



*Cornwall Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians
living in faith and enlivening the world.*



**February 21, 2021
10:00 AM
Zoom Worship**

Welcome to Cornwall Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted to have you here with us today. Here is an order of worship if you would like to follow along.

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We hope to see you again soon!

Hymn: 624 “I Greet Thee...”Ruthanne Schempf, organ

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

God meets us in the night— Before the sun rises,
Before the wound heals, Before there are answers,
Before there is closure. God meets us in the light—
Where joy is effervescent, Where laughter is contagious,
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,
And where people gather around the table.
God meets us at the threshold— At the edge of the water,
At the beginning of the wilderness, At the start of something new,
On the edge of faith. And if God meets us in all those places,
Then surely God meets us in between—
Staying with us through the wilderness. We are not alone.
God is all around. Let us worship the God of the here and now.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Music for Reflection 204 “Stay With Me”Ruthanne Schempf, piano
Greg Ransom, guitar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who meets us where we are— There is nowhere we can go that you are not. You were with Jesus at his baptism. You were with him in the wilderness, and even in between, you were there, saying aloud, “This is my beloved.” We know that you are with us too—In the good, the bad, and everything in between— But so often we act like we are alone. Instead of coming to you with our hurt, we hold it in or cast it onto others. Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves and offer you nothing. How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living like you are nowhere to be found? Forgive our self-centered ways. Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there. You are the God who meets us where we are. Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.

Silent Prayers

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this: God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning, And God calls you beloved. We are washed by the water. We are called beloved. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Robin

Scripture.....Robin

Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. ³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. ⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! ⁸Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. ¹⁰All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Music for Reflection: 165 “The Glory of These 40 Days”Ruthanne Schempf, piano
Greg, guitar

Sermon: “Preparation for Ministry”Rev. Patricia Calahan

Hymn: 177 “I Will Come to You”Ruthanne Schempf, piano
Greg Ransom, guitar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”Ruthanne Schempf, organ
arr. by Anna Laura Page

ANNOUNCEMENTS

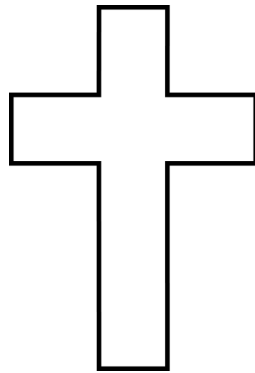
Lent at CPC: Our devotional resource for this Lent is “Again & Again” from *Sanctified Art*. We will be sending them out weekly via email, printed copies will be available upon request.

Discover the Psalms: Join us on Zoom for a study of the Psalms at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesdays during Lent. We will be utilizing a resource, “Discovering the Psalms: Passion, Promise, & Praise” by Donald Griggs. This study invites us to explore different types of Psalms and perhaps even learn to pray like a Psalmist or perhaps even to write like one.

We are delighted to be partnering with the First United Presbyterian Church (Pine Plains) with this offering. Pastor Tricia will be sharing leadership with Pastor Ryan Larkin. There are a couple copies of the book available for pick-up during office hours or we are happy to drop a copy off for you, by request. Please contact Pastor Tricia if you have any questions. The Zoom link will be sent out ahead of the meeting.

Jesus: A Pilgrimage: All are welcome to join Ken Sampson’s book study at any time! The group meets on Thursdays at 12:00 on Zoom. Contact Ken Sampson to obtain the book and details on Zoom/phone connections.

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch will be meeting this Wednesday February 24th at noon via Zoom. The group is currently reading Joanna Weaver’s Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out. You can contact Marion Thomas for information about book copies. A Zoom link will be sent out via email.



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