

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021



**What Lessons These Stones?
The Gospel of Stone Soup**

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

Near the Cross (Craig Courtney) / How Beautiful (Lloyd Larson)
We Have Come Into His House (Fred Bock)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peer Lykke

One Voice: Holy One, we come this morning, bringing our full selves into worship.
Many Voices: Some come joyfully. Some weighed with worry or pricked by pain.
One Voice: We come with questions and with doubts. We come with hopes, whispered in prayer.
Many Voices: Meet us in this moment of worship.
ALL VOICES: Wash us in the hope of a blessed assurance that You are our God and we are Your own.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchased of love, born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior, all the day long.
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SCRIPTURE:

Peer Lykke

Mark 6:30-44 (NRSV)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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

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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

SPIRIT SONG

*Oh let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have the things that hold you, and His spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come into my life. Jesus, Oh Jesus, come into my life.*

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

What Gift Can We Bring?

The words and music to today's anthem were written by Jane Marshall in 1982.

What gift can we bring, what present, what token,
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
For mission that bids we turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise, now and forever,
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
These words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise.

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 Gospel According to Stone Soup

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS**TODAY. PRODUCE SUNDAY**

Today is produce Sunday. If you would like to bring produce to church on Tuesday, March 2nd, we will take your offering to the Barrington food pantry. Thank you for your generous hearts and your willingness to bear one another's burdens as God's word calls us to do.

THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN STUDY

A new video series has been launched and season one is completed. The eight episodes of [The Chosen](https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/) are a view into the life of a Jesus you may not have ever met. Pastor Zina is inviting you to watch the episodes at your leisure (be careful, they are binge worthy) and we will meet, every Thursday, at 6 pm, for an hour discussion. To view the episodes (without cost, though they will ask you for a donation) please go to <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/player>. **Though we began last Thursday, February 25th, you are MOST welcome to join us now! Please watch episode #2 in preparation for our gathering on March 4th, at 6pm.**

NEXT SUNDAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY.

Please remember to have the item you will use to symbolize the bread and cup ready, as we will celebrate the Lord's supper in worship. Blessings all.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

We hope you are enjoy the Monday – Saturday Lenten meditations. Please note, each day, the author is noted. We are so fortunate to have so many people willing to write our 2021 Lenten Meditations. Blessings to those who wrote them and those who read them.

History of the Stone Soup Folktale from 1720 to Now,
by William Rubel

<https://stonesoup.com/about-the-childrens-art-foundation-and-stone-soup-magazine/history-of-the-stone-soup-story-from-1720-to-now/>

