

Today we join with other Presbyterian congregations in Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday. We especially consider women who exhibit grace that knows no boundaries. The idea that God is a boundary-crosser is as ancient as Miriam's song, sung when her people escaped slavery in Egypt by passing through the Red Sea. Miriam sang, "Sing to the Lord, for the Lord has triumphed gloriously!"



Celebrating the Gifts of Women

Service for the Lord's Day

March 3, 2019

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Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

from Psalm 27 and Philippians 4:7

A daughter of Levi bore a child, and hid him from the Egyptians for three months.

When she could no longer hide him, she placed the child in a basket among the reeds.

Miriam, his sister, stood firm at a distance to see what would happen.

The daughter of Pharaoh came to the river to bathe. She took pity on the baby, and said, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children."

Miriam arranged to have the child nursed by his own mother.

When his mother brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son, she named him Moses, for she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord for he has triumphed gloriously!

Opening Hymn 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (*Responsive*)

Lord, we will take Miriam as our example today. She was wise, and she was faithful, and she gleefully observed the destruction of her people's slave-masters. Forgive us for our doubts, and our faithlessness, and for our bland acceptance of spiritual captivity. We have never trusted you fully. We have not accepted that your promises are for us. We have remained in weakness and timidity, and have not crossed over to the great fullness of life you offer. Restore our faith today, for the sake of our savior, Jesus Christ.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

The Bible often compares sinfulness to slavery. We pray for the faith to believe that God will set us free.

Response Hymn 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA
*O-pen now the cry-stal fount-ain, whence the heal-ing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my jour-ney through.
Strong de-liv-erer, strong de-liv-erer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Psalms (*Responsive*) Psalm 77:1, 16-20; Isaiah 43:15- 19

The Exodus Event is Recalled

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters.

The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side.

The Lore who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise.

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Behold, I am doing a new thing: now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness.

That the people whom I formed for myself might declare my praise!

Anthem

Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song

Hal H. Hobson

Lucas Allen, tambourine

Reading from the First Covenant

Exodus 15:20-21

The Song of Miriam

Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

For Gifts of Women Sunday

Sermon

Miriam

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

First and Last Verses Only

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (3.1 and 2)

God chose one people for the sake of all. The Lord chose Abraham and his descendants as bearers of that promise for all peoples. God delivered the people. When Abraham’s descendants were slaves in Egypt, God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage. We declare with Miriam God’s steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free. Amen.

The story of the Exodus of the Hebrew people out of Egypt is fundamental for the faith of Jews and Christians who trust that God is always active as a rescuer and a deliverer.

These verses are thought to be among the oldest in the Bible.

All Sit
Offering

Offertory

Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song
Lucas Allen, snare drum

Eugene Butler

All Stand
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 Thanksgiving

All Sit
The Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.... So with all those in every time and place who have called upon you expectantly, we rejoice in your gracious presence, singing:

Sanctus

Sanctus

Joseph Roff

(congregation and choir)

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.*

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music at Communion

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Sing

Closing Hymn 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

Benediction

Postlude

Bourree

Johan Roman

Communion is the sacrament we repeat. It reminds us of Christ's constant presence.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center for children 3 and under on Sundays, and children's activity packets are available in the narthex.

The Presbyterian Church Staff

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Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

Announcements

USHERS: The Thomison and Polen families

LAY READER: Kashi Robinson

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

COMMUNION SERVERS: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, John Kernohan, Pamela Napier, David and Susan Thomison

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

CHILDREN'S MUSIC: Ellie Osborne

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 10: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to occur today immediately following worship, for the purpose of receiving the 2019 budget and approving the adequacy of the Pastor's salary.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be David Muffett and Shannon Dyche. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

PERCUSSIONIST and Bowling Green native **Lucas Allen** is a Senior Music Education Major at Western Kentucky University. He will graduate this spring and pursue graduate study in music next fall. He has been accepted to the prestigious Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University and to North Carolina University at Greensboro.

TODAY:

COFFEE ORDERS Fair Trade Coffee sales will take place today, March 3rd. Need chocolate? Need coffee? Need tea? Put in an order today.

BUCK IN A BASKET for March will benefit our Christmas Market by offsetting cost of publicity. We purchased permanent signs and a banner and your gifts will reimburse those expenses, as they were not budgeted. And mark the date - December 7 is our next Market! We are grateful for your ongoing generosity.

MONDAY MORNING CLASS ANNIVERSARY EDITION BEGINS TOMORROW! Join Dr. Robert Haynes in an exploration of our church's early history. 10:00am in the Conference Room. His recently published book on our early history will be the general focus and copies will be available for purchase (\$20). Bring a friend!

WHAT ARE OUR CHILDREN LEARNING? Our Preschool Class is hearing Luke 15:3-10, stories of the Lost. Godly Play (K-3rd) is experiencing the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37. Learning to Listen to God is the focus for our older elementary from Luke 9:28-35(36). Please read the stories at home with your children and talk about what God wants them (and you) to learn.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS TODAY, 4:00pm in the Conference Room.

TODAY'S COMMUNION BREAD was baked by our Confirmation Class this past Sunday. It was part of our lesson on devoting ourselves to the breaking of bread. We are grateful for Matthew Covington's talk about the Lord's Supper and the words we use to welcome all to the table. Members of the class include: Emma Ahmed, Caroline Wedge, Charlie Reber, David Yusk, Saint Carmichael, Eddie Solberg-Hale, Ben Davenport, Sara Parkerson, Carlie Bowen and Nate Stein.

COMING UP:

WEDNESDAY IS A FIRST TIME FOR "ASHES TO GO." On Ash Wednesday, March 6, from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM our minister will offer the Imposition of Ashes to passers-by on the sidewalk in front of the Church. There will be a brief order of worship, repeated frequently, to remind each person that we are dust, but dust that has been blessed by God.

Calendar

Sunday, March 3

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Congregational Mtg.
4:00 p.m. Confirmation
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Mon. Morn. Educ.
11:00 a.m. Circle 3
5:00 p.m. Community Ed. class
7:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, March 5

11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, March 6

11:30 a.m. Ashes to Go
6:00 p.m. Ash Wed. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Worship
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 7

6:00 p.m. Room In The Inn

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP is THIS Wednesday March 6. Dinner at 6:00pm (Tomato Basil Soup, three cheese grilled cheese on sourdough, chocolate mousse). If you wish to join us for dinner, RSVP BY TUESDAY MARCH 5, NOON. \$8 adults, \$5 children/youth, \$20 family maximum. RSVP REQUIRED! You may mark the friendship pad or call or email the office by NOON Tuesday. Also...

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DINNERS will continue March 13-April 10. Dinner on those nights will be served at 5:30pm, with our devotional time beginning at 6:05pm. RSVPs required for dinner by Tuesday noon each week. Menus will be listed in the 60 sec email and bulletin each week.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS ARE A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY! Help will be needed with set up and clean up each week. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten> is the place to go to sign up - and if you help, YOU EAT FREE! Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

GALLERY HOP AND RECEPTION FOR CHURCH HISTORICAL PHOTO EXHIBIT—March 15, from 5-8PM In celebration of the bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church, 62 photos from church archives and families are being exhibited in the fellowship hall, aka GALLERY TPC. The exhibit runs from January 25 to April 17, with a gallery reception on March 15. For more information, email Diane Simmons (dsimmonsbg1@mac.com).

YOUTH DINNERS: Our Sunday night Youth Fellowship is in full swing but there are a few nights where we still need dinner provided at 5:30. If you can help that would be great; it would mean bringing dinner and eating with us if you like. Signup can be found here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-winter1> or speak to David Clarke for more details.

POTATO PARTY March 17th is our annual Potato Party and bake sale fundraiser. Come along for some food and fellowship while helping us raise money for our youth trips! Sign up here: <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=SVAU3442>

CIRCLES CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, March 4th at 11:00am at Village Manor. The SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet Sunday, March 10th at 9:45am. CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, March 11th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 9:15am in the youth room. CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00am at the home of Nancy Moore (1712 Barnard Way).

SAINTS AND CENTURIES! A St. Patrick's Day concert with Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach, Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 pm - Renowned duo Skip Cleavinger and Rebecca Baumbach will offer the best in traditional Irish music on the fiddle, Irish pipes and tin whistle. The concert is offered as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, KY. It is free and open to the public. Come, enjoy and bring some friends!

BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky Presbytery Spring Gathering: **Save the Date** - Thursday, April 11, 2019; **Place:** The Presbyterian Church of Henderson, 100 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky; **Time:** 9:30 Registration; 10:00 Opening Activities; **Lunch:** \$5.00.

OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be Saturday April 13, 10:30am. We need individually wrapped candies. Please drop off in the office for Leslee or David.

OTHER NEWS:

CECELIA MEMORIAL CHURCH is preparing for their 4th Annual Spring Giveaway, to be held on Saturday, March 30th. They are collecting items now for the giveaway. You may call Lovelyn Williams for information on how to donate (or what items) at 619-368-2103. Any large or bulk items will need to be taken to Cecelia directly.

LET'S CELEBRATE KINDNESS! Write your kind act on a piece of paper and drop it in one of the red baskets (State Street entrance, 10th Street entrance and on the landing by the elevator). For example 21 people assisted with the "extra" RITI night this week. These can be anonymous submissions, acts completed at your workplace, donations to causes, or just simply a smile given to someone in need. Let's see how quickly we reach 200!

200TH DINNER AND ADDRESSES On Palm Sunday afternoon, April 14th our church will host a dinner to celebrate our 200th anniversary. We would like to send invitations to out of town guests. Do you know the addresses of those friends that have moved away that we should invite? Please call the church office and provide Cheryl with needed information. You can also speak to one of the committee members developing the lists: Ann Rudolph Humphrey, Sally Calkins, Karol Kirby Ahmed, Julia Roberts, and Susan Thomison.