

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

28 April 2019

Mosaic

11:00 AM

Bright Sunday

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

I'm not as Catholic as I used to be. I find that I can't believe in a God who would punish anyone for the way God made them. A God who punishes is something humankind created as a way to hurt and control one another. God isn't like that. God is better than that, better than us.

Marshall Thornton, *The Lies That Bind*

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

GRACE

Prelude

Sing Praise to God

Mit Fruden Zart
arr: Edward Broughton

★ Call to Worship

Most of the candy is gone now, although there may still be a bit of chocolate rabbit's ear or tail, or a couple of jelly beans down beneath the strands of fake grass. The holiday ham has disappeared in a week of sandwiches, and maybe its scraps have gone to the family dog or cat, or to a trash-scavenging raccoon.

No one is looking for eggs anymore, but perhaps a forgotten one - chocolate or hard-boiled - that was left beneath a heater is beginning to make itself remembered.

All these parts of Easter's excitement have gone by, but the cross is still with us, still empty, and Christ is still alive.

And that is ample and abundant reason to gather together for worship of our God.

★ Prayer of Thanksgiving

★ Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
(Repeat 2 times)

Halle Halle



★ Prayer for the World & Unison Response

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you. **What happens when we live God's way? God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified. Gal. 5.1-12**

★ Glory to God #300

We Are One in the Spirit

**THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS**

GROW

New Testament Reading

1 John 4.7-21

The Message (MSG)

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. **The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know God if you don't love. This is how God showed divine love for us: God sent the only Son into the world so we might live through Christ. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that God loved us and sent the Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God. My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and divine love becomes complete in us—perfect love! This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in God, and God in us: God's given us life from divine love, from God's very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that God sent the Son as redeemer of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's child participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God. God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day—our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love. We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. God loved us first. If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating a brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, that person is a liar. If she won't love the person she can see, how can she love the God she can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.**

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Amazing Grace
Adult Choir

arr: Bruce Stevenson

Children's Sermon

Susan Phillips

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room; children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110); 2nd graders & older may return to their seats.

Sermon

Liar, Liar, Faith on Fire

Michael Usey

Moment of Silence

When we talk to our fellow humans and they tell us about their troubles, we will listen to them carefully if we have love for them. We will have compassion for their suffering and pain, for we are God's creatures; we are a manifestation of the love of God.

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*

3 Nickels Focus: Polaris

Tisha Douglas

GIVE

★ Glory to God #366

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

HYFRYDOL

★ Offertory Prayer

If you have never known the power of God's love, then maybe it is because you have never asked to know it - I mean really asked, expecting an answer.

Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

Offertory

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris

We are made in the image of a wonderful, laughing and creative God. On this bright Sunday we invite you into a time of celebrating that you are a bright reflection of God's creative love. During our musical interlude, feel free to move about the sanctuary taking selfies with those in your worshiping community. When you get a chance today, post them on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #CPBCbrightsunday.

★ Response

Doxology 27

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

★ Recognition of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace. Thank God you are here!

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★ Benediction

Michael Usey

★ Response

You are Holy

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* Postlude

Voluntary in F

Robert Lau

Depart in Peace

Humility was an offensive characteristic for a God, in the eyes of early non-Christians. How could Christians worship a God who deliberately chose to share in human birth with all its mess and vulnerability and limitation, as well as a shameful death? How can we now worship a God to whom all the unimportant little details of our lives actually matter? How can we respect a God who takes us more seriously than we take ourselves, and yet is not impressed with all our accomplishments? Who loves us equally well, whether we succeed or fail? How could it really be that God simply disregards not only our education, our tastes, our industry, our niceness, our worthiness in order to love us? God's greatness we can begin to approach. The sheer humility of God's love is incomprehensible.

Roberta C. Bondi, *To Love as God Loves*

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Chuck Joyce.

The Deacon Greeter today is Paul Hicks.

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* Please stand as you are able.



THE 13 VALUES OF OUR CHURCH

Worship the Living God corporately and privately.

Enjoy fellowship with a community of faith.

Provide quality Christian education for all ages.

Support varied missions activities both here and abroad.

Encourage creativity.

Honor the integrity of the family, in all its various forms.

Value an inclusiveness of all who confess Jesus is Lord.

Use excellent music to praise and enjoy God.

Promote radical stewardship of all talents.

Plan for the future so the Church will flourish.

Respect the diversity of our members.

Be faithful to historic Baptist beliefs and Christian history.

Encourage a deep Christian curiosity and spiritual openness.

Sunday Announcements



Creation. Care. Consideration.

Plant a tree.

Trees clean our air and create oxygen.

This is a great way to compensate for the pollution in our environment.

Adult Choir

Adult Choir rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Please see Christian McIvor if you're interested or feel free to just come to rehearsal!

Youth Schedule

5:00 pm Youth Choir

6:00 pm Youth Dinner

6:30 — 7:45 pm Holy Chaos

No Wednesday Activities this week.

Jana Dye's Ordination Council

Jana's Ordination Council is today at 3pm in Forest Chapel. All are invited to attend. Copies of her statement are available for you to read.

Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club

The Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club's new book, *Dodge City* by Tom Clavin, is now available for pick up. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 30, 6:30pm at Fat Dogs, corner of Spring Garden and Holden Rd.

Social Committee Sign Up

Calling all introverts, extroverts and everyone in between! The Social Committee is looking for a few good people to help plan some (not all) social events for (and with) our College Park family. We're also looking for a few fine baristas to make coffee for the Tessera service. Upside: All the coffee you want and you choose what everyone's drinking on the Sundays you serve. Apron and training included. Interested in helping out? Contact Mary Herbenick at Mary.herbenick@gmail.com or at 336-337-4016. Thank YOU!!

Choir Concert

Our Adult Choir will be joining with the Sedge Garden United Methodist Church Choir for a concert of mostly new settings of traditional hymns. Join us on Sunday, May 5 at 3pm at Sedge Garden UMC in Kernersville! If you'd like to come but would prefer not to drive, please sign up on the sheet outside of Christian's office and the choir will arrange transportation for you. Admission is free and a love offering will be taken.

Bible 101 – Reading through the Bible

The Bible 101 Adult Sunday School class is reading through the book of Judges. The class meets on Sundays at 10am in Room 305. You are welcome to join us as we journey through the scriptures.



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