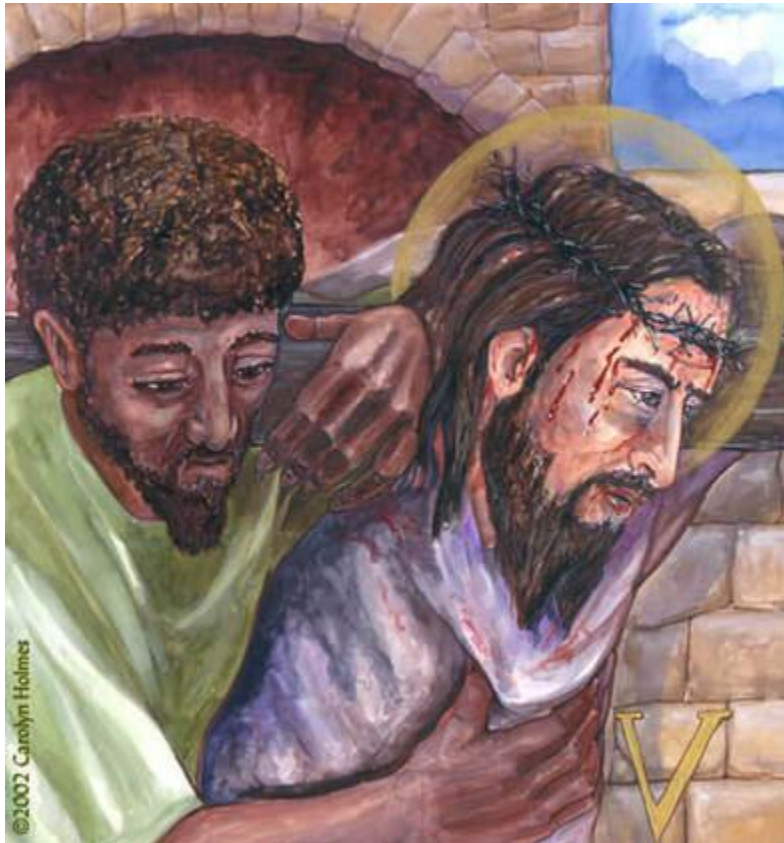


*“Love first. Love always,  
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”<sup>i</sup>*



*Second Sunday of Lent  
March 1st, 2026  
11:00 a.m.*

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation  
Connecting Faith with Community.*

## *The People of God Gather*

*If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have. We are glad you're here with us today!*

**PRELUDE** Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

**WELCOME** Charlene Smith, Worship Leader

*Congregation standing in body or spirit*

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>** Charlene Smith,  
Worship Leader

One: Today and every day, the Lord is our keeper.

**ALL: By day, the Lord is our shade. By night, the Lord is our shelter.**

One: The One who keeps us will support us as we come in and as we go out.

**ALL: Our help comes from the Lord!**

One: So we offer up our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship and opening prayer provided by the Center for Faith and Giving of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**ALL: We lift our voices to worship God!**

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

**OPENING HYMN**            **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”**            **CH 86**

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

86

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
 cours-es a - bove, join with all na - i - fold wit-ness  
 cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

*Refrain*

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have

need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

FAITHFULNESS  
 11 10.11 10 w. refrain

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# PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Richard Sherman

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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.

## *Proclaim*

### A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

## **A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

Luke 23:18-26

<sup>18</sup> Then they all shouted out together, “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!” <sup>19</sup> (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.) <sup>20</sup> Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” <sup>23</sup> But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified, and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

“Were You There?”  
verse 1 Only

CH 198

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**MESSAGE**

“Present at the Cross:  
Simon of Cyrene”

Rev. Regina Boyd

**HYMN**

“I Surrender All”  
verses 1,3&4

see insert

# I Surrender All

Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Lk. 14:33  
Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee. Mt. 19:27

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;  
2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Hum - bly at His feet I bow;  
3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;  
4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;  
5. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Now I feel the sac - red flame;

I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.  
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.  
Oh, the joy of full sal - va - tion! Glo - ry, glo - ry, to His Name!

*Refrain*

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;  
I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all;

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

WORDS: Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1896. MUSIC: "Surrender"; Winfield S. Weedon, 1896. Public Domain.

## *We Give and Receive*

*Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people.*

*Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.*

**THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE**

Richard Sherman

**PRAYER BY THE ELDER**

Cheryl Parsons

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Richard Sherman

### ***COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP***

*We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.*

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Richard Sherman

# ...And Go Forth to Serve

## SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congregation standing*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”**

**CH 611**

### Rise Up, O Saints of God!

611

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1. Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with less - er things;  
2. Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom tar - ries long.  
3. Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,  
4. Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;

give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
Bring in the day of righ-teous-ness, and end the night of wrong.  
with strength un-equal to the task; rise up and make it great.  
come sis-ters, broth-ers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.

WORDS: William P. Merrill, 1911, alt.  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG  
SM

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Regina Boyd**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please be seated and allow the music to offer a moment of reflection as you prepare to exit the Sanctuary.*

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*Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall  
following the conclusion of the Postlude*

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. Regina Boyd, Minister  
Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist  
Richard Sherman, Service Facilitator  
Charlene Smith, Worship Leader  
Cheryl Parsons, Elder at the Table  
A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,  
Devi Rambarran

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**Rev. Regina Boyd** was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 2013, after earning a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in 2008. In 2017, she became the associate minister at Community of All People UCC in Reston, VA where she continues to serve as Senior Minister.



In addition to church ministry, Rev. Boyd has a passion for dance. She is a founding member of the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble of Denver where she taught and performed for six years. Rev. Boyd was led to bring her dance skills to the church when, in 2001, she began a full-time Sacred Dance Ministry at Heritage Fellowship UCC in Reston. She continues to provide dance ministry at churches and events around the DC Metro area. She now serves as a Board Member of Ms. Perlo's Carla Creative, Inc., a nonprofit organization that uses art and movement to improve the quality of life for citizens of the DMV.

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### **Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation**

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

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<sup>i</sup> Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly.  
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**Present At the Cross**  
*Reflections on Those Who Were There*

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**A Lenten Series**  
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Sunday, February 22  
*The Soldiers*

Sunday, March 1  
*Simon of Cyrene*  
Rev. Regina Boyd, guest preacher

Sunday, March 8  
*The Chief Priests*

Sunday, March 15  
*Rev. Nathan Brown*  
Christian Church Foundation, guest preacher

Sunday, March 22  
*The Marys*

Join Pastor Stephen Next Sunday for  
Lenten Small Group Discussion  
10:00 am - Weir Lounge