

See You by T. Denise Anderson

WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 1, 2026

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511

www.carypresbyterian.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Corelli

Welcome and Announcements

*Introit

Just As I Am, without One Plea (v. 4)

No. 442

***Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!***

*Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves *all* of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship.

We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

*Hymn

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

No. 168

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?

Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?

**Or did we cross the street?
 Did we avert our eyes?
 Did we come up with every excuse in the book?
 God, we long to be people who love our neighbors
 with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.
 But we must admit, we have a long way to go.
 Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear
 get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the
 courage to try again.
 With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us* Arr. Johnson

Musical score for "Lord Have Mercy Upon Us" in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

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***Response** *Let Us Return to the Lord*

Musical score for "Let Us Return to the Lord" in B-flat major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Come, let us re - turn to the Lord. You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are crushed, God will bind you up."

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Su Johnson

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:35-40

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 7:36-50

Paul Burgess

Message *The Good News is Great Love for God and Neighbor*
Tell Me Something Good

*Hymn

I Come With My Devotion

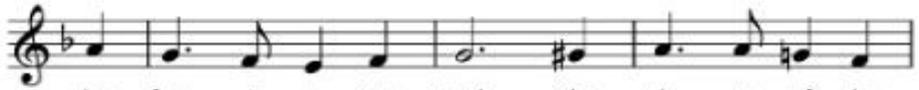
Strickland/Mann



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
Chancel Choir

Ijams

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light, that followest all my way. I yield my flickering torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in its sunshine's blaze
Its day may brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy, that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall ever tearless be.*

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not hide from thee.

*I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

(All bread is gluten-free. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements, returning to your seats to partake. The elements may be brought to any who choose to remain seated in the pews.)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
in this dry and weary land.

Even when we complain against you,
you feed us bread from heaven.

When we quarrel and question your grace,
you give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent?

Even those we count as "sinners,"
even the dry bones in the valley of death
stand to sing your praise.

Capo 5: (Am) (Em) (Dm) (Am) (F) (Em) (Esus) (E7)
Dm Am Gm Dm B^b Am Asus A7

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
(F) (G7) (E7) (Am) (Dm) (Em7)
B^b C7 A7 Dm Gm Am7
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
(Asus) (Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Am) (F) (D7/F#)
Dsus Dm G C Am Dm B^b G7/B
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
(G) (G7) (Em7) (Am7) (Em) (A)
C C7 Am7 Dm7 Am D
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Your Good News was realized in this world
 in the life of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
 Jesus lived among those who the rest of the world
 called "bad," "untouchable," "other."

He told them that they were good. They were beloved. They were whole.

And even when Christ's human life ended
 at the hands of an oppressive regime,
 death could claim no victory over him, nor over us.
 Love triumphed over hatred.
 Goodness was the last word.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

Capo 5: (Am) (Em) (Dm) (Am) (F) (G)
 Dm Am Gm Dm B^b C

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death; ris - ing you re -

(Dm7) (Esus) (E7) (Dm) (Em) (A)
 Gm7 Asus A7 Gm Am D

stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Gracious God, now pour out your Holy Spirit
 upon this bread, this cup, these people.
 By the power of your Spirit
 Breathe life into our dust
 And hope into our bones.
 Make us one flesh and one blood,
 One in the body of Christ.
 Let us live to sing your praise
 And to share the Good News that is truly good
 Until our wilderness wandering is over
 And we feast with your forever
 In the land that you have promised.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 All glory is yours, O God, now and always. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread
Communion
Prayer after Communion

Sending

- *Hymn** *Take My Life (vv. 1-4)* No. 697
- *Blessing and Charge**
- *Response** *Take My Life (v. 6)* No. 697
(See previous hymn)
- *Postlude** *Voluntary in E Minor* Stanley
- *Sharing the Peace of Christ**
You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Paul Burgess, Rev. Alan Bancroft

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Lay Reader: Su Johnson

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Russell Diggs, Valerie Cullen,

Susan Bowdish, John Harvey

Tech: Ian Dunbar, Ken Worsham

Slides: Su Johnson



Use this QR code to visit our website resource page for Lent & Easter.

LENTEN STUDY

Join us in the parlor on **Sunday mornings** for a thoughtful conversation about artwork, reflections, and poetry in the **'Tell Me Something Good'** devotional booklet from **A Sanctified Art**.



Original Hymn for “Tell Me Something Good”

by Anna Strickland for *A Sanctified Art*

Title of Hymn

“I Come With My Devotion”

inspired by Luke 7:36-50, Matthew 25:35-40

Author Statement

I've had the joy of officiating several weddings, and one of the things I include in each one is a reminder that we are formed from love. If God is love, and we are made in the image of God, then we are made in the image of love. We are part of the same Divine Love that broke forth in creation—and so is every other person we encounter.

That same Divine Love pours forth from the woman's alabaster jar, drenching Jesus' feet. In her act of devotion, she serves Jesus' humanity and worships his divinity. Following her example, can we allow the love that has poured into us to overflow, loving not only God but our neighbor who bears God's face?



See You

by T. Denise Anderson

Inspired by Matthew 25:35-40

14"x18" Acrylic on canvas

Throughout Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses diminutive language to refer to people of importance⁷ and describes small, humble things (like sheep, lilies, and sparrows) as precious. He uses a mustard seed in a parable about faith,⁸ and tells his disciples to be like children.⁹ For Matthew's Jesus, little is a big deal!

For that reason, we should pay attention to Jesus' use of the word "least" in this text. In a book where Jesus talks about little things being loved, the word "least" here takes on new meaning: most loved. Indeed, God loves everyone, but there are certainly those for whom God has a special affinity. As the Confession of Belhar states, "God is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged."¹⁰

As I meditated on this scripture, the image of a doorway kept emerging, perhaps because the text wrestles with the notion of who is in and who is out. This piece shows an excerpt of the text and the word "least" is, ironically, the largest. Next to it is a door that is partially open, and there is some ambiguity intended in that. Is the door being opened or closed? For whom is the door opening or closing? From the viewer's perspective, on what "side" of the door do they find themselves? Are they being invited in or kept out? Are they doing the inviting or the excluding? In the same way Jesus asks the nations to consider where they will be in his eschatological vision, I invite the viewer to consider where they are relative to where God is. Where does the Savior see you? Where does your neighbor see you? ---Rev. T. Denise Anderson

Look

Contemplate the paint drips in the artwork. What meaning or feelings do the words convey to you?

7 For example: Matthew 13:19, 11:25

8 Matthew 13:31-32

9 Matthew 18:1-14

10 The Belhar Confession is a statement of faith originally professed by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986 during the struggle against apartheid. It has since been adopted by several churches and denominations globally. Read the confession here: px.usa.org/resources/belhar-confession

This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org

Sunday, March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent	9:15 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation: K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing)
	9:15 a.m.	Middle School Faith Formation (Youth Rooms)
	9:15 a.m.	Pastor's Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> (FH Annex)
	9:15 a.m.	'Tell Me Something Good' Lenten Study (Parlor)
	9:15 a.m.	Discovery Class (100)
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
	11:30 a.m.	Earth Care Team (Library)
Monday, March 2	1:00 p.m.	National Charity League – Cardinal Group (FH)
	5:00 p.m.	HS Youth Dinner (CPC Home)
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:15 p.m.	GSA Jr. Troop 1951 (Youth Area)
	6:30 p.m.	BSA Troop 232G (100)
Tuesday, March 3	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Meetings (C. Ed. Bldg.)
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting (Library)
	10:00 a.m.	Triple F (100)
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 4	7:00 p.m.	Cool Books Club (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area)
	5:45 p.m.	Duke MBSR Mindfulness Course (Youth Rooms)
Thursday, March 5	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	9:00 a.m.	Connections Group (Parlor)
	1:00 p.m.	Ukelele Music Group (100)
Friday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (100/106)
	9:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (Parlor)
	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth)
Saturday, March 7	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
	11:00 a.m.	Drezek Memorial Service (Sanctuary/F. Hall)
Sunday, March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Time)	9:15 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation: K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing)
	9:15 a.m.	Middle School Faith Formation (Youth Rooms)
	9:15 a.m.	Pastor's Class: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> (FH Annex)
	9:15 a.m.	'Tell Me Something Good' Lenten Study (Parlor)
	9:15 a.m.	Discovery Class (100)
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online)
	11:30 a.m.	Chili Cook-Off (Fellowship Hall)
	4:00 p.m.	Next Chapter Group (Youth Rooms)
5:00 p.m.	HS Youth Dinner (CPC Home)	



The Discovery Class, inviting folks into a deeper level of community with CPC, will meet March 1, 8, and 15. Though designed primarily with new and prospective members in mind, all are welcome!

The class meets in Room 100 (downstairs) from 9:15-10:15am.