



*To Be A Blessing* by Hannah Garrity

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 5, 2023**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

## Gathering

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

### Gathering Chime

Prelude

*Largo*

Corelli

### Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*We Seek You with Our Questions, O God (v.2)*  
KINGSFOLD 8.6.8.6 D (*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*)

***We wonder why things come to pass  
and how to come alive.***

***Where do your living waters flow?***

***How can dry bones revive?***

***Who are you, God, who meet us here  
with wisdom and with sign?***

***We seek you with our questions, God,  
we yearn for truth divine.***

### \*Call to Worship

As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey,  
God calls us to follow in trust.

**God is able to make us more than we have been  
and blesses us on the way.**

As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again,  
Christ invites us to become a new creation.

**Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light,  
and we are saved through him.**

1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid

"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,

You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,

that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
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## \*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you  
in need of forgiveness and grace.  
You call us to trust in you completely,  
but we do not.  
We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.  
We justify our actions and words,  
though we know they are not what you require.  
We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,  
preferring old habits to risky change.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,  
trusting that you have included us by grace  
in the family of faith.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### *Silent Confession*

## \*Kyrie

### *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

Arr. Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

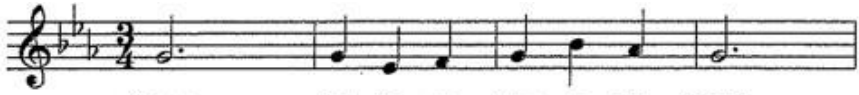
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## \*Assurance of Pardon

**\*Response**

*Let Us Return to the Lord*



Come, let us re - turn to the Lord.



You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are



crushed, God will bind you up.

**Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Carolyn Davis

**Scripture Reading**

John 3:1-17

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4a

**The Message**

*Seeking: How Do We Begin Again?*

Paul Lang

**\*Hymn**

*Begin Again*

Strickland/Kocher

In the deep night of the soul Rich in questions, yearning for  
In the sun - set of our life Af - ter years of joy and strife  
Ev - ery mo - ment, ev - ery hour Spir - it gifts us with the power

Life that mat - ters far be - yond Pick - et fen - ces and front lawns  
As we pon - der le - ga - cy Won - der - ing what we will leave  
To be - gin our life a - new What then will we choose to do?

When we tire of life mun - dane We can still be - gin a - gain  
When the lights are grow - ing dim We can still be - gin a - gain  
Close a chap - ter, lift the pen To once more be - gin a - gain

## **Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Time with Our Children**

Jen Pierce

Book: *After the Fall* by Dan Santat

# Responding

## Offering of Tithes and Gifts

### Offertory

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Larson

*I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey,  
O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking,  
O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

### \*Lenten Doxology

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise

The first line of musical notation is in G major and 3/2 time. The treble clef staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir-it who im -

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef staff features a melodic line with some eighth-note patterns. The bass clef staff continues the harmonic support.

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third line of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a final melodic phrase in the treble clef and a corresponding accompaniment in the bass clef, ending with a double bar line.



## Prayer of Dedication

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

*Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

### Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Sending

**\*Hymn** *Who on Earth Can Find God's Kingdom? (vv. 1-3)*  
NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D (*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

**1) Who on earth can find God's kingdom? Who can know  
God's wondrous reign?**

**How can we receive the freedom of a people born again?  
Can we hear the winds a-blowing — where they come from  
and return?**

**Can we see God's kingdom growing? These are things we long  
to learn.**

**2) Nicodemus said to Jesus, "God must be at work in you!  
Rabbi, you're a God-sent teacher; we can see the signs you do!"  
Jesus saw his faith and questions, so he spoke these words of love:  
"Surely, none can see God's kingdom, till they're born from God  
above."**

**3) Nicodemus kept on wondering, "How can one be born anew?"  
Jesus said, "This is the birthing that God's Spirit brings to you.  
If you want to see God's kingdom, do not be at all surprised.  
You can't see God's Spirit moving, yet it's working, changing  
lives."**

**4) God, we see your world around us, and we wonder what will be.  
Is your loving reign among us; is it something yet to see?  
May we trust your Spirit's moving, giving life and hope and birth.  
May we trust what you are doing, joy of heaven, hope of earth.**

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Response** *Who on Earth Can Find God's Kingdom? (v. 4)*  
*(See previous hymn)*

**\*Postlude** *Voluntary in E Minor* Stanley

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**  
*You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.*

**Today's Worship Service Participants**

Ministers: Rev. Paul Lang, Rev. Kim Rubish

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Lorraine Bullis

Lay Reader: Carolyn Davis

Time with Our Children: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Tom Bolick, Russell Diggs,

Janet Robinette, Boyce Oglesby

Tech: John Campbell, Ken Worsham

Slides: Beth Cleveland

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**seeking: Lenten Reflections Group**

Pastor Kim's Lenten Reflections group meets on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Using materials from *A Sanctified Art*, this group explores the week's texts, devotions, and other outside resources. *A Sanctified Art* offers "honest questions for deeper faith" and the group has a chance to use this time to dive into honest questions together, both from the materials and from questions that pop up for each person throughout Lent. There's no obligation to come every week—anyone is welcome any time!



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for deeper faith

## Lenten Opportunities at Cary Presbyterian

During the season of Lent, our community of faith offers a variety of ways to pursue a deeper connection with God, others, and self. Worship and faith formation offerings are inspired by resources from the folks at *A Sanctified Art*, entitled ***Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith***. Along with various gatherings at CPC during Lent, we hope these at-home resources will be helpful as well.

### *Lenten Devotional (Online version at <https://tinyurl.com/266ddhay>)*

This amazing resource contains scripture, commentary, poetry, visual art, and written reflections. Our Faith Formation Offerings offer weekly opportunities to join conversations at CPC about the content of this devotional.

### *Daily Devotional Cards*

These simple and easy to use daily devotional cards include a reminder/affirmation for building a daily rhythm of prayer.

### *Seeking Spotify Playlist (Listen at <https://tinyurl.com/38c95k3k>)*

This playlist, cultivated by *A Sanctified Art*, covers a wide range of genres, themes, and musical styles. May this serve as the soundtrack for your Lenten season.

**Printed copies of the Lenten Devotional and Prayer Cards are available in the Narthex. Stay connected with the CPC App for devotionals, prayers, commentary, poetry, and art connected to the Seeking resources.**

# THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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<b>Sunday, March 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Game Night with St. Giles (Fellowship Hall) Lenten Reflections with Pastor Kim (Parlor)
<b>Monday, March 6</b>	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting (FH Annex) Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1951 (Youth Area) Girl Scout Daisy Troop 271 (Youth Area) Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF) Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Session Meeting (102) Deacons Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday, March 7</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Triple F (100) Duke Health & Well-Being Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Group (Fellowship Hall) Scout Troop 232 (Youth Area) Cool Books Club (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday, March 8</b>	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal This Week Wednesday Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
<b>Thursday, March 9</b>	7:00 p.m.	Community Partnership Team (Zoom)
<b>Friday, March 10</b>	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
<b>Saturday, March 11</b>		
<b>Sunday, March 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Compass Group #2 (Parlor) Lenten Reflections Group (Parlor)

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

**YOU SHALL BE  
CALLED REPAIRERS  
OF THE BREACH**

— ISAIAH 58

*Join us!*

Providing relief from  
natural disasters,  
food for the hungry,  
and support for the  
poor and oppressed.

**MATTHEW 25**