

Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ

March 19, 2023 at 10:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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The meeting ID is 708 246 1255. The password is 60525.

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Rev. Gary Faleide, Pastor
Mike Molloy, Worship Artist
Diane Marelli, Worship Artist
Nayna Byers, Liturgist
Sanna Bashor, Reader

Gathering Music/Prelude

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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Greeting

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Call to Worship

Rev. Gary Faleide

One: Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth and God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of, and the humble of heart to assemble to receive anointing.

All: In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest, and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.

One: Though the call may involve risk and danger, we are called to listen, obey, and live a love unwavering.

All: In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

One: God's call does not depend on our outward appearance or our earthly achievements.

All: In peace, we anoint neighbor and kin alike, knowing God looks upon the heart. Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

Opening Song

"Gather Us In"

Chalice Hymnal #284

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Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits in flame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty; gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Passing the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Please greet your neighbor in peace.

(Pause for Greetings)

One: Let us take a moment of silence to invite God's
peace to wash over us.

Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Faleide

Song of Praise

“Gloria Patri”

Glory to God Hymnal #581

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Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Sanna Bashor, Reader

Word in Music

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Tomlin, Havergal

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Sermon

“To Work the Works”

Rev. Gary Faleide

Reflection Song

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

Chalice Hymnal # 365

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Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, newborn creatures of your womb.
Number them among your people, raised like Christ from death and tomb.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

Ev'ry day we need your nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your spirit, children heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Reception of New Members

Linda Clarke and Bill Gurin

Leaders: Sanna Bashor (Moderator), Rev. Gary Faleide (Pastor)

Invitation

Scripture

Questions of the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith and Covenant

Using the Covenant of this Congregation

Pastor: The Church of Jesus Christ is a covenant people. The faith of those in the Old and New Testaments, as well as those throughout the history of the Christian Church, is deeply rooted in the covenantal relationship with God and one another. The Christian covenant is a symbol of binding commitment between a people of faith and God, the creator and renewer of the Church.

All: **We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God. We purpose to walk together in ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did our ancestors, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.**

Address

Welcome and Reception

Pastor: Let us, the members of Lyonsville Congregational United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our shared ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. We want you both to know that we have appreciated your fellowship and participation in the life of this church these many months and for the remainder of the life of this beloved church.

Greeting of Christian Love

All members of the congregation gesture with Christian open arms.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts and Prayers

Invitation

Online Giving: lyonsvillechurch.org/donate OR via the "Realm Connect" app

Mail Giving: Mail contributions to: 6871 Joliet Road, Indian Head Park IL 60525.

Music at the Offertory

"On Eagle's Wings"

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Doxology

Prayer of Thanks

Announcements

- The Lenten Bible Study will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm on 3/22 in the lounge in person and on Zoom. It is titled "Anti-Heros at the Cross". There will be a dinner at 6:30 followed by discussion from 7:00-8:00pm. No preparation is necessary. Please let Nayna know if you will be attending or if you would be willing to bring part of the meal.
- There will be a Leadership Council Meeting on March 21, 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom.
- Lyonsville will be having Maundy Thursday (4/6) and Good Friday (4/7) services in the Chapel and on Zoom at 7:00pm on those days. Also, please plan to attend Palm Sunday (4/2) and Easter (4/9) services 10:00am, as well.

- Judy Birmingham will be ordering Easter flowers. Today is the last day to place your orders. The flowers will be used to decorate the Chapel on Easter Sunday. Your name will be on your plant(s) to ensure that everyone receives what they ordered. Order forms are located in the Chapel by the Worship Bulletins. Your completed order form and cash or check payable to Lyonsville Church should be given to Judy Birmingham.
- Originally our plans for worship until closure were such that we would have a break in worship between 4/16 and 5/21. Those plans have changed. We will continue to have worship uninterrupted from now until our dissolution service on 5/21/23.
- Lyonsville Choir - We are looking for people who would like to sing in the choir on our last Sunday together, May 21st. Mike has chosen the anthem of "How Can I Keep From Singing." If you are interested, please contact Judy Birmingham. All are welcome.

Closing Song

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

Chalice Hymnal #176

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Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine –
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the Law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
toward the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Spoken Blessing

Rev. Gary Faleide

One: When our soul whispers of its deepest longings, may we quiet ourself to listen.

All: May we follow the path of yearning to the One alone who blends the uneven edges into a life of meaning.

One: May we meet and be united with God and give thanks for the whispers

All: that led us there. Amen.

Sung Blessing

"Go In Peace"

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Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Postlude

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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