

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

Valentine's Day

February 14, 2021



**“You are
designed
to heal”**

The Healing Power of Forgiveness

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

The Gift of Love (John Carter)
Jesus, Name Above All Names/O, How I Love Jesus (Mark Hayes)
Oh, How He Loves You and Me (Mark Hayes)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Watts of Love

Amy Hollands

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Marsh

One Voice: Jesus offers all who know him a new-old commandment, that we should love one another.

Many Voices: We love one another because God loved us first.

One Voice: Strengthen our ability to love with God's love.

Many Voices: And the world will know we are God's children because we share our love.

One Voice: Come children of God, come and be filled with God's love.

All Voices: Come all who love the Lord, and let our joy be known, Christ is in our hearts and we are blessed. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Come, We That Love the Lord

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Then let our songs abound and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer world on high.

SCRIPTURE:

Carol Marsh

Ephesians 4:31-32

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Mark 11:25

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

One Voice:

The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices:

Thanks be to God

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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. Amen

CHILDREN’S MOMENT and LORD’S PRAYER

Alayne McNulty

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

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send Your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

A Loving Heart

Today’s anthem, created by Timothy G. Bushong, is based on I Corinthians 13

A loving heart is kind and patient. It will not boast or envy be.
It will bear all things without complaint, for it endures, hopes and believes.
Though I may speak with the sound of angels, and if I give all that I possess,
Without love I am as a sounding gong. I have no gain, but the gift of love.

Love never ends, love is forever. Though mortal flesh may soon be gone,
And the stars fall from the heavens, love never ends; it will live on.

To live in faith is to live in God’s pure light, and all who hope will not be denied.
But to love is to touch the face of God and taste of heav’n here in this life.
Faith and hope and love abide, these three,
And still the best of all is a loving heart.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,
All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19)**

SERMON

The Healing Power of Forgiveness

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE BEGINNING OF LENT – YOUR LENTEN BAG**

Beloved, Ash Wednesday is **Wednesday, February 17th**. By now, you have received your Lenten Bag. Thank you to the USPS, Wayne Jacobsen and Council members, who helped deliver all of the bags. If yours has not arrived, please call the office. The Lenten Bag contains activities for our children/grandchildren and many options for youth and adults to observe the season of Lent. Additionally, five of our friends have joined me in preparing daily Lenten meditations which will be delivered to your email and our Facebook Page, each day, beginning Ash Wednesday. Your bag will also contain a white rock (they give off a little dust). That rock will be important for our **Easter Sunday (April 4th)** Worship Service. So keep your rock nearby.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

While we are not able to gather together, we will gather with our friends from St. Paul and Salem for an **Ashe Wednesday** service at 7pm 2/17. Your Lenten Bag contains ashes so that you may mark your own forehead. We will also offer a short meditation and Imposition of Ashes **at 8 am on Ash Wednesday morning. Both Ash Wednesday services will be available on our Facebook page.**

WHEN WILL CCB REOPEN?

We are so glad you asked. Pastor Zina and the Church Council are hard at work, reviewing the weekly Illinois Department of Public Health, looking for trends and seeking advice. We believe the numbers will fall to a tolerable level in the next several weeks. We are hoping, once we can sustain a positivity rate in the Northwest Suburbs of less than 4-5%, we can return to public, face to face (masked and socially distanced) worship. We promise to keep you and informed and we ask you to join us in prayer as we seek to make the best possible decision for our faith community.

THE STORY OF MARY JOHNSON AND OSHEA ISRAEL

You may know the story. It was reported by news outlets across the nation in 2011 and I preached about it that same year. The pictures you see was taken from an edition of *People's Magazine* and it shows Mary Johnson and the young man who murdered her son, Oshea Israel.¹

Mrs. Johnson tells the story of the loss of her 20-year-old son, and she tells it truthfully. Her son Laramiam was no angel. He had dropped out of school and begun mingling with those who had lost their dreams. Her son had turned from the things his mother had taught him, turned from the life she had hoped for him. The night he was killed, he and the one who pulled the trigger were both in a place that created a high probability that someone might die.

But no matter the circumstances, no matter the wrongs that might have been present on both sides of the trigger, after the shot was fired a 16-year-old named Oshea would forever carry the stigma of murderer, a 20-year-old named Laramiam Johnson would never know his 21st birthday and the parasite of hate would silently slipped into Mary Johnson's body.

But the story does not end here!

¹ If you would like to listen to an interview, please go to <http://storycorps.org/listen/stories/mary-johnson-and-oshea-israel/>

If you would like to read more about this story, please go to <https://www.theforgivenessproject.com/stories/mary-johnson-oshea-israel>

