

Community Church of Barrington
Sunday, March 15, 2020
The Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Community Church!

We invite you to enter the sanctuary when the prelude begins or before, offering you this time as a quiet space to prepare for worship. If you would prefer the gift of conversation, we welcome you to remain in the Narthex until you hear the church bells begin to peal.

QUIET MEDITATION

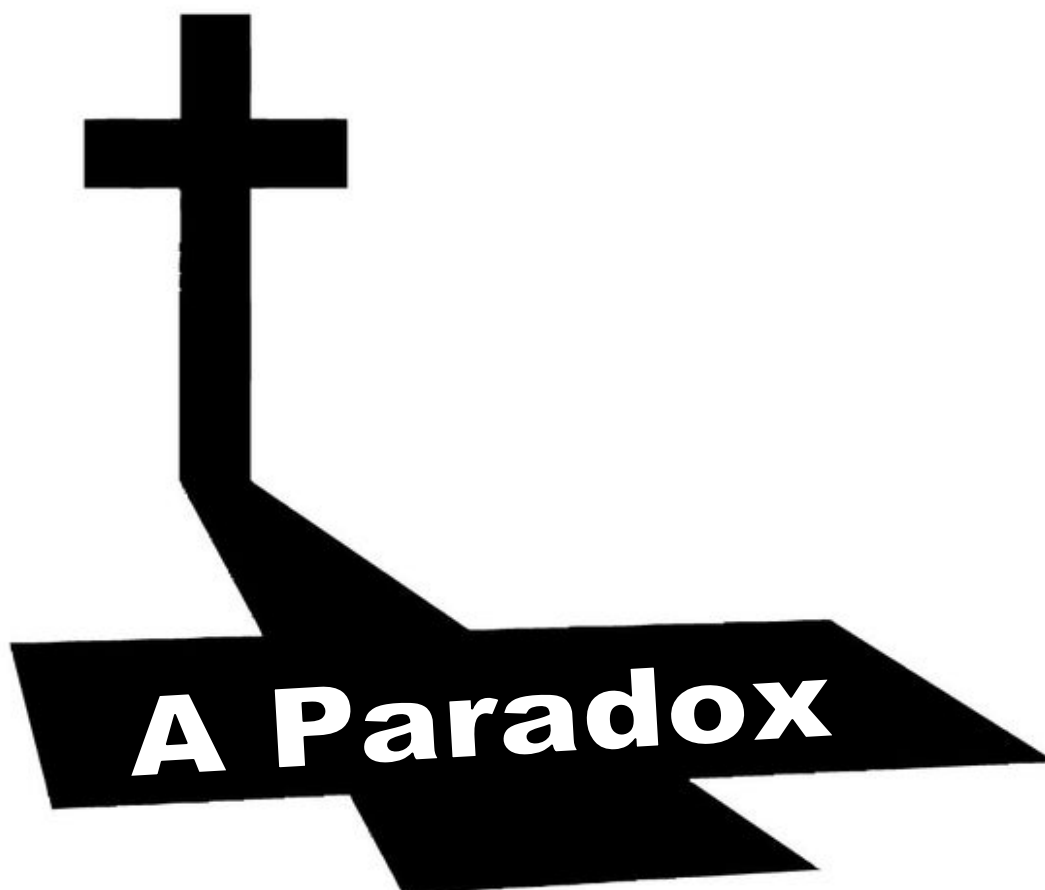
In the Shadow of the Cross, Suffering

Our tendency in the midst of suffering is to turn on God. To get angry and bitter and shake our fist at the sky and say, "God, you don't know what it's like! You don't understand! You have no idea what I'm going through. You don't have a clue how much this hurts." [Jesus hanging on] the cross is God's way of taking away all of our accusations, excuses, and arguments. [Jesus on the] cross is God taking on flesh and blood and saying, "Me too."
-- Rob Bell

In the Shadow of the Cross, Victory

The empty cross, Oh Love divine. The empty cross, such hopeful lines. Be joyful, yes; O heart of mine.

The empty cross is victory's sign. -- A Brand New Tongue David Ingles



**Community Church of Barrington
Order of Service**

*Worshippers are invited to stand, in your heart, or with your legs as you are able.

PRELUDE
J. Hughes

Meditation on Songs of the Cross

Robert

WE RING the TOWER BELL

WELCOME

***CALL to SERVICE**

Owe My Lord a Morning Song

I owe my Lord a morning song. The Spirit gave me voice.
Nor did she force my soul to praise but, honored me with choice.

I owe my Lord a morning song. How can I help but sing?
When God is all in all, and I am one with everything.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SHARING the PEACE (IN NEW WAYS)**
you,

One Voice:

May the peace of Christ be with

Many Voices:

And also with you!

(After greeting one another with a sign of peace, worshippers may be seated.)



CALL to WORSHIP

Heloise

Pechan

One Voice: The season of Lent begins as we were marked with the sign of the cross.

Many Voices: The cross of Jesus is our sure sign of victory, the sure sign of triumph over death.

One Voice: We are marked with a cross, our sure sign of hope and of power.

Many Voices: We gather this day to learn of this old rugged cross and the message it holds for our lives.

One Voice: In the shadow of the Cross of Christ, we take our stand, we find our place.

All Voices: In the shadow of an old rugged cross we gather to worship, and because of it, we are blessed. Amen.

***HYMN**

The Old Rugged Cross

#484 (Verses 1,

2 and 4)

(Worshippers may be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison): Forgive us when we slink away from the gravity of a crucifix, preferring the smooth and sometimes diamond studded face of a cross. Forgive us when we refuse to see the power and the promise in Your death. Gracious God, teach us that You are both the one who suffers with us and the Savior who defeats suffering and death. Forgive us and teach us we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: We praise You, our God, for You are gracious to teach and quick to forgive. Thank you for hearing our prayer and receiving us to Yourself again. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Heloise

Pechan

Mark 15:25-32

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Hebrews 12:1-3

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One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#806

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without

end.

(worshippers may be seated)

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison):

Led by Our Youth and Children

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OUR CHILDREN DEPART for CHILDREN'S CHURCH

All children 6th grade and younger are welcome to attend Children's Church.

OFFERING of GIFTS

Musical Offering

To Be at Peace

Johannes Brahms

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY**

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

PRAYER of DEDICATION

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

Give Me Jesus

#551

*In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

God's Peace

C. J. Adams has combined words from Marva J. Dawn with a familiar hymn tune to produce today's anthem.

*Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.*

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ONGOING:



WELCOME CARDS. To all our visitors and guests, please fill out the welcome card. We promise to be in touch with you **once** to send you a gift. We welcome you to share any prayer requests also. And, if you would like Pastor Zina to contact you, at any time, we welcome you to indicate your interest and to share with her the best way to be in touch with you. Once you fill out the card just drop it in the offering tray. Thanks!

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR SUNDAY, March 22nd. Join us each week at Lake Barrington Woods for a study of the Lectionary texts. We meet on the 1st floor, beginning promptly at 2:30 and ending at 4 p.m. The session is led on alternating Tuesdays by Zina, Jeanne Hanson, Tom Burns, and Holly Rebmann.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Palm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

UPCOMING:

THE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD displays the crosses you shared with us as well as a list of items that hide in the shadow of the cross. Thank you everyone for helping us with our Lenten display.



IN THIS SEASON OF LENT

DAILY DEVOTIONS: Beginning Ash Wednesday, Pastor Zina will send an electronic morning thought. If you would prefer a written copy, please let her know. These thoughts will also be available on our Facebook page if you wish to share them with others.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES - IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS: A shadow is the dark area cast when a non-opaque object blocks the light.

The shadow, depending on the angle of the light, can be distorted or perfectly matched to the object casting the shadow. Throughout history shadows have been thought to obscure reality, hide truth, cover evil, and maintain an aura of menace. But shadows are a natural occurrence and must not be ignored. If there is light then shadows will always be. What might the shadows teach us? What might we find there? In particular, what might we find in the shadow of the cross. We will consider that which we find in the shadow of the cross as we walk through the season of Lent. Join us.

LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES – BEGINNING SUN. MARCH 8th – PALM SUN. APRIL 5th

What does it mean to lament? What role does lament play? Join us as we study the book of Lamentations as our primary text and the work of Soong Cha Rah, Prophetic Lament, as our secondary text.

LENTEN REFLECTION DAYS: During the season of Lent, we will offer three opportunities to reflect on the Weight of the Cross and the Strength that it Yields. Each of these experiences is designed to invite the participants into a deeper understanding of suffering and the strength that can result from this experience.

- The Weight of Evil and the Strength That It Yields - Saturday, March 14th. We will visit the Illinois Holocaust Museum, joined by our friends from St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Time at Museum and Lunch 10 – 2:30.
- The Weight of Racism and the Strength That It Yields- Thursday, March 26th A Showing of the Movie, Just Mercy, and a time of discussion. Location: Community Church Fellowship Hall.
- The Weight of Our Lives and the Strength That is Being Formed – Saturday, April 4th. We will gather at Pastor Zina's Home and we will consider what it is to be strengthened by the challenges in our own lives.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 9th: This year we will host the Maundy Thursday Service. We will welcome our friends from Salem and St. Paul UCC. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 PM and the service will begin at 7 PM. The service will be interactive and invite you to walk through three scenes that took place on that fateful night so long ago.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10th

Our annual Good Friday service will take place at Community Church on Good Friday at 7 p.m. This one-hour worship service always proves to be meaningful preparation for the miracle of Resurrection Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH AND WORSHIP – APRIL 12th.

On Resurrection Sunday we will begin the day with a potluck brunch. The brunch will begin at 9:30 am followed by a joyful, uplifting Easter Sunday worship at 10:30. The sign-up sheet for the Potluck Brunch will be available Next Sunday. Invite your family and friends to join us for worship on April 12th, Resurrection Sunday.

Notes from the March 10th Deacon's Meeting

During each meeting of the Deacon's the team is led in an opening devotion. On March 10th, the Chairperson of the Deacons, Ted Newman, shared the following devotion. In these days of Covid-19, an ongoing political campaign season, an up and down market, and the concerns that meet each heart, it seemed wise to share these words with all.

When uncertainty becomes like a monster under your bed, it threatens to overtake you and all you feel is afraid. Read Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

We are gently reminded we are not in that situation alone. He has promised that he is with us. He is aware of what is before us, and he will help us. There is a comfort that comes when we know we are not alone. But when we realize that it is God who holds our hand and God who is looking out for us, there is a peace like no other.

Even when the ground seems too shaky and uncertainty overtakes our thoughts causing us to become anxious, God tells us that he will reach out his right hand and hold us up.

But what if we can't see what is before us? The results of the doctor's reports, whether or not we will be able to make the rent or mortgage this time, etc. What happens when I move? Why won't that nagging illness go away? What if it looks like I may lose my job? What about those times? Read 2 Corinthians 5:7: "We live by faith, not by sight." This is the reminder we need. We don't walk by sight, but instead we walk by faith. This is where trust comes in. Here on earth, this is the only place we will be able to exercise our faith. This is our opportunity to trust God implicitly. When we struggle with doubts, God will encourage our hearts. He will remind us of what is true so we can hold onto the truth when our feelings overwhelm us.

Faith is trusting in God without seeing any proof. And the only reason we are able to do that is because he empowers us to do it. It's like how we believe that Jesus died on the cross and paid for our sins. Were we there? No. We had to accept that by faith. And then when we started walking as Christians, we were faced with many opportunities to trust God. You are faced with some today. And we have the choice to believe God even though we have no idea how he's going to work things out. We still have the choice to put our faith in him and know that he is at work, even when we can't see a thing.

Lord, in this time of uncertainty, remind us that you are with us, and that you hold us up. Strengthen our faith, and help us to live by our faith, since our sight is often one where we see through a glass darkly. When the glass is clouded, let our faith lead us through the uncertain days.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK TAKEN FROM
The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, According to St. Mark 15:25-32

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

The Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

One Voice: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Many Voices: Thanks be to God.



CLOSING HYMN

Lead Me to Calvary

King of my like I crown thee now
Thine shall the glory be
Lest I forget Thine thorn crowned
brow
Lead me to Calvary

*Lest I forget Gethsemane
Lest I forget Thine agony
Lest I forget Thine love for me
Lead me to calvary*



Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story
How a Savior came from glory
How he gave his life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about his groaning
Of his precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sin
And won the victory

*Oh, Victory in Jesus
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With his redeeming love.
He loved me, ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me into victory
Beneath his cleansing flood.*

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The CDC wants you to know these steps to help take care of yourself.



Clean your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- Take steps to protect others

Stay home if you're sick

- Stay home if you are sick. Learn what to do if



sick, except to get medical care. you are sick.



Cover coughs and sneezes

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.

- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Wear a facemask if you are sick

- If you are sick: You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- If you are NOT sick: You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



Clean and disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them: Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

To disinfect:

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface. Options include:

- Diluting your household bleach.
To make a bleach solution, mix:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
 - OR
 - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

- Alcohol solutions.
Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.

- Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants. Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens pdf icon[7 pages]external icon claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

MINISTRY OF MIRTH



MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:30 Youth Group	2	3 Serenity Jensen B'Day Alayne McNulty B'Day	4 Women Who Breakfast Potluck	5 Al-Anon	6	7
8 Worship 10:30 Youth Group	9	10 Book Club Deacons Mtg.	11	12 Al-Anon G.R.O.W.	13 Maddie Jensen B'Day	14 Men's Fellowship
15 Worship 10:30	16 Judy Haack B'Day	17 Patty Luchsinger B'Day	18	19 Al-Anon Bill Athmann B'Day Dave Pratscher B'Day	20	21
22 Worship 10:30 Youth Group	23	24 Council Meeting	25 Feed My Starving Children 6-7:30	26 Al-Anon	27	28 Men's Fellowship
29 Worship 10:30 Youth Group	30	31				