

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021



**What Lessons These Stones?
People in Glass Houses Shouldn't Throw Them!**

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down (Mark Hayes)
Grace Greater than Our Sin (Fred Bock)/There is a Fountain Filled with Blood (Marianne Kim)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Voice: O taste and see that the Lord is good. His mercy is from generation to generation. His love knows no end.

Many Voices: **We give thanks for the goodness of God. We glory in the Lord's desire to know us as His own.**

One Voice: Come all who desire to know the Lord, come close and hear the beauty of God's word.

Many Voices: **We gather to listen. We gather to learn. We gather to worship. We gather to praise.**

ALL VOICES: *Come, let us bow down our spirits and lift up our voices, in thanksgiving to our God. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

There's A Quiet Understanding

There's a quiet understanding
when we're gathered in the Spirit,
It's a promise that he gives us,
When we gather in his name.

And we know when we're together,
Sharing love and understanding,
That our brothers and our sisters
Feel the oneness that he brings.

There's a love we feel in Jesus,
There's a manna that he feeds us,
It's a promise that he gives us
When we gather in his name.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus,
For the way you love and feed us,
For the many ways you lead us,
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

SCRIPTURE:

John 8:1-11 (The Message) Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them. The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, "Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone." Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt. Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?" "No one, Master." "Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. From now on, don't sin."

I John 1:5-9 (The Message) This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

One Voice:

The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices:

Thanks be to God.

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

Heloise Pechan

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

The Mighty Power of God

This anthem, based on the familiar hymn written in 1784, was arranged by Walter L. Black

I sing the mighty power of God, to save the sinner's soul.
To transform those once lost in sin, to cleanse and make them whole.
I sing life's Victor o'er the grave, who conquered sin and strife.
I sing the One who holds the key to hell and death and life!

I sing the mystery once concealed before stars graced the skies.
I sing the mystery now revealed that Christ for all would die.
And still all who look in faith to Him once raised on Calvary's tree
Will find the door of grace flung wide and through His blood be free.

I sing the friend in every trial who knows our every need.
When Satan tempts, He lights the path with promise clear to lead.
I sing the Way, the Truth, the Life, Heaven's mind in every choice.
I sing the Shepherd of the flock who know and love His voice.

I sing in faith of His return with angel's trumpet loud.
Reward He brings for every saint. Behold! He rends the clouds!
He comes to take His own away, to claim His chosen bride.
The victory song from every saint will greet Him in the skies.

The angels sing of Wisdom's power 'round throne and glassy sea.
But louder still the song of grace from those that He has freed!
All tongues confess, all knees shall bow before the great I AM,
And sing as one the praise deserved, by Heaven's matchless Lamb!

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

What Lessons These Stones: Glass House? Don't Throw One!

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. John Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESURRECTION SUNDAY!!!!!!

In order to accommodate any and all who wish to join us on Easter Sunday, we will offer two worship services. The first will be at 8 am and the second at 10 AM. Please click on the link below, or call the church, to reserve your space. We cannot wait to gather and share in worship on Resurrection Sunday. (Children's Church will be available).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HW3YP3T>.

HOLY WEEK PACKET AND APRIL NEWSLETTER

Beloved, on Thursday, March 18th, a Holy Week packet was placed in the mail to you. It is in a beautiful Lenten envelope and contains the April Newsletter, a guide to Holy Week and small items that will open your heart and soul to the activities of each day between Palm Sunday and Holy Saturday. We pray this packet, along with the daily meditations, offer you an invitation into the mystery, pathos and meaning of this week we call Holy.

THURSDAY EVENING STUDY

A new video series has been launched and season one is completed. The eight episodes of 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>. **Please watch episode #5 in preparation for our gathering on March 25th, at 6pm.** The Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84544326046> or dial in by calling 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) and entering meeting ID: 845 4432 6046

PRODUCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 28th -- Palm Sunday, is also Produce Sunday. As always, please bring your produce with you to worship or, drop it off at the church Tuesday, March 30th before 2 pm. Thank you for your kind and generous hearts.

