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This Upcoming Sunday

Second Sunday in Lent



19 February 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist II-A

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David Burton

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Lynn
Graham

Eucharistic Minister: Gregory Proctor

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham

Coffee Hour Host: Lois Wagner



LESSONS for the Second Sunday in Lent

Old Testament – Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm – 121 (Sung)

New Testament – Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel – John 3: 1-17

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Reflection

Small Acts of Kindness and Love

“Some believe it is only great power that can hold evil in check, but that is not what I have found. It is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love.”

Lent is characterized as a penitential season, a time when we are called to awareness of sins and to repent of them. For many people, this makes Lent feel oppressive and negative, perhaps evoking feelings of guilt. But it doesn't have to be that way.

The quote above is from the movie version of *The Hobbit* that came out a few years ago. Even though the quote does not appear in the book, it has become popular and appears on plaques, mugs, T-shirts, and memes. It's message of encouragement obviously struck a chord with many looking for messages of hope.

It could also relate to the season of Lent. During Lent we are often asked to consider giving up something or taking on a practice to help us feel closer to God. This isn't meant to be punitive or make us feel guilty, it is an attempt to help us realize what is harming or oppressing us, prohibiting us from loving God and our neighbor and ourselves. Recognizing this can be liberating. Finding a new practice that helps us learn to recognize God at work in the world can also be liberating. Like the quote above suggests, we can gain a different perspective when we learn to pay attention to those small acts of kindness and love because they are signs God is With Us.

On Wednesday, we had the first meeting of the Lenten Lunch Discussion Group based on the FREE devotional for Lent: *Practicing Compassion with Your Whole Heart, Mind, Soul, and Strength*. In that meeting I suggested everyone take on the practice the author of the Ash Wednesday meditation in our Lenten devotional invited us to and start a compassion journal. Even if you don't do the journaling part, it can be an encouraging practice to pay attention to everything from news, to entertainment, to interactions with people, and look for acts of compassion. Doing so can help liberate us from believing there is nothing good in the world.

Even if you can't or not interested in joining the Lenten Luncheon Discussion Group that meets Wednesdays at 12:30 in Nehls Hall during Lent, I invite you to consider taking on the practice of looking for and paying attention to those “small acts of kindness and love” that are all around us all the time. Because they reveal God is also all around us all the time.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, March 5, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 8, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenton Program, Compassion and Listening (Nehls Hall)

Sunday, March 12, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Wednesday, March 15, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenton Program, Compassion and Prayer (Nehls Hall)

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 19, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Discretionary Sunday)

Wednesday, March 22, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenton Program, Compassion and Mercy (Nehls Hall)

Sunday, March 26, 9:15 a.m. - - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m. - - AGO Concert 1st Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting (Nehls Hall)

Wednesday, March 29, 12:30 p.m. -- Lenton Program, Compassion and Well-Being (Nehls Hall)

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 26 - - AGO concert for organ and instruments at 1st Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. Marsha Reilly and Kathleen Ristinen Jonas will be participating.

April 2 - Palm Sunday 10:30 am Service will begin on the porch for the blessing of the palms.

April 6 - Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm a simplified service from the Book of Common Prayer commemorating Jesus' last night before his death.

April 7 - Good Friday 12:00 we are holding this Book of Common Prayer service at the traditional time of noon.

April 8 - Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 pm this year's vigil will be an intimate worship service reflecting on the resurrection.

Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - - Celebration Concert III Dr. Gregory Crowell, guest organist.

Schedules

Coffee Hour Schedule

March 5	Lois Wagner
March 12	Lynn Graham
March 19	Alex Buckley
March 26	Dana Carlson

Taken Dates for Altar Flowers

During Lent there are no flowers and for Easter we will have an announcement for lilies.

[To Altar Flower Open Dates and Procedure.](#)

Notes & Announcements

Lent - liturgical changes

In our Book of Common Prayer we have various options for marking the changes in the seasons of the church year. The liturgies for the Lent – Easter cycle are especially rich in resources for creating meaningful worship

experiences. On Ash Wednesday, for instance, we marked the day with a silent procession, the Imposition of ashes, the reading of Psalm 51, the Litany of Penitence and Eucharist.

Then on the first Sunday of Lent we marked the beginning of this season of reflection and penitence by singing “The Great Litany”. You may have noticed that the words we sang were a bit revised from those in the Book of Common Prayer. That is because we used a more modern text found in another of our resources “Enriching our Worship”.

Now on the Second Sunday in Lent we make one more change that will continue through the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Notice that the rubric on page 355 says “a hymn, psalm or canticle” may be sung. So, instead of a hymn we will sing the “Song of Penitence” - (S237 in the hymnal) each of the next five Sundays. This canticle is derived from several verses of the Prayer of Manasseh. In this penitential prayer Manasseh repents his idolatrous worship of other gods. It is found as an extension of Chronicles 33:11-13.

Following this entrance canticle, the service continues with the Penitential Order BCP351. This order includes the Decalogue (BCP350) and the confession. The singing of the Kyrie (S86) concludes this opening portion of the liturgy.

I encourage you to fully enter into this season and reflect on the words and music that are special to this season.

Marsha Reilly

Music Director

Lenten Lunch Discussion Series on Compassion

We started our discussion series this week with an excellent discussion of Compassion and Faith. If you forgot or didn't make it, you can still join us Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in Nehls Hall. We begin with the brief service of Noonday Prayer followed by discussion from the Lenten Devotional *Practicing Compassion with Your Whole Heart, Mind, Soul and Strength*. Bring your own lunch.

Next week we will discuss Compassion and Listening. [To Details about the Lenten series.](#)

Lenten Devotionals

There are only a few book versions of the FREE Lenten Devotional left. If you missed out, visit www.livingcompass.org to download a free copy. You can also follow Living Compass on Facebook. They post the daily devotionals there.

Volunteers Needed to Serve Free Lunch at United Campus Ministry in Athens

If you miss helping with Wednesday Lunch, please consider volunteering to help UCM who are now serving a free lunch every Wednesday. If you are interested, please reach out to Ari Faber at ari@ucmathens.org.



Holy Week Schedule

We will continue to observe the ancient church tradition of holding special liturgies during Holy Week. Please consider joining us in person or online.

April 2 - Palm Sunday 10:30 am

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Repeats & More

From the Standing Committee:



Profile Released; Nominations for Bishop Open until February 28

"The Standing Committee is pleased to share with you the profile of our diocese prepared by the Bishop Nominating Committee as we search for our 10th Bishop... The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for bishop until midnight on February 28...."

[Read the profile here.](#)

Bishop Transition News/Updates -- [Follow this link](#) --



CrossRoads Café is closed until we find staff. If you know of someone looking for a job, please have them send an email to chogs@chogs.org or revedebwoolsey@gmail.com.

We are still selling Deeper Roots Coffee Beans. \$15 for a 1 pound bag and \$12 for half pound. Please contact Michael Luelloff at michael.luelloff@hotmail.com if you want to purchase a bag.

If you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by environmental disaster and war anywhere in the world please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church. You can select which fund, such as Ukraine Crisis Response.



At the Church before the Lenton Program Wednesday, with such a nice day, Mother Deborah took photos of some spots of Spring beauty in the sky and closer to the ground. Below are two (note the moon).





Contacts & Information

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at macbuck@yahoo.com.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com.

[DONATE to Good Shepherd](#)

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Check out the Church's [YouTube](#)

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NON-emergency messages can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org.

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