

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

The Third Sunday of Lent

Communion Sunday

March 7, 2021



What Lessons These Stones?

Stones for Flesh

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus / Were You There?
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Arr. by Jan Sanborn

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim McLean

One Voice: At the Last Supper, when the hour had come, Christ gathered His followers at a table.

Many Voices: Jesus Christ, we are gathered at Your table today.

One Voice: And Jesus said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

Many Voices: We long to learn the lessons You taught at the Last Supper, the very first Lord's Supper.

One Voice: Teach us to give thanks. Teach us to see the sacrifice You made, for us.

Many Voices: As we gather in worship, teach us of the new covenant, made in Your blood.

ALL VOICES: Pour out Your love on us as we gather in Your name. Pour out Your love and we shall be changed. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is that flow, that makes me white as snow.

No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE:

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Ezekiel 36:26-29a

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; **and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.** I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will save you from all your uncleannesses . . .

Jeremiah 31:31-33

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. **But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,** says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people

Luke 22:19-20

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.**"

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

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

Here I Am, Lord

Today’s anthem is based on a text from Isaiah, with a musical setting by Craig Courtney.

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, is it I? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts of love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (to Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (to Refrain)

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)**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING of the BREAD

Let Us Break Bread Together (Part 1)

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)
 Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees)
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
 Oh Lord, have mercy on me,

SHARING of the CUP

Let Us Break Bread Together (Part 2)

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees)
 Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees)
 When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
 Oh Lord, have mercy on me,

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (unison) Our God we recognize it is by grace, through faith, that we have been invited to this table and we have been saved. We humbly acknowledge that our participation in this supper is based on nothing we have done or can ever do. Our place at Your table is possible only through God's great gift of the Son. For this we thank You and praise Your holy name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross Arr. by Fred Bock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

As we prepare for Communion, please be sure to have items for cup and the bread. We will go to the Table together.

WE WILL RETURN TO IN PERSON WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14th

The Church Council has voted to return to **in person worship next Sunday, March 14th**. As before, we will take everyone's temperature, require you to wear a mask and to sit in a socially distant pattern. If you are running a fever, or do not feel well, please remain at home until you feel better. And, if you prefer to watch the service from home, you are **ABSOLUTELY** welcomed to do so. However you join us, please just join us. We are just not the same without you!

THURSDAY EVENING LENTEN 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>. **Though we began on February 25th, you are MOST welcome to join us now! Please watch episode #3 in preparation for our gathering on March 11th, 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

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.