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on **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

**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.



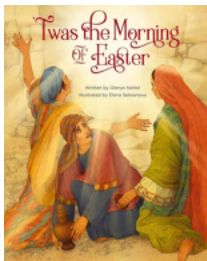
## LENDING LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT~

### The One Day House

Wilson dreams of all the ways he can help improve his friend Gigi's house so that she'll be warm, comfortable, and happy.

One day, friends and neighbors from all over come to help make Wilson's plans come true. Everyone volunteers to pitch in to make Gigi's house safe, clean, and pretty. Inspired by a friend's volunteerism, author Julia Durango tells a story of community and togetherness, showing that by helping others we help ourselves. Further information about Labor of Love, United Way, and Habitat for Humanity is included at the end of the book

**Check out The One Day House 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*

Starts March 16, covering chapters 1 - 3

10:45 Chapel & Zoom

Adult Ed classes for the rest of Lent will be based on the book *Turning Over Tables: A Lenten Call for Disrupting Power*, by Kathy Escobar.

This book has daily readings throughout Lent and Easter. It asks us as individuals to consider how we can challenge power when it is appropriate as Christians to do so.

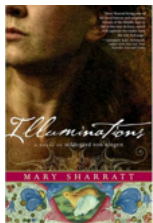
Each of us will work through a chapter of the book on our own each week. Then we will meet together on Sunday morning and discover more together. Please join us in this journey!

NOTE: This first class will cover the first three chapters of the book. After that, one chapter per week.

Bob Parsons will be our leader this Sunday.



NOTE: This is a new Zoom link specifically for Sunday morning Adult Education. [Zoom link](#)



### 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.

### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



# everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

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  
March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 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 worship. Poetry, art, prayers and teachings will illuminate your personal study as you reflect and walk these days with Jesus.



## EXODUS: CELEBRATION OF HOPE DINNER

Thursday, April 3  
Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace  
5:00-6:00 pm Check-In & Reception 6:00-8:15 pm Complimentary Dinner & Program

### You're invited to a joy-filled evening in support of welcoming refugees!

On April 3, join with fellow church members at Drury Lane for *Celebration of Hope*. Our friends at Exodus World Service will share inspiring stories of refugees and their connections with the volunteers who welcome them. There will be exciting updates on new ways to welcome, as well as an opportunity to partner with Exodus to help give refugees practical help and hope as they rebuild their lives. Register and learn more at [exodusworldservice.org](http://exodusworldservice.org). Contact Linda Cirillo at [lcirillo2@comcast.net](mailto:lcirillo2@comcast.net) with questions.



**SUNDAY MARCH 23**  
**LEONARDO GARCIA ALTINO – CELLIST**  
**Worship Music**

We are excited to welcome back cellist Leo Altino to worship at CPC.

Brazilian-American cellist Leonardo Garcia Altino has performed with leading orchestras, including the Boston Symphony and Odense Symphony. By fourteen, he had already appeared as a soloist with every major orchestra in Brazil. A winner of the Viña del Mar International Cello Competition, he has performed across the Americas, Europe, and Asia. Praised by *The Strad Magazine* for his “exceptional musical intelligence and an exceptionally cultivated sound,” he is currently a faculty member at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER UPDATE**



Due to busy volunteer schedules and Kristin Duy's back injury, the Spaghetti Dinner will be taking a break this year.

The CEC committee hopes to be able to bring back this fun event in 2026.



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