

## Service of the Word

March 17, 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today. Large print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex/Main St. entry. Caring volunteers & paid staff tend our nursery during worship. Your little one is welcome any time. Sunday School begins after All Ages Together for K-7<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Prelude**

*Moderato in G Minor*  
by Jean Philippe Rameau

Catherine York, organist

**Welcome**

The Rev. Jill H. Small

**The Greeting of Peace** *You are invited to greet those near you, sharing the peace of God.*

**Introit**

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

**Marion Ellis, pulpit assistant**

One: This is the hour set aside for worship.

**ALL: This the hour set aside for renewal.**

One: It's time to ask questions and to listen for answers.

**ALL: It's time to open our hearts to the Divine and to be the Church.**

**\* Hymn**

*Praise to the Living God* (vs. 1&2)

#8 NHC

*(\*Congregation may stand)*

**Invocation** (unison)

**As we gather, Holy One, fill this place with your Spirit. Hover above us, draw us into community, and fill our hearts with your peace. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**All Ages Together**

**The Lord's Prayer/Prayer of Jesus**

*Our Father/Creator who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom/Reign 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/Reign, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.*

**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (#82 NCH)**

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

**Anthem**

*Can You Hear?* by Jim Papoulis

Chancel Choir

**Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Our Church Family Prays**

**Invitation to Offering** *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make the mission and ministry we share possible. You may use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

**Offertory**

\* **Doxology** (#780 NCH)

**Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

**God of promise and fulfillment, may the gifts we offer unite us in covenant, bring blessing to others, and carry peace into the world. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your Name we pray. Amen.**

\***Hymn**

*By Whatever Name We Call You*

#560 NCH

**Text for the Day**

First Testament: Genesis 15:5&6; 12-18

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

**Sermon**

Children of Abraham

\* **Closing Hymn**

*Praise to the Living God (vs. 3&4)*

#8 NCH

**Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**Postlude**

*Bagatelle Opus 119 No. 1* by Ludwig Van Beethoven

***As our worship together ends, our true service begins.***

**After worship**, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall hosted by Pam Monroe and Bryn Burns. This is one of the many ways we build community! Could you host 'coffee hour' one Sunday? *For the safety of those with allergies, we respectfully ask that you not bring peanuts or peanut products to church and that you consider providing something gluten-free.* Simple snacks are wonderful and there are plenty of folks who will help with perking coffee. There's a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall: which Sunday is your day to host?

**Thanks** to today's greeters Don Smith, Carolyn Puffer, and Bill Gilvary, sound engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, Liam Ashburner, and Emerson Moore, and pulpit assistant, Marion Ellis.

**Our Lenten Journey:** This week, as we look into the distorted glass, we begin to REVEAL our own journeys of spiritual awakening... our need to turn away from the distractions and entrapments of the world... our need to deepen our connection to the sacred.

**Interested in joining CCD?** Already a member and want to review a bit of Christian history, learn about the UCC's ancestor denominations, and hear about each of CCD's Ministries? Then please come to the Parlor next Sunday, March 24th, at 11:30. **This gathering is for everyone!**

If you'd like to **become a member** of Community Church, then join us again on April 7th in the Parlor at 11:30 when we will review the service for reception of new members, make sure we have accurate contact information for you, ask you to tell us about your interests and talents, and take a photo. We will receive new members during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on April 14th, Palm Sunday.

**After School Choir for Children & Youth** will be rehearsing on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. Taking the bus from the elementary schools is an option. Middle Schoolers often walk. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: KristinF@CCDurham.org or Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net. **Rejoice Choir:** Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join from 4:20-4:50. **Alleluia Choir:** Children in grades 3-8 are welcome from 4:50-5:20.

**The Tuesday Morning Book Group (TMBG)** has just 3 weeks left with its study on how the tumultuous 20th century has changed the idea of the church's mission. Whether you lived some of your life in the 20th century or not, you are welcome to come to add your perspective, or just to listen. We meet in the Parlor on Tuesdays, 10-11:30. If there are questions, please contact Marion Ellis (659-1123).

Doug Wheeler, distinguished historian of Portugal (and our congregation's historian!) will present a 3-week unit, "And Who Is My Neighbor? Understanding Portugal's World War II Hero of Conscience" on April 16, 23, and 30. This will include the April 23 screening of "Disobedience", a film about this hero, Aristides de Sousa Mendes. You are welcome to any or all of these sessions.

Community Church of Durham is a vibrant place where lots is happening! Please submit items for the Chronicle Plus to office@ccdurham.org by noon on Wednesday for inclusion the next Sunday. Thank you!

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*An open and affirming congregation where all are welcome.*



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