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## Sunday, April 7, 2019 | Fifth Sunday in Lent Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Serve

### Welcome to worship at HopeGateWay!

We're so glad you're here today! We'd like to get to know you, so please take a minute to fill out a Welcome card, and join us for conversation, a cup of coffee or tea, and a bite to eat!

#### Sundays at HopeGateWay

- 9:00 am Worship Celebration
- 10:15 am Coffee and conversation
- 10:15 am HopeGateWay Kids
- 11:00 am Worship Celebration

*Share the joy! Invite a friend to join you next Sunday!*

#### Broken Vessels

##### A Worship Series for the Season of Lent

Do you ever wish that you and everyone around you were a little more unbreakable? Do you long for a world with less brokenness? The truth is, we are all quite fragile. Today is the Fifth Sunday in the Season of Lent. Recalling Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, Lent is a season of 40 days (plus six Sundays!) for intentional self-reflection and prayer, to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. During this season, we're exploring how God's grace works through broken vessels, and how God longs to make broken things whole. Invite a friend to join you next Sunday, at 9 am or 11 am.

#### HopeGateWay Kids

##### Sundays at 10:15 am // Room 3-4

All kids, grades K-5, are invited for engaging, multi-sensory explorations of the Bible and concepts of faith through storytelling, art, and creative activities. HGW Kids meets in room 3-4 between our two worship gatherings. Invite a friend!

#### Socks for Preble Street

During Lent we're collecting NEW white unisex socks to be given to Preble Street guests. On Holy Thursday, Portland clergy will gather to wash feet and assist with the foot clinic. If you plan contribute, please bring socks by Sunday, April 14.

#### An Invitation to embrace our Community Practices

We invite you to express your commitment to God and to the HGW community by signing our 2019 Community Practices commitment wall today. This is an annual opportunity to say yes -- to prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness -- yes to God -- and yes to HGW!

#### New Hospitality Team forming

If you'd like to be part of a new hospitality team forming, to serve the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, please connect with Shantia. We hope for individuals and families from both services to collaborate, covering all the mornings' hospitality responsibilities. "Many hands make light work!" A hands-on orientation will be provided to anyone interested in helping. Email Shantia: shantiawg@gmail.com

#### Shattered Pots workshop

##### Saturday, April 13 // 9:30 – 11am // HopeGateWay

We are all broken vessels, impacted by grief, loss and life stresses. Join Jen Dimond for this exploration through the breaking and remaking of a shattered pot as a tangible reminder of the beauty and new possibility that can emerge from our brokenness. If possible, please bring an undecorated medium to large terra cotta plant pot (4" – 5" diameter works well) or indicate on sign-up sheet if you will need a pot.

#### Looking ahead to Holy Week

- **Palm / Passion Sunday, April 14 - HopeGateWay**  
9 am & 11 am • Worship will begin with celebration, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, with the waving of palm branches. Abruptly, though, we'll transition to a more solemn tone as we recall the events of Jesus' final days leading to the cross. Please join us for worship on Palm / Passion Sunday as a way of beginning Holy Week prayerfully and intentionally.
- **Holy Thursday Potluck Dinner & Worship**  
**Thursday, April 18 • 5:30 pm** • We'll join with our neighbors to remember the Last Supper. Bring a main dish, side dish, or salad to share (if you can – or just come). The meal will include simple worship and Communion. Trinity Episcopal Church is at 580 Forest Avenue.
- **Good Friday Mid-Day Worship – Friday, April 19**  
12:30 pm • Take a mid-day break and join in an ecumenical Good Friday gathering recalling Jesus' crucifixion. Woodfords Congregational Church is at 202 Woodford Street.
- **Good Friday Evening Tenebrae Worship – HGW**  
6:30 pm • On Good Friday evening, we'll gather for quiet, prayerful, candlelight worship, called the Tenebrae Service (Tenebrae means "shadows") recalling Jesus' crucifixion.
- **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 20**  
7 pm • All are invited to a community celebration on the eve of Easter at St. Luke's Episcopal Cathedral (143 State Street) — a service with all the smells and bells, rich with liturgy and tradition.

**Easter Sunday • Sunday, April 21 • 9 am & 11 am** Easter means new life! New hope! New joy! Make sure you're with us for this beautiful, inspiring celebration of resurrection hope! Invite a friend to join you!

#### Grateful // Practicing Faithful Stewardship in 2019

If you haven't yet, please take some time in prayer and then make your 2019 stewardship commitment this week, either by returning your yellow commitment card or by making your pledge online. We're still counting on 100% participation!

## Centering Prayer Group

**Tuesdays // 12:00 – 12:50 pm // HGW Room 5**

Jonathan Wright-Gray leads a Tuesday mid-day Centering Prayer group. All are welcome to join in the contemplative silence and reflection on a sacred text, listening for God's word for our lives.

## Hope Acts is looking for a few new Board members

Hope Acts, a Portland non-profit, assists asylum seekers by providing transitional housing at Hope House, beginner and intermediate English classes and assistance from intern caseworkers. HopeGateWay community founded Hope Acts in 2012, and we want to keep this relationship strong. As Hope Acts prepares to add several new Board members this spring, we want to provide names of HopeGateWay folks who may be interested in serving. If you have questions or wish to be considered, please contact Don Rudalevige: (donrudalevige@gmail.com).

## Potluck Lunch & Community Conversation

**Sunday, April 28 // 12:30 pm**

Following 11:00 worship, we'll gather around the tables for a potluck lunch and a Community Conversation — a chance for information-sharing and dialogue with HopeGateWay's Leadership Team. Bring a main dish, side dish, snack food, or dessert to share, if you can, or just come. All are welcome!

## Ongoing Groups:

- **Shambala Heart of Recovery** / Mondays, 6:30 pm
- **FA / Food Addicts in Recovery** / Tuesdays, 9 am
- **Centering Prayer** / Tuesdays, 12pm
- **Women's Conduct / 12 Steps** / Tuesdays, 5:45 pm
- **Step Sisters / Women's Big Book** / Tuesdays, 7 pm
- **Tai Chi** / Wednesdays, 9 am
- **Chapter 2 / AA** / Wednesdays, 7 pm
- **Bible Study** / Thursdays, 10:15-11:30 am / 75 State St.
- **Ladies Night / CA** / Thursdays, 7:30 pm
- **Drumming Circle** / 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays, 7 pm
- **Late Night Faith / AA** / Fridays, 9 pm
- **SLAA / Augustine Fellowship (Men)** / Saturdays, 9 am
- **Out of the Dark / Candlelight CA** / Saturdays, 6 pm

## Pastors

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**Office Hours:** Tues, Wed, Fri: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

*Doing justice • Loving kindness • Walking humbly with God*

## Parking: Use our underground parking garage.

In addition to street parking, we have use of the underground parking garage, weeknights after 5 pm and weekends. Enter at the access ramp just beyond Portland Ballet / Casco Bay Movers dance studio. At the keypad, use code: 1101\*

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## Prayer and Care

Fred and Irma Baker – Fred in rehab at the Cedars following back surgery and Irma as she lives daily with dementia

Heather Barry's father, Bill Barry (aka Scrappy Pappy), recovering from a fall/broken hip, at Maine Med

Jane & Cliff Ives –as Jane recovers and faces her second hip-replacement, and Cliff as he cares for her

Colette & Shirley, as they seek new housing options, individually, and prepare to move

Tim & Shauna Smith (friends of Miranda) – as Tim awaits a heart transplant

The people of Christchurch, New Zealand following the deadly shooting in two mosques – families of 50 victims

Our planet Earth – the devastation of climate change

Communities affected by flooding in the Midwest

Central American Countries and migrants and US relations

All affected by devastating floods in Mozambique & Zimbabwe

The Muslim community, processing violence and Islamophobia

Barbara Kszystyniak – recovering from surgery

Evelyn Johnson Moore – upcoming medical tests

Sara's grandfather, Rev. Charles Turkington – health concerns

Margaret Menger's friend, Denise Bruchmiller – cancer

The United Methodist Church and the LGBTQ community

Our Confirmation Youth

The people of Venezuela

Shantia Wright-Gray – undergoing radiation

Immigrant families – especially children separated from parents

Stephanie, Peter, Eva, and Jonah Cooke – in Costa Rica

Our elected leaders – for bold, justice-seeking leadership

Mike Davis – recovering from surgery

Robin Jellis as she continues her studies with ChIME

All immigrants, including refugees and asylum seekers

Kelly Frey, Patsy's mother, for continued healing

All who have been affected by gun violence

Our country, during this time of polarization and turmoil

Families and individuals experiencing homelessness

All who are affected by the disease of addiction

Shantia Wright-Gray's cousin, John – awaiting liver transplant

Emile Uwimana – complications with diabetes

Shasta Beane – living with Parkinson's Disease

Peace in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, and Angola

Hospitality	
April 7	Wesley by the Sea folks
April 14	Eileen Purdy, Matt Frey-Davis
Offering Counters	
April 7	Annika Smart & Beth Turnidge
April 14	Odette Nyirabahire & Rick Smart



**HopeGateWay**  
an open & affirming community  
**Our Reconciling Statement**

We worship an inclusive and loving God, who calls all persons into relationship, both with God and with neighbor. In response to this love, demonstrated most perfectly in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as an open and affirming community, welcoming and celebrating people of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, economic situations, and social statuses.