

THE MEDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend William L. Borrer, Senior Pastor

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Eternal Life, A Prayer"

Olive Dungan

Kristina Shore, soprano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Sign-In: Please take a moment to sign the pad found in your pew to let us know that you have worshipped with us today, then pass it to the next person. When all have signed, pass it back to the end, noting the names of those in your row so you can greet them after the service, and pray for them during the prayers of the people.)

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)*

from Psalm 97

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold His glory.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God.

*HYMN 487 (Blue Hymnal)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. (Take a few moments for silent confession)

*HYMN OF PENITENCE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**ALL Forbid it Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**All who can do so comfortably are invited to stand.*

***GLORIA PATRI** (*All*)

*Glory be to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***COLLECT OF THE DAY** (*Unison*)

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***KYRIE** (*All*) *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT (Page 585)

Isaiah 43:1-8

Leader: Here ends the reading of the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“A Lenten Walk” Am. Spiritual, arr. H. Hopson

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*Jesus bore the cross of sorrow, He had to bear it by Himself.
Oh, nobody else could bear it for Him, He had to bear it by Himself.*

*We must take our cross and follow, we must take it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.*

Sarah Hao, violin
The Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT (Page 838)

Luke 6:27-36

SERMON

“What’s Love Got to Do With It”

Rev. Bill Borrer

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED - Traditional

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your name:

SANCTUS (*All*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also so that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
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 335** (Blue Hymnal)

"Though I May Speak"

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on a Hymn Tune"
Christopher Garven on the MIDI organ

Christopher Garven

*Our Deacons intend to serve communion to the following people this week:
Dot Carson, Melvin & Addie Cheeks, Mabel Heeren, Tish Turner & Elaine Zulick.*

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The worship leader for this service is the **Rev. Craig Bean**.

The chancel flowers are given in memory of their brother-in-law, Bud Kokol, by Fran and Bill Taylor.

Visitors If you have questions, please direct them to one of our ushers or any of our Elders or Deacons (those wearing name tags). Please take time to fill out a visitor information card found in the pew back in front of you.

Prayer Chain If you have prayer needs, call Gladys Hughes at 610.566.2920, or e-mail Cathy Brod in the church office at cathy@mediapresbyterian.org. If you are interested in receiving the prayer chain to pray for people, please e-mail Cathy Brod.

Prayer cards at the rear of the sanctuary may be completed for inclusion by the pastor in the Pastoral Prayer. You can also fill out a card with your prayer requests and drop it in the offering plate. Members of the congregation will pray for you during each service. Anonymous requests welcomed.

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FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS

Food items currently in need are crackers, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit and tea.

ATTENTION NURSING MOMS: The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during all three services.

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CHURCH COMMUNITY

Financial Update for March 2010 and year to date totals

YTD	As of 3/4/10	Year to Date	Budget YTD
Receipts:	21,716	171,621	174,773
Expenditures:	<u>23,347</u>	<u>170,246</u>	<u>174,773</u>
Receipts minus expenses =	\$ (1,631)	\$ 1,375	-

Stewardship Campaign Pledge Update

267 Pledges \$828,989 95% of Goal

If you haven't filled out your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank You.

Don't forget...

MARCH'S COMMUNION OFFERING will be used for MPC's International Mission trips this year.

THE NEXT NEW MEMBERS' CLASS will start on May 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Education

SUNDAY MORNINGS

"FOUNDATIONS OF CROSS-CULTURAL MISSIONS"

9:30 a.m. in Room 102

Rev. Craig Bean

Craig Bean will lead a summary of the biblical issues which guide our understanding of cross-cultural missions. This class is based upon the US Center for World Missions course, "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement."

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

"ON THE ROAD"

7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 102

Rev. Craig Bean and Mark Boyd

On the Road- A Contemplative and Spiritual Journey with Christ during Lent. Each week we'll look at the previous Sunday's text using Lectio Divina.

"THINGS THAT LAST - FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE"

7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 103

Rev. Bill Borrer

MPC is beginning a new Bible study and fellowship group called "People of a Certain Age." Single folks "of a certain age" (late 30's and older) are invited to be a part of this 9 week study.

KIDS' CLUB

7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Royal Forest

Children's Program for Pre-K through 5th grade

Young Adult Bible Study

The Young Adult Bible Study will meet on March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mark & Jamie Boyd (8 E. Franklin Street, Media) for a social event. Please feel free to contact Mark Boyd at (610)566-3944 ext. 16 with any questions.



Lenten Sacrifice

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18



Have an extra winter coat you're not wearing? What about a pair of gloves, a coffee maker, or a laptop? This Lent we invite all of you to sacrifice. Think about something you value in your life, yet something you may be able to part with to benefit someone in need. We will be collecting sacrificial donations on March 7 and 14 and will distribute them throughout the community. There will be a drop box in Dale Hall. For larger donations (i.e. furniture, electronics, etc.)

OR if you know of someone in need, please contact the church office (610)566-3944. Instead of spring cleaning, partake in spiritual cleansing.

The Easter Event

March 28

Bunny rabbits, Easter egg hunts and candy are all fun but they often overshadow the true story of Easter. Easter is all about Jesus! Our hope for the Easter Event is that kids walk away with a better understanding of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Following the 11:00 Palm Sunday service, on March 28, please join us in Dale Hall for lunch and a show that will look at the story behind Easter. This event is for the whole family! After lunch and fellowship, we will pull parents and Sunday school teachers from the audience to perform an "on the spot" skit. Easter prizes will be given out throughout the afternoon! To end the afternoon, there will be a mystery guest that will tell the Easter story in a unique way! If your family is interested in attending please **RSVP** by Sunday, March 21 to Cara Cavicchia. We hope you can all attend this important event that will remind us all of the sacrifice Jesus made.

Missions:

LEND A HAND - If either you or someone you know needs assistance with small tasks around the house please contact us. You can volunteer or request assistance by calling the Lend A Hand hotline at 610-566-3944 ext. 101 and leave us a message.

GETWORKS - The goal of the GetWorks program is to help members of our community who are unemployed, underemployed or looking to change careers by providing guidance, information, emotional and spiritual support. We serve all participants regardless of religious affiliation. The GetWorks Job Search Forum meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Media Presbyterian Church.

Topic: Resume Working Session

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 16 from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Hassler Chapel

Join us to have your resume critiqued and to receive help on the best way to present your skills and accomplishments

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MISSIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LAURA KALEMKARIAN AT 610.566.3944, EXT. 17 OR LAURA@MEDIAPRESBYTERIAN.ORG.

Congregational Care:

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on Tuesday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 103. Completed shawls can be dropped off at the office. Please contact Peg Harris with any questions at (610)566-4501.

DIVORCE CARE GROUP - Thursday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 103.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - Thursday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 103.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE SUPPORT GROUPS, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN ARCHAMBO AT (610)566-3944 EXT. 26.

Children's Ministry:

Kids Zone Mission: To transform the lives of children by fostering a dynamic personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the understanding of God's Holy Scripture so that they may go on to change the world.

Kids Zone Sunday School - Kids Zone Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Kids in pre-k through 3rd grade should meet in the Royal Forest room for a time of singing. Kids in 4th and 5th grade can go directly to their marked classes.

BLOC is held during the 11:00 a.m. service for kids in preschool through second grade. Children can report to the classroom located at the bottom of the back staircase (1st grade Sunday School classroom).

The 2010 Kids of the Kingdom Musical will be Saturday, March 20 at 7:00 and Sunday, March 21 at 3:00. We will be performing *Nic at Night*, a musical play about Nicodemus, Easter, and Rebirth! There will be cookie receptions after each performance in Dale Hall. Contact Janis Richards with questions at janis_richards@yahoo.com or 610-449-2545.



Palm Sunday - On Sunday, March 28 Kids Zone will be singing and waving palm branches at the 11:00 service. Parents, on this Sunday please do not pick your kids up after Kids Zone, instead stay for the 11:00 service to see the kids sing "Hosanna." When they are finished singing, they will be dismissed to sit with their families in the service. We hope you will join us in this service that celebrates the beginning of Holy Week.



Kids of the Kingdom Choir rehearses at 10:45 a.m. in the choir room downstairs in Kids Zone. All kids 1st-5th grade are welcome! Contact Janis Richards: janis_richards@yahoo.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES, CARA CAVICCHIA, AT 610-566-3944, EXT. 12 OR CARA@MEDIAPRESBYTERIAN.ORG.

Youth Ministry:

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN—NEW DATE! - Friday, March 12 from 8:00 p.m. until Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 a.m. Look for a flyer in the youth room with more information!

YOUTH GROUP - During Lent the middle and high school youth groups will study the Apostle's Creed through the help of Rowan Williams' book *Tokens of Trust*. Each week we will also hear a story of some church martyrs. Please join us for this 6-week journey of discovering what it means to Believe. Middle School will meet from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and High School will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room.

CONFIRMATION will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Room today.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (DISCIPLES OF JESUS) SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet in the youth room today.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet in Room 101 today.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES, MARK BOYD, AT 610-566-3944, EXT. 16 OR MARK@MEDIAPRESBYTERIAN.ORG.

Discipleship:

CIRCLE 1 is not meeting in March.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP now meets on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in Room 103. Note the time change.

CIRCLE 6 invites anyone interested in studying Paul's second letter to the Corinthian church to join us on the fourth Tuesday of every month in Room 103 of the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Andria Kaskey at aleakaskey@yahoo.com.

Women's Book Club



The Women's Book Club will meet on **Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 103**. The book for March is City of Thieves by David Benioff who bases this novel on his grandfather's stories about surviving WWII in Russia. He blends tense adventure, a bittersweet coming-of-age and an oddly touching buddy narrative to craft a smart

crowd-pleaser.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2010

SUNDAY, March 7

Worship: 8:15 a.m. (communion), 9:30 a.m. (communion), 11:00 a.m. (communion)

9:30 a.m. - Kids Zone, Middle School & High School Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Adult Education - Room 102

10:45 a.m. - Kids of the Kingdom Choir - Royal Forest Room

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation - Youth Room

5:00 p.m. - Middle School Youth Group - Youth Room

5:30 p.m. - High School Praise Team

7:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group - Youth Room

MONDAY, March 8

Nothing on Schedule

TUESDAY, March 9

6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study - Dale Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 10

7:00 p.m. - "On the Road" - Room 102

7:00 p.m. - "People of a Certain Age" - Room 103

7:00 p.m. - Kids' Club

7:00 p.m. - Middle School Music Workshop

THURSDAY, March 11

2:30 p.m. - Women's Discipleship - Room 103

7:30 p.m. - Choir - Dale Hall

8:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study - Youth Room

FRIDAY, March 12

11:00 a.m. - STAP - Hassler Chapel

8:00 p.m. - Middle School Lock-in

SATURDAY, March 13

9:15 a.m. - Kids of the Kingdom "Nic at Night" Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY, March 14

Worship: 8:15 a.m. (trad'l), 9:30 a.m. (communion), 11:00 a.m. (trad'l)

9:30 a.m. - Kids Zone, Middle School & High School Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Adult Education - Room 102

10:45 a.m. - Kids of the Kingdom Choir - Royal Forest Room

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LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE provides several ways for us to share our love for God and for our neighbors during this season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Through **Lenten Loaves of Love** we may also memorialize or honor our family and friends at Easter. Your gifts to Lenten Loaves of Love will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers, but also to show our love for God and our neighbors in a concrete way.

The Women of Media Presbyterian Church (WMPC) is sponsoring the eighth annual **Lenten Loaves of Love** in order to support three international Christian missions connected to MPC, as well as to provide Easter flowers for our sanctuary:

1) ***Village of Hope Orphanage in Morocco***

Village of Hope is one of two Christian orphanages in Morocco, which is part of the Arab Muslim world. Your Lenten Loaf of Love donation will help provide necessary supplies so our brothers and sisters in Morocco can raise the abandoned children whom God has given them and also “build bridges” to their Muslim neighbors. (Read more about Village of Hope at www.voh-ainleuh.org)

2) ***Wells for Life***

Media Presbyterian Church member Dave Powell is a co-founder of this not-for-profit corporation which works to provide safe drinking water throughout the world to alleviate the suffering caused by inadequate and unsafe water supplies.

3) ***Compassion Corps***

Compassion Corps, a division of US Center for World Mission, seeks to bring help and hope to those in Africa who are in need. Through various means, such as helping to provide water for a village, bringing medical teams and supplies to a certain country, or running a summer camp for children, Compassion Corps’ goal is to engage the hearts of American young people and adults and unleash hope for the hurting and needy across the ocean. For more information please visit www.compassion-corps.com.

In addition to these three special international mission opportunities, your contributions to Lenten Loaves of Love will enable us to provide flowers to make our sanctuary especially beautiful for Easter and to cheer our shut-ins afterwards. (If you would like to reserve a flower to take home after the 11:00 worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form (below) when you make your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love.)

Each \$7 gift provides a single **Lenten Loaf of Love**. Gifts received by **Sunday, March 21**, will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

During this season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection, share your love for God and for your neighbors as you give a Lenten Loaf (or Loaves!) of Love. Fill out the information below, tear off, enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope (please also fill out the info on the envelope), and place in offering plate.

I/we donate \$7 for each **Lenten Loaf of Love**. Total gift \$_____

Your name and telephone:

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- In memory of _____
 - In honor of _____
 - To the glory of God
 - I/we would like to take flowers home (how many? _____)