

✚ Transfiguration Sunday ✚

February 11, 2018 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship – Psalm 113 (Jeremiah Zaretsky)

Pastor: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you his servants;
praise the name of the LORD.

People: **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

People: **The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits
enthroned on high,

People: **who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from
the ash heap;

People: **he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.**

All: **He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD.**

◆Hymn of Praise (BH #212) *One Day*

◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison):

Lord, you call us in our lives to be like the grain of wheat which dies, which lets go of one form in order to be transformed into new, and fuller life. And yet we often fear the risk and change which new growth involves. We confess that there are places in our lives where we resist Your movement for change.

God, have mercy on us when we resist Your call to change our hearts and allow a deepening of relationships. Lord, have mercy when we nurse our wounded hearts and withhold forgiveness

which may transform relationships. Christ, have mercy when fear for our own security leads us to close our hearts from those who are in need.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):

The One who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful, and forgives us our sins and failures. In Christ God offers forgiving grace.

Welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory *Forget Me Not*

Jeremiah and Hannah Zaretsky

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WORD

Scripture Readings

Hannah Zaretsky

Deuteronomy 16:1-3

Jeremiah 31:31-34

◆ *Gloria Patri* (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆ **Hymn of Preparation** *You Are My Hiding Place*

Message

“Christ in the Passover”
Jeremiah Zaretsky

RESPONSE

◆ **Hymn of Response** (BH #207) *Christ is the Truth the Way*

SENDING

Cantor Closing

Jeremiah Zaretsky

◆Hymn of Dismissal (BH #195) *Shine Jesus Shine*

◆Benediction

Postlude

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

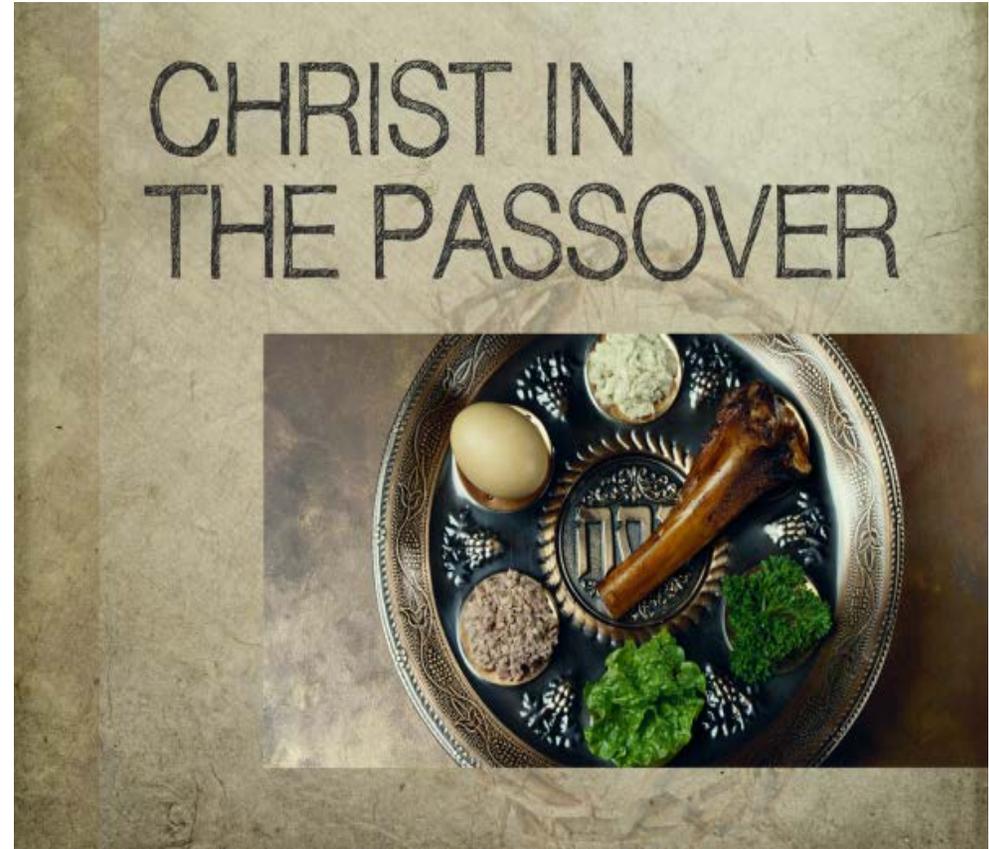
PRAYER CONCERNS: Greg Goetz, Dorothy Karner, Carol Latimer, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Gloria Vitro, Linnea Wimpenny.

Today we welcome guest speaker Jeremiah Zaretsky, Chicago Director of Jews for Jesus, along with his wife Hannah and their four children. Thank you to Jeremiah for the enriching service and your presentation to Trinity this morning. Thank you to Jeremiah and Hannah for the special music.



Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
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*Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 7 P.M.
Fireside Room*

ANNUAL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 11:15 A.M.
PETERSON HALL

WELCOME TO TRINITY

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Date: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Calendar for the Week:

Today: Special Offering Jews for Jesus

10 A.M. Worship
10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
3-5 P.M. Youth Group, Peterson Hall
Annual Reports due to the church office today.

This Week:

Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study
Tues. 6:30 P.M. Deacons meeting
Tues. 7 P.M. Trustees and C.E. Board meetings
Wed. 7 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service, Fireside Room

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Articles for the March Messenger are due.

Feb. 18 – Nursery Helpers: Jennifer Davies, Desiree Hall
Greeters: Margie Morrissey, Kay Shannon

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

In February, we welcome back Dr. Carol Noren teaching class on the topic of four familiar biblical narratives with a slightly different perspective: not exactly feminist, but taking a closer look at overlooked aspects of stories featuring women. February 11: (Exodus 1) Subversive Women Save the Day; February 18: (Ruth) What's A Woman Without a Man?.

PLEASE NOTE: On the day of the Annual Church Business Meeting, February 25, the class is going to meet at 9 A.M. instead of the usual time. Topic: (Luke 10:38-42) Sister Acts: Cooperation or Competition? Join us at 11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room to explore these narratives, it's guaranteed to be interesting.

Youth Group

Come join the Youth Group (ages K through 6th grade) **today**, from 3-5 P.M., in Peterson Hall. Parents do not need to stay. We will have music led by Anakin, games, including an Indoor Snowball Fight and snacks. This will be a ton of fun and you won't want to miss out. Feel free to invite a friend. See Anakin Schroeder if you would like to attend. We look forward to spending time with you this afternoon.

Annual Reports

The Annual Reports are due to the church office **today, February 11**. Please email: office@trinitycovoaklawn.org or drop off at the church office in the box on the table. Thank you.

Camp Registration

Reminder - Early bird registration for Summer Camp is due Sunday, February 25 (a \$35 discount!) See Kellie Lee for information.

Lenten Journey

This is the new class from Pastor Mark. It is a look deeper into a centering prayer life, a contemplative life, if you will. This class will once again start with a light meal at 6 P.M. on Wednesday evenings followed by the class from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. Wednesday, February 14 is not only Valentine's Day, it is also Ash Wednesday in the church calendar year. For this reason, "The Lenten Journey" will begin on February 21 and run through March 28. I feel that this time of year perfectly pairs Lent with a contemplative and meditative prayer life. As we look at the three-pronged life: 1) **Outward** extension of the Gospel, 2) Going outward, **Together** as a body, and 3) The **Inward** Journey, this 6 week class focuses on the inward reflection. Do not be afraid of this journey! Do not think that you cannot be silent and reflective before the Lord! This will bring you closer to Jesus and you will love it! Hope to see you there. I will also give a brief recap of the Upside-Down Kingdom class at the beginning of the first Lenten Journey class. Pastor Mark

Today's Scripture:

Deuteronomy 16:1-3

Observe the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of the LORD your God, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night. ²Sacrifice as the Passover to the LORD your God an animal from your flock or herd at the place the LORD will choose as a dwelling for his Name. ³Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but for seven days eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you left Egypt in haste—so that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD,

"when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

³³"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."



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