

The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday in Lent



seeking:
*How do we
begin again?*

Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith
A Lenten Worship Series

**Whoever you are, from wherever you come,
you are welcome here.**

*The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where God is the center of our lives;
we celebrate children and youth and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges;
we work for justice in local and global communities.*

We Gather Together

The Prelude	Blessed Assurance	Michael Hassell (b.1952)
The Greeting		The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert
Introit	This is the Day The Chapel Choir	Mark Patterson (b.1969)
*Call to Worship		Lucas Toussaint
	What is it like to begin again? It is like flowers in the spring. It is like babies learning to walk. It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew. May we find God in our seeking. May we learn as we go. May we be brave enough to begin again. Let us worship the God of new beginnings.	
*Hymn 645	Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above	Mit Freuden Zart

Bold indicates congregational response. * Please stand as you are able.

Zoom participants, please write your prayer concern in the chat box and we will include them in the Joys and Concerns.

***Corporate Prayer of Confession**

God of new life, you call us into unknown places,

and we bury our heads in the sand.

You promise all the stars in the sky,

and we doubt it can be true.

You speak of new life in the Spirit,

and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.

Over and over again you invite us closer to you.

Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you.

Time for silent confession

***Assurance of Pardon**

We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new. Amen.

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel area.

***The People's Response – Hymn 175, vs. 1**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

Time with Children

The Rev. Keith Thompson

Following the Time with Children, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 – Grade 12.

Childcare is available for children ages 2 and younger.

Gathering Song – Hymn 175, vs. 2

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.*

Allelu, alleluia!

We Share Community Joys and Concerns

Joys and Concerns

Please write your prayers on the connection card in the pew or in the chat box on zoom. We will read your prayer in worship and include them in the email prayer list.

If you would like to submit a confidential prayer request, please email a pastor.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... We ask these things in the name of the one who teaches us to pray together saying, **Our Father and Mother, 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.**

We Hear the Word

Prayer for Illumination – Hymn 175, vs. 3

Ruling Elder Tom Lutte

*You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.*

Allelu, alleluia!

As we read your Word today, Holy God, we ask that you would weave answers into the text. Speak to us through these ancient stories that we might find what we are seeking in you. With gratitude and open hearts we pray. Amen.

The Gospel

John 3:1-9
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible+ NT, page 93

Sermon

How Do We Begin Again?

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert

We Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,
who welcomes our questions,
who invites us to begin again.

We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith,
a more compassionate existence.

We believe that all our beginnings should return us to this foundation,
and no matter how many times we lose our way,
God always welcomes us home. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Music at the Offertory

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
Amanda Fink, soloist

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen. ~Psalm 121

*The Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

The Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn 37

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Prelude in A Minor, bwv 543

J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

+ The scripture translation is the Good News Bible; the pew bible is 1989 NRSV.

***Leaders in worship include** The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, Senior Pastor; The Rev. Keith Thompson, Acting Associate Pastor; Julie Vidrick Evans, Director of Music ; Bobb Robinson, Assistant Director of Music The Chancel Choir; The Chapel Choir; Tom Lutte, Lucas Toussaint, Liturgists. **The flowers today are presented in God's glory. For future flower dedications, please contact John Cox at johnwcox13@gmail.com or donate on the church's website. Flower donations are \$75.**

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WEEKLY CALENDAR March 5 -- March 12		
Sunday, March 5	9:00 – 12:00 9:00 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00 10:15 – 11:00 11:00 – 12:15 11:00 – 12:00 11:15 – 12:00 1:00 – 2:30	Nursery Childcare – Room 108 Sunday School Teachers Meeting – Firesides Worship — In-person and Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83179114222?pwd=UnhZUUpsN2VPdmkwR3NyQ2kzNmN5Zz09 Sunday School — Rooms 180, 370, 360, 350A, Firesides Coffee Hour – Chadsey Hall Faith Trek — CPCS Conference Room Chapel Choir – Room 308 ESL Classes – Rooms 104, 122, 130
Tuesday, March 7	12:30 – 2:30 7:30 – 9:00	Needlework Group – Library Administration & Finance Committee Meeting – Online at https://zoom.us/j/710327689?pwd=eUtbqDJoa3BhbXRMTUw1YjVnS3MoQT09
Wednesday, March 8	11:00 – 12:00	Bible Study – Firesides and Online at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84927017477?pwd=bmRjV2p1WjRmelh4SFhsRSttQS9UQT09
Thursday, March 9	7:30 – 9:15	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 300 and Sanctuary
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