

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

31 March 2019
Combined Worship

11:00 AM
Lent Four

GATHER

Meditation of Preparation

Someone I love once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this too, was a gift.

Mary Oliver

One must dream a long time in order to act with grandeur, and dreaming is nursed in darkness.

Jean Genet

Lighting of the Candles

Special Music

Christ Be Our Light
You are Here
Unbind
Con Brio

Bernadette Farrell
William McDowell
Christian McIvor

Welcome and Announcements

Jana Dye

GRACE

Prelude

Blowing in the Wind
Jubilee Choir

Bob Dylan

Call to Worship

Those of us who walk along this road do so reluctantly.
Lent is not our favorite time of year.

We would rather be more active-planning and scurrying around.

All this is too contemplative for us. Besides we don't know what to do
with piousness and prayer.

Perhaps we are afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden.

Perhaps we are afraid to face our future knowing our past.

Give us the courage, oh God, to hear your word and to read our living into it.

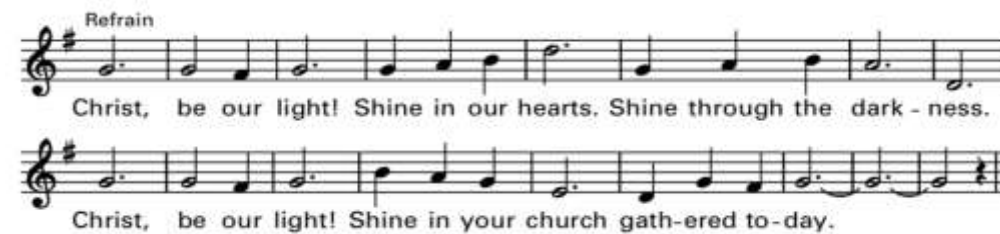
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven, and give us the faith to take up
our lives and walk.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Response

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farr



3 Nickels: Doctors Without Borders

Laurey Solomon

Prayer for the World & Unison Response

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created
and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and
make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are
called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in
Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim
Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life
beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

United Church of Canada, *New Creed*

Glory to God #700
#741

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Guide My Feet
Children's Choir

I'M GONNA LIVE
GUIDE MY FEET

GROW

New Testament Reading

Isaiah 60.1-7 The Message (MSG)

Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight. GOD's **bright glory**
has risen for you. The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep
darkness, But GOD rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you. Nations will come
to your light, kings to your sunburst brightness. Look up! Look around! Watch as
they gather, watch as they approach you: Your sons coming from great distances,
your daughters carried by their nannies. When you see them coming you'll smile—big
smiles! Your heart will swell and, yes, burst! All those people returning by sea for the
reunion, a rich harvest of exiles gathered in from the nations! And then streams of
camel caravans as far as the eye can see, young camels of nomads in Midian and
Ephah, Pouring in from the south from Sheba, loaded with gold and frankincense,
preaching the praises of GOD. And yes, a great roundup of flocks from the nomads in
Kedar and Nebaioth, Welcome gifts for worship at my altar as I bathe my glorious
Temple in splendor.

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

I Believe

Mark Miller

Adult Choir and Jubilee Choir

Children's Sermon

Tammy Shaney

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.

Prayer of Confession

James Blay

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Moment of Silence

Leader: You are loved. You are forgiven. So be at peace.

Sermon

Transformative Darkness

Lin Story-Bunce

Moment of Silence

Yet no matter how deeply I go down into myself, my God is dark, and like a
webbing made of a hundred roots that drink in silence.

Rainer Maria Rilke, *The Selected Poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke*

GIVE

* Glory to God #775

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

* Offertory Prayer

Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely.

Edna St. Vincent Millay

Offertory

(We Can Be) Angels
Jubilee Choir

Christian McIvor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jana Dye
Lin Story-Bunce

This is the Lord's table, all are invited to partake. At College Park, parents de-
cide when children are ready to take communion.

Wine is in the ceramic chalices. Grape juice is in the glass chalices.
Gluten-free bread is available at the front table.

* Communion

* Response

Doxology 27

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

GO

* Benediction Lin Story-Bunce

* Response *O Christ, Surround Me* Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

God, be the love to search and keep me, God, be the prayer to move my voice,
 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
 God, be the strength to now up-hold me: O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.
 Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

* Postlude *Llansannan* traditional Welsh Tune arr: Gilbert Martin

Depart in Peace

The strongest trees are rooted in the dark places of the earth. Darkness will be your cloak, your shield, your mother's milk. Darkness will make you strong.
George R. R. Martin

All are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the chapel after service.

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 Randy Henderson.

The Deacon Greeter today is Andrea Turner.

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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.



Go Plastic Free!

Choose to refuse single-use plastic. Plastics don't break down in the environment, so they are here to stay. You can help! When you get takeout, tell your server you don't need plastic straws, cups, bags or silverware.

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

Wednesday Night Schedule & Calendar

5:30 pm Dinner
6:15–7:00 pm Kids' Choir (Pre-K and Grades 1-5)
6:30–7:30 pm Special Programming
7:30–9:00 pm Adult Choir

Special Programming Calendar

April 3—The Journey, with James Blay
April 10—The Journey, with James Blay

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.

Piano Recital

Nancy Revzen will present a piano recital in the sanctuary today, March 31st at 2pm. The program will be very interesting and diverse, including selections by Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Brahms, Debussy, Gershwin, Villa Lobos, and Chopin. Nancy will announce her selections from the stage and provide some interesting background information. The concert is free and open to the public.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14 after the 11 o'clock worship service. Plan to bring a bag lunch and your basket for the hunt. We'll enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall, then hunt for eggs!

Pink Pad Donation Boxes

There will be boxes around the church for donation of Sanitary Pads. The pads will be donated to homeless women in need through the GSTOP clinic here at College Park.



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