

# The Worship of God

Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF GATHERING

Alan Green  
Deacon Chair

*Congregation read the bold print*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 19:1-6, 14

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.  
**Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**  
There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;  
**Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**  
In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong athlete runs its course with joy.  
**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.**  
*Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.*

## INVOCATION

Maren Holmen  
Deacon

## \* HYMN #684

*We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Tony Ponella  
Program Associate

*Updates about Metro and our community ministry, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.  
Optional childcare is provided for children. Leaders can be found at the back*

## COVENANT OF CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Davidson Sutherland  
Princeton Seminary Intern

## HYMN

*Nothing but the Blood*  
Led by Shavey Brown

Congregation sings only "Nothing but the blood of Jesus" during the verse,  
then sings the refrain:

**O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## LIGHTING A CANDLE\*\*

Neal Palmer

## LENTEN CONFESSION

Congregation

**Our God we are all aware that doubt, fear, disappointment, and anger are a part of the human path. We confess that at times when we need light for our path, we chose to curse the darkness rather than light a candle. We sometimes seek inauthentic power over trusting vulnerability; temporary security over eternal hope. We pray for forgiveness and ask for light.**

## ASSURANCE

Neal Palmer

Hear again your name: Child of God

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-21

Stephen Bouchard

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Alan Green

## OFFERTORY

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Old 100th*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God above ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## HYMN OF COMMITMENT #722

*This Is My Song*

*If you would like to formally join our community of faith or profess something publicly about your journey of faith, we invite you to speak to a pastor at this time.*

## \*BENEDICTION

Paula Nance

## POSTLUDE

*Please join us following the service for coffee hour and fellowship.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*\*\* Our theme for this year's Lenten worship services and Bible studies will be: "Light a Candle or Curse the Darkness - finding a light for the path, a way in the wilderness." If you have a story to share, please speak to one of the pastors.*

## After-worship Brown Bag Conversation - March 11

Recently one of our primary mission-partners, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, changed its hiring policy to partially include LGBTQ people. The change has been met with some frustration among progressive Baptists who had hoped for full inclusion.

For any interested in this conversation the pastors will lead a conversation on March 11 about what, if any, our congregational response should be.

## Lenten Bible Study – Light for the Path

Supper is served at 6:30, followed by Bible Study at 7:00.

### Dates & hosts are:

**Lent 3 - Mar. 8 (Thur) Laura & Joe's**

**Lent 4 - Mar. 14 (Wed) Rebecca & Jacob's**

**Lent 5 - Mar. 21 (Wed) Tiffany & Dan's**

Contact Scott at [sstearman@mbcnyc.org](mailto:sstearman@mbcnyc.org) to RSVP & for respective addresses.

## Urban Immersion

Welcome to the college students from **St. Mary of the Woods College** in Indiana! This group begins their week of Urban Immersion with us today. Along with working in the Clothes Closet and cooking for our LSEP groups, they will be spending lots of time with our students in Page Turners. They have a full week of learning and serving ahead of them. Thank you for joining us in ministry, St. Mary of the Woods!

## Coming Up

Mar 4

Mar 8

Mar 11

Mar 14

Mar 21

Mar 23

Mar 24

Mar 29

Terzetta Concert

Lenten Bible Study

After Worship Conversation

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Cover, A Play About Trafficking

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Maudy Thursday Service

## Help Us Serve Our Community in 2018!



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METRO MINISTRIES

See below for ways to donate your time, goods or money to Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, Metro's community service not-for-profit.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Below is a list of programs and times when volunteers are needed:

Winter Clothes Closet	Mondays 12:30-3:00 pm
Page Turners	Tuesdays-Thursdays 4:15-5:30 pm
Food Pantry	Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Teen Center	Fridays 4:00-8:00 pm

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COOK MEALS FOR LSEP

You can minister to these men and women by providing a dessert or a full meal for one of their sessions and plan to stay and eat with them. If you would like more information about serving in this way, email [volunteer@rmmnyc.org](mailto:volunteer@rmmnyc.org).

### DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in DIRE need of clothing items for our Winter Clothing Closet, especially **large coats, men's pants, gloves, hats, scarves, and new underwear**. We are also collecting for snack bags & toiletry kits. You can drop off any of these items year round: **small soaps & shampoo, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloths**, as well as snack items such as **granola bars, crackers, water bottles, juice boxes, etc.** You can also make monetary donations to support RMM programs and services at [www.rmmnyc.org/donate](http://www.rmmnyc.org/donate).

For further information about how to get involved or support RMM, email [volunteer@rmmnyc.org](mailto:volunteer@rmmnyc.org).

## Sanctuary Arts News

### Terzetta

Women musicians playing women's compositions, celebrating National Women's Month.

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm (doors open at 4:30pm)

Suggested Donation \$20. Proceeds to Benefit RMM Programming.



### Stomping Ground Presents Cover, A Play About Trafficking

Inspired by The Covering House

March 23 and 24 – Doors Open at 7:00PM, Showtime at 7:30PM

All Donations Accepted