

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 8, 2020 11:00 AM

*Worshippers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: **Bold text**

The liturgy is based on prayers by Thom Shuman.

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" J. Linker
*INTROIT "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 213, v.1

**In the cross of Christ I Glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey into a future we cannot see; to a place we do not know.

Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

*HYMN NO. 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" *KINGSFOLD*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of patriarchs, and prophets, and those granted no voice, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. You call and we hesitate to follow. We are frightened of the cost. We are fickle in our faith. We are distracted by a million little things.

**God of Peter, and Paul, and the psalmist, forgive us:
not because we deserve it, but as a sign of your mercy and love.**

Forgive us, so we may lay aside all the keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *(silent prayers of confession)* And all God's people say, **Amen.**

RESPONSE: "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 227

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: God does not go back on the promises made so long ago. God does not reject us, God redeems us. God does not withhold love, God pours it into our barren lives.

Forgiven of our sins, filled with hope, living in relationship with God and one another - we are a new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE "Surely, it is God Who Saves Me" No. 71, refrain

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Take Up Your Cross" H. Hopson

GATHERING "Where Children Belong"
**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Amy Parker

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:31-38

SERMON "Take up your Cross" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith PCUS

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world. He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness. In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us.

Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him.

*HYMN NO. 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" *KELVINGROVE*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Meditation on 'Crucifer' " C. Callahan

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 826 "Lift High the Cross" *CRUCIFER*

*BENEDICTION

In light of concerns about the flu and the corona virus, please use the hand sanitizer in the pews.

The text for the morning anthem is taken from Hymn No. 718 in Glory to God.

The offertory and postlude are based on the closing hymn - "Lift High the Cross"

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



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Richard Callard '20
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*RESPONSE: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" No.541

**God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE: "Processional on "Crucifer" " C. Callahan

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Peggy Palmer and Alan Johnston *Greeters after Worship:* Judy Haddock and Heather Barry

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Peggy Palmer, *liturgist*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Maureen Wright and Heather Barry

FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the Glory of God!

OFFERING COUNTERS: Charlie and Sarah Stebbins

THIS SUNDAY, March 8, 2020


- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Personnel Team)
- + 2:00 PM – Funeral Service Remembering Gretchen Spella

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, March 9, 10:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 7 PM – Lenten Bible Study
- + Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM – Choir Practice
- + Wednesday, March 11, 11 AM – Bridge; 7:00 PM – Stewardship Team Meeting
- + Thursday, March 12, 10 AM – PW Deborah Circle; 7:00 PM – PW Ruth Circle; 7:00 PM – Worship Team Meeting
- + Friday, March 13, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, March 15, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday school
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Membership Team)

 **Those having a birthday this week:** Sharon Callard (10th), Elaine Barry (11th), Maggie Powell (13th), Maddy Smith (14th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: the family of Gretchen Spella, Bertha Miller, Betsy White; Kathryn McCrary; Dave Dawson; Sharon Richardson; Erin Chiparo; Jane Harich; Sandy and Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Bonnie Waggy; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Josie Thomas, Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Kagwathi Church (Pronounced Kah-GOWAH'thee)

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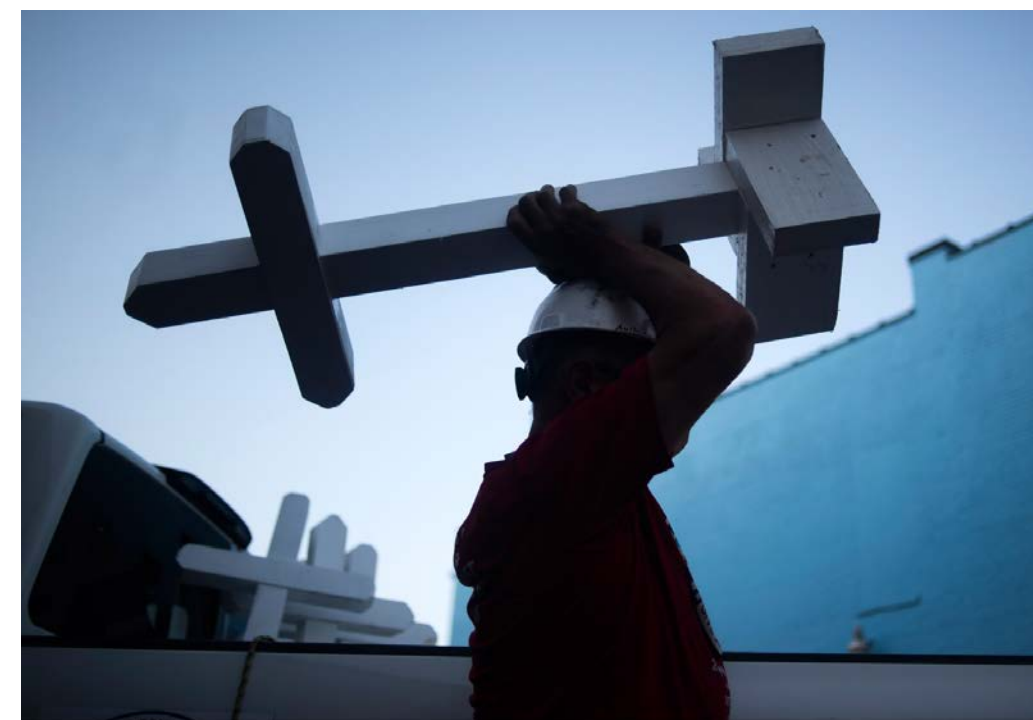
Missionaries: Steve and Sonia Dettweiler

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Greg Zanis removes a cross from the bed of his pickup truck in Dayton, Ohio. "I'm uniting America in a unique way — United States Strong," he said. Photograph by Mark Felix for CNN

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."