

Journeying on the Path to the Cross

## First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

*1st Sunday in Lent*

February 18, 2018

10:45 a.m.

### PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Prelude on Rhosymedre* Vaughan Williams

Introit *My Song Is Love Unknown* RHOSYMEDRE

#### Call to Worship

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

**For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

**For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

**For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.**

**Come, let us worship God!**

#### Building the Lenten Cairn

We begin building our cairn as we begin our journey to the cross. What do you bring with you on your Lenten journey? For what do you seek God's guidance?

\*Hymn 476

*Crashing Waters at Creation*

CRASHING WATERS

#### Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

#### Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, whose Beloved Child Jesus was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy. We have compromised with evil. We have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

... He came so that we, freed by God's forgiveness and love, might live life abundant for righteousness.

**Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Song of Praise

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

BEACH SPRING

\*The Peace  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome  
Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.  
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Minute for Mission Christian Community Action

Response *Jesus Know the Inmost Heart* LOE DE ÍSÁ

### HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22 (p. 234)

Hymn 420 *Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted* Psalm 25  
(Please remain seated.)

Second Lesson Mark 1:9-15 (pp. 34-35)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Rev. John Sandel

\*Hymn 783 *When We Are Tested* ANGELS OF HEALING

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith From Confession of 1967

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of humans in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on inhumanity and the awful consequences of complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

The Offering  
Offertory Anthem *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* Bell

\*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving  
**God of Wonder, as you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. Amen.**

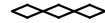
The Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 166                      *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*                      ST. FLAVIAN

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *Maestoso, in the Aeolian Mode*                      Bender

\*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



**Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven.** We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

**We welcome the Rev. John Sandel to the pulpit this morning,** while Pastor J.C. is away. John is a long-time participant in church life at First Presbyterian and friend to many in this congregation.

**Participating in worship leadership this morning are:**

Liturgist: Charles McEnally

Ushers: Rona Johnston, Lynn Autry

Friendship Hour Hosts: Lauriann Burt, Elizabeth Gill

**The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader** may be reached at her email: [PastorJC@fpcnh.org](mailto:PastorJC@fpcnh.org) or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off, and she will be back from vacation on Tuesday.

**Nursery care is provided** each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

**Adult Ed Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.:** Bruce Gordon will start a 2-week session on "The Way of Gratitude."

**Thursday Bible Study:** Mid-day Bible study will resume on February 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Miller Gathering Hall. Plan to bring your bag lunch and Bible to gather with others and preview Sunday's scripture texts. For more information, contact Pastor JC at [pastorjc@fpcnh.org](mailto:pastorjc@fpcnh.org)

**Food Donations for Needy:** Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

**Diaper Drive:** CCA is in urgent need of diaper donations for families in the Hill, especially sizes 5 and 6. For the price of a dozen Valentine roses, how about several dozen diapers instead? Show some love to babies, mommies, and daddies! We are accepting donations at our 168 Davenport Avenue offices between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.; or you can leave them in the green wheelbarrow and they'll be delivered at the end of the month with the food.

**Volunteers needed!** Signup sheets for ushering and Friendship Hour are on the Welcome Table. If you're unsure about how to do the task, ask any of the Welcome Table Hosts for more info.

**A Few More Lenten Devotional Writers Wanted:** Do you love to write and want to share your gifts with the congregation? Your help is needed to write brief devotionals to be shared during the Lenten season. The theme is "Path to the Cross" and the devotionals will be based on the Passion story as told through the Gospel of Matthew. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Gordon ([bruce.gordon@yale.edu](mailto:bruce.gordon@yale.edu))

**In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)**

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

For Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

For Ed Miller, David Miller's father, who is recovering at home after a heart attack.

Prayers for those who suffer from gun violence.

Prayers for Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

Prayers for people who are homeless.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

**This Week**

Sunday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour
Tuesday, February 20	7:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, February 21	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at Bethesda
	7:00 p.m.	Survivors of Homicide
Thursday, February 22	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Saturday, February 24	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, February 25	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 a.m.	Friendship Hour

**The Session of First Presbyterian Church**

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First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

**The Staff of First Presbyterian Church**

Pastor:

The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader

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**The church office welcomes your announcements** and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to [firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com) by Tuesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

**Please remember that parking is available** at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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