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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

11:00 A.M.

MEETING ON ZOOM

Rev. Anne Findlay-Chamberlain, Minister

Come, Grow, Serve

THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world (*and of God**), and am free.

(The Peace of Wild Things, by Wendell Berry. Italicized words added by Anne Findlay-Chamberlain)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

<https://youtu.be/1yZsHOI6xJw>

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

"What Is Lent?"

MEMORIES ABOUT LENT

from Joe Lehn and Rev. Anne

ANTHEM

"A Lenten Love Song"

Kemp

Senior choir 2019 with Jane Miller reading

<https://youtu.be/bX0u7l-Ngiw>

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

read by Joe Lehn

SERMON

“Where the Wild Things Are”

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Note: *Please continue to support the church with your regular giving. Checks can be sent to the church office. You can also give via PayPal or Realm links on the church website.*

<http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

CLOSING MUSIC

“Just As I Am”

<https://youtu.be/Y8dnUns2dlw>

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Resources: Weekly Seeds UCC; Re:Worship Blog

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING *following Worship*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAYS/PRAYER LIST

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF SAINT PAUL'S UCC, Woodstock VA is to recognize God as our Father, friend to all, and with his help teach the Bible as God's inspired word; to promote and encourage Christianity as the centerpiece in the lives of individuals, families, and the world community.

PASTORAL VISITS:

Pastor Anne would be delighted to meet for socially-distanced porch, patio, or park visits. If you or someone you know might appreciate a visit, please let her know by email stpastor@shentel.net or call the church office (540) 459-3643.

COVID VACCINATION:

Here is the link to the new site to sign up for a vaccine: <https://vax.preregister.virginia.gov/#/> You can sign up to be added to the waiting list. If you do not have computer access, you may call 877-829-4682.

HOFFMAN HOMES:

If you would like to contribute to Hoffman Homes, you can still do so. Just send in a check with Hoffman Homes on the memo line or email Becky that you have contributed through Realm the amount of your donation.

LENTEN MID-DAY WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Please check out the email for this service and the March newsletter for details. Link to the Zoom worship will be sent out on Tuesday.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING NOTE:

"In the past 12 months COVID-19, wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes and flooding have ravaged communities in the United States and worldwide, leaving families and communities in desperate need of assistance. One Great Hour of Sharing, the United Church of Christ's annual giving opportunity, impacts work being done by local and global partners by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration and disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us. "Let Love Flow" through us by designating an extra offering for One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 14. Write "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. If you give via Realm or Paypal, please send an email note to the church office so that your gift goes directly to One Great Hour of Sharing."

REMINDERS:

- February 21 – Congregational Meeting following worship which will include communion on Zoom
- 24 – Rev. Anne's hip surgery at John Hopkins
- 24 – Lenten Service on Zoom- Rev. Kathleen Murray, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- 28 – Worship will be pre-recorded by the CAC. Please watch as Rev. Anne recorded the children's time for this service.

Kola Class: Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 am. Join in the discussion and fellowship about upcoming sermon texts and what God might be saying to us through Bible texts on Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

- Dennis Thomas - 22
- Brittany Gochenour - 26
- Rose Holland - 27
- Dawn Stoneburner - 28

ANNIVERSARIES for this week:

- Fred and Mary Lou Odum - 22

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PRAYERS and CARDS

- Anne Findlay-Chamberlain
- Martin Cullers
- Carol Czarneski (Anne's sister)
- Dr. Jerry Germroth
- Randy and Valorie Hockman
- Wes Irvin
- Jake Johnson
- Daniel Rohne Kasten
- Belquis Lake
- Marcie Lambert

- Nora Long
- Courtney Markham
- Cheri May
- Spencer McIntosh
- Jessie Payne
- The family of Dick and Barbara Sibert
- Abby Smith
- Craig Smith
- Jack Sullivan
- Pete Wright

Prayers for peace and unity for our great country

Prayers for the families of the 102 people who have died in Shenandoah County from COVID-19