

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, March 12, 2018

Dear Friends,

We're nearing the end of our Lenten sermon series, "A Skeptic's Guide to God." We've used the Gospel of John to address those questions we hear from our nonreligious friends (maybe even from ourselves).

We started back in February with, "How do you read the Bible?"

Week Two we asked, "Who is Jesus—son of Joseph, Son of God, or what?"

Week Three was the question of hypocrisy: "Isn't the church just full of hypocrites?"

Last week Ken addressed the question: "Is it all just about believing?"

Do you remember the answers to these questions? Do you need a review session before the test? Then I encourage you to discover our podcasts. Just go to our website and see on the right side the word, "[Podcast](#)." Click on the word, and find our sermons. And, with the podcast, you can even talk back to the preacher!

This Sunday, Week Five, we'll take up a questions about the foundation of our faith: "Why is the cross such a big deal?" Isn't Jesus just as compelling as a wisdom teacher, or a political critic, or a Dr. Phil for the Soul? Why this emphasis upon his death—on a cross?

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

It's that time of year again! Please use this form to order a Lily for our Easter decorations. The cost is \$10 per plant and you may order more than one. Please fill out the order form below and return it with the appropriate amount.

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Calendar

Sunday March 18, 2018 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: John 12:20–33

9:00 AM Chapel Concertino — NOTE EARLIER TIME

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages 1 Corinthians 1: 22–25; Psalm 66: 8–12; John 12:20–33

Lector Dennis Riley **Crucifer** Marilyn Gorman

Cookies Gloria Wagner **Flowers** Mary Kay Crockett

Ushers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, and Sandy Rice

Sermon The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Title "A Skeptic's Guide to God: A Sermon Series for Lent"

This Sunday: "Why is the Cross Such a Big Deal?"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, March 16, 11 AM, Pastor Joanne leads a study of the gospels' resurrection stories, Carmel Valley Manor. All CitF members and friends are welcome. Contact: joanne@churchintheforest.org

Sunday, March 18, Concert featuring Solmaaz Adeli on Wharf 2 (MPYC). 3:00-5:00 pm. Contact stevenbellavance@gmail.com or 603-398-6956

Sunday, March 25, 1:00 PM, Celebration of Life for Lawrence Wilsey

HOLY WEEK

Sunday March 25, 9:30 AM Palm Sunday

Thursday March 29, 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday

Friday March 30, 6:00 PM Good Friday

Sunday April 1, 9:00 AM Easter Sunday

One service with festive concertino beginning 9:00 AM; worship 9:30 AM.

SAVE THE DATE: April 22 is our next New Members' Sunday. Join our mission to be a "Light in the Forest"! Contact: joanne@churchintheforest.org

PLEASE: The April sign up sheets are posted and we need YOU!

SMALL GROUPS: *These are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.*

- *The Men's Small Group* gathers **March 15, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **March 15, 10:30 am–12 noon**, at the *Beach and Tennis Club*. Purchase book, "Women of the Old Testament" from Pastor Joanne.
- *The Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the bible passage of the day.
- *The Tuesday Study Group* will meet at Ruth Gleisner's on **March 20, 10:15–11:30 AM**, "Joining in the Parade" —*Mathew 21: 1–11*
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **March 22, 12 noon–1:15 PM**, at Linda Mackie's, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.

Music Box

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HEARTSTRINGS

Laura Burian, violin **Marj Ingram-Viales**, guitar
Paulette Lynch, hammer dulcimer
Mike Osgood, mandolin **Rick Chelew**, bass
Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

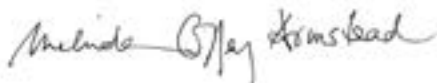
CHAPEL CONCERTINO AT 9:00 AM

Lover's Waltz
Banish Misfortune
Sally Gardens/ Blarney Pilgrim
Crested Hens
Paddy on the Turnpike / Tommy's Tarbukas
Cliffs of Moher
Planxty Hewlett/ Soldier's Joy/ Jolly Beggarman
McPherson's Lament
Gary Owen/ Irish Washerwoman

Now you take your typical Irish control freak.... No, let me start again. My Irish wife, Melinda, sensing St Patrick's Day, has kindly asked me (where "asked" is charitable) to write a limerick that shows the rhythm and rhyme of that poetic form: five anapestic verses of which lines 1, 2, and 5 are of three feet and lines 3 and 4 are of two feet, with a rhyme scheme aabba. The name Limerick comes from the county (or city) of that name in Ireland.

Sure, the Irish have charm and to spare,
They'll control you, but always with flair.
If you don't hear, and do
The wrong thing, woe is you,
You'll wind up with your feet in the air.

—RLA



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