



*Tune In* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

## WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

## Gathering

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

### Gathering Chime

Prelude

*Largo*

Vivaldi

### Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*We Seek You with Our Questions, O God (v.1)*

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

***We seek you with our questions, God,  
with open heart and mind;  
we long to live a fresher life  
and leave our past behind,  
for all that we have known before  
has faded and grown worn.  
We seek you with our questions, God,  
that we might be reborn.***

### \*Call to Worship

People of God, on this wilderness journey,  
what will you eat?

**The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

People of God, in this time of temptation,  
how will you live?

**Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad,  
whom will you serve?

**We worship the Lord our God alone.**

**\*Hymn***Even in the Desert*

## Fearing/Neander

Piano

E-ven in the de - sert, fruit - ful - ness can flour - ish; mer - cies bloom from  
 E-ven in the de - sert, we are blessed with trea - sures; gifts of God be -  
 E-ven in the de - sert, first fruits free - ly gi - ven; grace a - bounds and

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which we nour - ish. Give us dail - y man - na, God of end - less  
 yond all mea - sure. Sa - tan off - ers ex - cess; pow'r, con - trol, se -  
 sins for - gi - ven. Washed in God's a - bund - ance, we are dar - ing

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gra - ces; show your light u - pon our fa - ces. Here we see  
 duc - tion; we will fol - low God's in - struc - tion. By God's will,  
 dream - ers on the path of our re - deem - er. Truth is told,

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your de - decree and its in - vi - ta - tion; love as our found - a - tion,  
 cups are filled, mer - cy finds the strang - er, saves the lost from dan - ger,  
 grace un - folds, love pro - tects our neigh - bor, just - ice is our la - bor.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God,  
you know the ways of good and evil.  
You know the things that tempt us  
and the things that give us life.  
You know our nakedness,  
and you know our sin.**

**We confess that we have disobeyed your word,  
denying your providence and care  
and relying on our own cleverness.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray:  
cover us with your grace,  
feed us with the bread of life,  
and re-create us in your image;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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**

Medora Hix

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 32

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 4:1-11

**The Message**

*Seeking: Who Will You Listen To?*

Kim Rubish

**\*Hymn**

*Who Will You Listen To?*

Strickland/Lyon

The So A voi - ces from the ci - e - ty de - rushing flood of past mands hate That We In ech - o through our al - ways strive for news we of - ten

minds Like noi - sy ghosts haunt and har - ass With words un -  
 more Ac - cum - u - lat - ing wealth and land And leave the  
 see Con - ceals God's king - dom in a great Ca - co - pho -

- kind Who will we lis - ten to? Lies that bind and a - base? Or  
 poor Who will we lis - ten to? The temp ter's jea - lou - sy? Or  
 - ny Who will we lis - ten to? The cha - os all a - round? Or

God who coun - ters words un - true With words of grace?  
 God's pro - vis - ion and pur - suit Of e - qui - ty?  
 God's dream of a world made new Where love a - bounds?

**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

**Responding**

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

*A Lenten Prayer*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;  
Nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.  
We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.  
You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself;  
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

## \*Lenten Doxology

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

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

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

## 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

*Jesus, Tempted in the Desert (vv. 1-3)*

1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,  
2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,  
3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain  
4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er,

lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the  
high a - bove its an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from  
by the lure of vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me!  
lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the

tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren  
loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to  
Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're  
tempt - er's ho - ur, come and be our

rocks to bread!" "Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,  
break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,  
sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion,  
liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and dynamic markings such as '(p)' for piano. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, corresponding to the four verses of the hymn.





**seeking:**  
honest questions  
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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Sunday, February 26 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Duane Hix Book Signing (Fellowship Hall) Lenten Reflections with Pastor Kim (Parlor)
Monday, February 27	11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (FH Annex) Abigail Circle with Staff (Parlor) Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF) Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Youth & Fellowship (Zoom)
Tuesday, February 28	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Duke Health & Well-Being Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Group (Fellowship Hall) Scout Troop 232 (Youth Area)
Wednesday, March 1	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Wednesday Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
Thursday, March 2	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Team (100/102/106) Cary Mindfulness Group (Parlor)
Friday, March 3	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer Group (Parlor) Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday, March 4		
Sunday, March 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:30 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)



## seeking: Lenten Reflections Group

Pastor Kim's Lenten Reflections group will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, beginning on Sunday, February 26. Using materials from *A Sanctified Art*, this group will explore the texts of the week, devotions, and other outside resources. *A Sanctified Art* offers us "honest questions for deeper faith" and the group will have 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!