

Wet Stones by Carmelle Beaugelin

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 12, 2023 614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511 (919) 467-8700 www.carypresbyterian.org

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

#### **Gathering**

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

#### **Gathering Chime**

**Prelude** Lamb of God Twila Paris

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** We Seek You with Our Questions, O God (v.3)

KINGSFOLD 8.6.8.6 D (Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples)

We search for you in garden green where once you gave us birth; We search for you in desert parched and all throughout the earth. With wonder, worry, doubt, and awe we search through night and day. We seek you with our questions, God, at home and far away.

# \*Call to Worship

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

choos-ing bro - ken cups that can not be filled? the well-springs of the wa ter of life. They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

# \*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

#### Silent Confession



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<sup>\*</sup>Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Response

#### Let Us Return to the Lord



#### Word

# **Prayer for Illumination**

Lynn Voss

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-42

One:

This is the word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 17:1-7

**The Message** Seeking: Will You Give Me A Drink?

Paul Lang



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

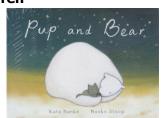
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture. to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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: Pup and Bear by Kate Banks

# Responding

# Offering of Tithes and Gifts

**Offertory**Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Willmington
Sister Act Ensemble; Nancy Neubauer, Accompanist

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me, Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love; Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above.

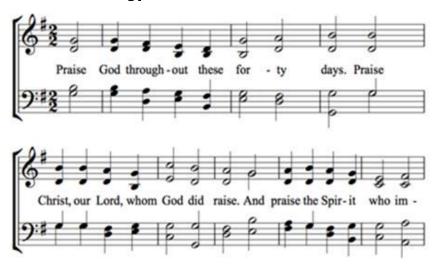
Only Jesus Christ can love us, love us with His deep, deep love, Only Jesus Christ can save us, save us with His precious blood.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!

How He loves us, ever loves us, changing never, never more; Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best; It's an ocean vast of blessing, it's a place of peace and rest.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best; Tis an ocean ocean vast of blessing, tis a haven sweet of rest. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, tis a heaven of heavens to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to Thee.

# \*Lenten Doxology





#### **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 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (vv. 1-3) No. 432



- 1 How clear is our vo ca tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for-get ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to geth er or a lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai-ly learn, re-freshed, reif world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not unwhose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to



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you en - deay-ored, done.

\*Blessing and Charge

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\*Response How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (v. 4) No. 432 (See previous hymn)

\*Postlude Prelude in D Minor J. S. Bach

# \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

cross you hung up - on,

# **Today's Worship Service Participants**

Ministers: Rev. Paul Lang, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick Piano: Nancy Neubauer

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Choir: Sister Act Ensemble

Acolyte: Lydia Bullis

Lay Reader: Lynn Voss

Time with Our Children: Jen Pierce

Ushers: LeNelle Patrick, Russell Diggs,

Janet Robinette, Rhonda Carlile

Tech: Ian Dunbar, Richard Wood; Slides: Beth Cleveland

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# **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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Sunday,	9:15 a.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall)
March 12	9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes (All Ages)
3rd Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online
of Lent	2:00 p.m.	Compass Group #2 (Parlor)
Daylight Savings	4:00 p.m.	Christian Adventurers Service Project (FH)
Time Begins	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Reflections Group (Parlor)
Monday,	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (FH Annex)
March 13	11:00 a.m.	Abigail Circle (Parlor)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF)
	6:30 p.m.	Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Music & Worship Team (Library)
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Fellowship Team (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Kitchen Katz (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Ministry Board (102)
	7:00 p.m.	Racial Equity Team (Zoom)
Tuesday,	7:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 232 (Youth Area)
March 14	•	
Wednesday,	8:30 a.m.	Esperanza Monthly Meeting (Zoom)
March 15	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
Thursday,	9:00 a.m.	Generosity Team (102)
March 16	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
Friday,	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
March 17	•	
Saturday,		
March 18		
0 1	0.15	The Books I Character Hall III
Sunday,	9:15 a.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall)
March 19	9:30 a.m.	Faith Formation Classes (All Ages)
4th Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online
of Lent	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Reflections Group (Parlor)



Date: Saturday, March 25

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Place: CPC Fellowship Hall Cost: \$5 per person, maximum \$20 per family Please consider bringing a dessert to share.

Trivia buffs and anyone up for a good time: singles, couples and families are invited to join in the fun of the first CPC Trivia Night! Enjoy dinner and fellowship, then our MC, Richard Wood, will lead team trivia with questions from pop culture to history and sports. Groups will be randomly assigned to assure *Jeopardy* devotees are well-dispersed. Childcare will be provided for ages 10 and under: older youth are invited to join the trivia fun. And yes, there will be prizes! Sign up at the SignUpGenius link in Elink.