

*At CCC, we honor and celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, abilities,
sexual orientations and gender identity.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
February 17, 2008
Service of worship
10:30 A.M.

We gather for worship. During the week we have each sought to respond to Christ's call in our lives. Let us now enter fully into the Holy One's presence, the ultimate source of power, nourishment and meaning for us. We begin doing this by hearing the news of the people, life and events of our faith community, and greeting one another.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Méditation
Ann Marshall, organ

Louis Vierne

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

People of God, where do we put our trust?
Where do we find wholeness and meaning?

We lift up our eyes to the hills.

Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.

We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah.

We trust God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm.

We are born of the Spirit, born from above.

Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us.

By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ.

Through faith in Christ we have received eternal life.

PRAISE

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 466**

SANDON

Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Ms. Jan Forbes

(The congregation is invited to stand. Lines printed in bold are read in unison.)

PENITENCE

*As we look around us within our own hearts, we discover brokenness, pain and
aimlessness. Our world and ourselves are in need of healing.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Forgiveness is our most precious gift; the most Christ-like blessing we can share. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Merciful God, your steadfast love and desire to forgive give us courage to face the wrongs that we have done. We acknowledge that we have broken our communities; we have

turned away the stranger; we have forgotten to love the land. We have pushed your priorities aside and refused to let your commandments questions what we do. Forgive us, we pray. Restore us to our rightful minds, that we may walk with you in caring for your world and all else you have created. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The scriptures proclaim that God created us; the apostle Paul states that Christ is at work within us; the sharing of life in the church affirms that the Spirit is alive in us. All these things are very good news indeed.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen!

ANTHEM

Salvation is Created
The Chancel Choir

P. Tschesnokoff

Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O our God.
Alleluia!

THE WORD

God has come to bring us new life

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-4
John 3:1-17

SERMON

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (All)

Clara Scott

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my eyes, that I may see, glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes illumine me, Spirit divine!*

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN #452 (Seated)

SOMETHING FOR JESUS

Savior, Who Dying Gave

***DOXOLOGY # 17, verse 1**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

To you, O God, all creatures sing,
And all creation, everything,
Sings your praises, alleluia!
Your burning sun with golden beam,
Your silver moon with softer gleam,
Sing your praises, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these tangible expressions of our joy and care. Renew in us a sense of our abundance in all times and a never-failing compassion for all who need hope, for we pray in the spirit of Christ who is the source of hope and joy, of our gifts and our open hands. Amen.

LIVING IN THE NEW LIFE

God sends us forth "transformed non-conformists" to be agents of healing and reconciliation

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH #605**

MORNING SONG

As Moses Raised the Serpent Up

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Kurt Kaiser

POSTLUDE

Trio in A Minor

Joseph Rheinberger

Note: portions of this service were adapted from Prayers to Share by David Sparks, Taught by Love by Lavon Baylor and Touch Holiness edited by Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi

(Please be seated following the Hymn of Going Forth and remain seated through the Postlude)

Participating in the Service

9:00

Jeanne Young

10:30

Jack Hiland

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are a thank you to all my wonderful teachers, helpers and friends at church. Love, David Alden Karl

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Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Please make your needs known to an usher.

Children's Worship Activity Bulletins and pew packets of crayons are available each Sunday in a basket located by the doors to the sanctuary. Please return the crayons to the basket at the end of the service.

Assistive Listening Devices are available for people needing hearing assistance during worship. Ask an usher for one.

Offering Envelopes are available in the Entrance Hall or in the pew racks.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 – 10:30 AM	Worship – <i>Meeting Room – Room 108</i> Nursery provided
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Contemporary Theology Adult Education Class – <i>Conference Room</i>
10:30 – 11:40 AM	Worship – <i>Sanctuary</i> Nursery and childcare provided Church School for 3 years through Middle School (grades 6-8)
11:45 – 12:30 PM	Chapel Choir – <i>Choir Room</i> Grades 3-6
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Youth Ensemble – <i>Choir Room</i>
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Youth Programs – Junior High (7 th and 8 th Grades) Covenant Class, Senior High, (5 th and 6 th Grades – meet monthly on the second Sunday of the month)

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TODAY – February 17, 2008

SISTERS FOR SISTERS, a support group for widowed and single women will meet on Sunday, February 17th after the Church Service in the Conference Room. Please bring your bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY OF BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST CHURCH A Lenten opportunity beginning this evening at 6:30 with the viewing of the movie *Crash* in the Conference Room. Focused discussions throughout Lent (and perhaps beyond) will follow. The opportunity grows out of Christ Congregational Church's vision of becoming a multi-cultural, multi-racial church. Over the course of the discussion we will hear personal stories, explore institutional racism and talk about the impact racism has and continues to have on all our lives. The sessions will be led by Rev. Susan A. Henderson, Delilah Marrow, Jim Henkelman-Bahn and others. Future meetings will be scheduled at the end of the first event.

ART SHOW: Please spend a few moments in the Tate Gallery viewing the work of fellow CCC members or spouses of members. For example, see Audrey Platt's cross stitch pieces. Did you even know Audrey does cross stitch? Nostalgia calls from John Hildebrant's watercolors. Take in Carl Brandt's digitized photos, many of which now feel almost like posters.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY MORNING TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION meets on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 – 8:00 AM in the Meditation Room.

SPIRITUALITY AND AGING On Thursday, February 21st we continue our discussion on "Fear." All are welcome to join us in the Conference Room for tea and conversation from 10:00 – 11:30.

WOODWORKING PROJECT The canoe from the Retreat House needs some repairs. If you would like to help work on the boat on Thursday evenings, call Bruce Strand at 301-942-8883.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 24

SENIOR ADULTS WANTED! We are looking for a few senior adults to spend Sunday evening, February 24th with our middle school youth here at CCC. We'd like to connect with you over dinner and in small groups for "themed conversation." Dinner is at 6:00 followed by a short worship time. Next we'll break into small groups (two senior adults to two or three middle schoolers) for conversation. We wrap up at 8:00. Please join us! A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Questions? Talk with Kristen Brown, Sallie Holmes, or Sarah Anders. *We can provide a ride to and from the church.*



CCC BOOK GROUP will next discuss Ivan Doig's new novel, *The Whistling Season*. The meeting will be on February 24, 2008, 7 PM, at the home of Mary Stone. All are welcome.

COMING EVENTS

DAYS OF SIMPLICITY LENTEN MUSICAL OFFERINGS The Music Ministry will again offer the *Days of Simplicity* Lenten musical series on Wednesdays during Lent. These musical offerings will be held on February 13, 20, 27, and March 5, 12, and 19, in the sanctuary. They begin at 12:00 noon and will last for approximately 30-40 minutes. Each concert is followed by a simple meal of delicious home-made soup and bread in the conference room. This year we will host Susan Burkhalter (organ), Molly Stiers (classical piano), Jay Marciano (piano) Ann Marlowe (flute), Pat O'Connor and the Aurora Lyre Quartet, (Lyre Quartet concert in Meeting Room) and Nae Pearson (organ). This musical series provides a wonderful opportunity to extend our extravagant welcome and invitations to friends and guests to join us at Christ Congregational Church. Please plan to join us for each of these Wednesday events during Lent! A free-will love offering will be taken for the guest musicians each week. For further information you may contact Nae Pearson in the music office at 301-585-8010, ext 224.



THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY, Tuesday, February 26. Each year Interfaith Works, formerly Community Ministry of Montgomery County, enlists local restaurants in fundraising to support food, shelter and other services for low income and homeless residents of the county. Participating restaurants donate 10%-30% of their receipts on the designated day to support the work of a number of service organizations, including Community Vision and Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. We can take part by dining at one of the restaurants on February 26, or by sending a contribution to Thanksgiving in February, c/o Interfaith Works, 114 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. Brochures with the names of participating restaurants are in the CCC lobby kiosk.

SENIOR ADULT BROWN BAG LUNCH AND MOVIE Friday, February 29th at 11:30. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Movie and further details to follow!

CCC OUTDOOR SPIRITED GROUP HIKE Join us for a short and easy late winter trek along the South Tract trails of the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge between Bowie and Laurel, MD, Saturday March 1st, 9:00 – 2:30. If you are interested pick up a flier on the bulletin board for further details.

SENIOR ADULT OVERNIGHT RETREAT BROCHURES are available on the bulletin board in the foyer. Sign up by March 5th in order to reserve your spot for this fun and unique experience. Questions? Call Sarah Anders (301) 424-3339.

**SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP SATURDAY MARCH 8
9 AM – 1 PM. CHILDCARE AND LUNCH PROVIDED!**

On behalf of the entire congregation, the Personnel Committee and the Board of Christian Education are hosting an essential Safe Church training. Safe Church policies aid the congregation in avoiding sexual abuse and misconduct incidents or the false allegations of such activity. All those who volunteer with our children, youth, and at-risk adults are **STRONGLY** encouraged to participate. Others are welcome. It is mandatory that those volunteers mentioned have training concerning our Safe Church Policies. If you cannot participate March 8, there will be a follow up session at a later date.

Rev. Hank Fairman, Pastor for Children, Youth and Families at Rock Spring Congregational UCC in Arlington, is our facilitator. We will discuss our Safe Church policies, review their implementation and be moved by the spiritual significance of our faithful response to God's expectation of hospitality.

Come! Be part of experiencing CCC's ministry of hospitality. Come! Learn how you can help create a safe church for all the members of Christ's body. Please register on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Questions? Contact Rev. Sandy Dodson

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS RECOGNITION, MARCH 9 Please join the congregation at the 10:30 service on March 9 as we recognize those who have been members of CCC for 50 years or more. Special recognition will be given to members reaching the 50-year milestone this year. After the service there will be a reception in the social hall. Please come meet or renew acquaintances with people who have served the church for so long.

ALL YOUTH 5TH GRADE THROUGH SENIOR HIGH ARE INVITED TO A QUILT-IN! Saturday, February 23 from 9 to 3 in the Conference Room we'll be making baby quilts for Food and Friends, a DC



organization which helps chronically ill people. Recently, the organization has started a baby and young child support system. The managers have always been grateful for CCC's quilts made by the fifth and sixth graders. Now is the time you can come and learn the skill or practice the skills you learned when you were in the fifth and sixth grade. This is your opportunity to help other young children and babies. If you need community service hours, I'll be happy to fill out the forms (if you bring them with you.) Please bring your lunch. I'll provide drinks and dessert. I'm sorry for this late notice, but this opportunity just came up. Hope to see you then. Terry Strand.

SERVICE RECORDINGS Each Sunday the Audio Visual Committee of CCC records the Sunday morning worship service. The CDs are then available in the main office for those who wish to borrow them for two weeks. Just a gentle reminder, there are eight CD's from the last year that have been borrowed and not yet returned. If you have one of the service CDs, kindly return it to the office. There is only one copy for each service and others are waiting to borrow them. There is now a sign-out sheet on the inside of the cupboard door to make it easier to check them out.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR NEEDED! Do you have a creative ability and an interest in technology? Are you looking to make a difference in the world (wide web)? If so, the Technology Committee would like you to consider becoming the next Website Administrator for CCC. No prior experience in web development is necessary. All training will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dan Schumacher dan.schu@verizon.net, or Bud Dennie cdennie213@aol.com.

BOARD FOR SOCIAL WITNESS One Great Hour of Sharing offering – March 2, 2008. See bulletin inserts.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN: Many of you have expressed your deep desire to know of prayer concerns as they arise during the week. In response to your request, an electronic prayer chain will be put into place within the next couple of weeks. If you would like to be a part of this prayer chain, please contact the church office with your email address. If you do not have an email address, we will find a way to get the information to you. Please note: each Sunday, a Pastoral Prayer and Care list is posted on the bulletin board just outside the church office and a stack of that list can be found on the table near by. Thank you for your concern for this important ministry.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 17 – Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 A.M. Service of Community and Sacrament – Meeting Room
- 9:00 A.M. Adult Education *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:30 A.M. Service of Worship – Sanctuary
 - Nursery and childcare provided for infants – toddlers/twos
 - Church School for 3 year olds – 8th grade
- 11:45 A.M. Chapel Choir – Choir Room
- 12:00 P.M. Sisters for Sisters – Conference Room
- 1:00 P.M. Choir Tour Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 5:00 P.M. Youth Ensemble – Choir Room
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Groups – Junior High (7th and 8th grade), Covenant Class, Senior High
- 6:30 P.M. Anti-Racism Journey – Movie and Discussion – Conference Room

Monday, February 18 – Presidents Day

The church office will be closed

Tuesday, February 19

- 7:00 A.M. Meditation and Reflection – Meditation Room
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting – Room 107

Wednesday, February 20

- 12:00 P.M. Days of Simplicity - Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Building and Grounds – Room 208

Thursday, February 21

- 10:30 A.M. Spirituality and Aging – Conference Room
- 7:15 P.M. Group Spiritual Direction – Meditation Room
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Sunday, February 24 – Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 A.M. Service of Community and Sacrament – Meeting Room
- 9:00 A.M. Adult Education *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
- 10:30 A.M. Service of Worship – Sanctuary
 - Nursery and childcare provided for infants – toddlers/twos
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- 6:00 P.M. Youth Groups – Junior High (7th and 8th grade), Covenant Class, Senior High
- 6:30 P.M. Anti-Racism Journey – Conference Room

Monday, February 25

- 7:30 P.M. Board Meetings
- 7:30 P.M. Simplicity Circle – Room 206