

LENT

Songs for the Journey

EXPLORING THE PSALMS OF ASCENT (PSALMS 120-134)

*Wednesday Evening Vespers
Christ Presbyterian Church
March 27, 2019*

Preparing for Worship

Wayfaring Stranger

Salaam/Peace

Refrain: *Salaam, Salaam, the peace of God to every race.*

Salaam, Salaam, the peace of God in every place.

Psalms 127 Unless the Lord Builds the House

Gathering Together

*The Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ

We are new creations, the old has gone, the new has come.

Let us worship God, in spirit and in truth

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

*A Gathering Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*, stanzas 1,2 and 4

Hymnal No. 84

Confessing Our Sins

Together

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions, for we know our transgressions and our sin are ever before us. Against you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

In Silence

Sing together

Kyrie eleison—Lord, Have Mercy *Listen first, and sing with us the second time.*



The Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome ~

Please silence electronic devices before the service begins.

*Please stand as you are able.

Hymns will be found in the Blue Presbyterian Hymnal or the CPC Psalter (available at the door)



ALL are welcome —
“The invitation to The Lord’s Supper is extended to all - remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love.”
~ The Presbyterian Book of Order

We offer gluten-free communion bread and wafers, and non-alcoholic wine, so that everyone may partake without concern.

Hearing the Word

Songs for the Journey Psalm 127 CPC Psalter, page 24

Singing the Psalm *Unless the Lord Builds the House* CPC Psalter, page 25

Meditation Pastor Dale Chapin

Music for Reflection *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sharing the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration and Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

During Passover, all yeast, even the crumbs, is removed from a house since yeast symbolizes what sin does to a life. Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover meal with unleavened bread made without yeast. Tonight, we will share gluten-free Matzah.

Music during Communion *Taste and See*

Taizé

You are invited to sing along on the Chorus:

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord .

Prayer of Thanks

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we journey on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Going Forth

*Sending Hymn *Day is Done* (Ar hyd y nos) Hymnal No. 544

*The Benediction

Participants in Worship

Speaker: Pastor Dale Chapin

Musicians: Mary Strait, Elise Blanchard, Carol Quintana, Kathy Otterson

Communion Server: Arlene Linn



Thanks to all musicians for providing beautiful music during our Lenten Vespers services-

- March 20* *Matt Sally and members of the Worship Team*
- March 27* *Mary Strait, guitar; Elise Blanchard, flute; Carol Quintana, cello
Kathy Otterson, piano*
- April 3* *Kathy Otterson, flute and voice;
Sharol Hayner, piano*
- April 10* *Roald Henderson, tenor
Robert Haigler, organ and piano*

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A Community of Christ, gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.