

Hot Off the Press! 3/22/15

The Church's Liturgical Year: Maundy Thursday — The Real Meal

THE COMMUNION OF MAUNDY THURSDAY IS THE BEST EXAMPLE OF A CHRISTIAN LITURGICAL CELEBRATION WITH ITS JEWISH ROOTS SHOWING.

I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you... Yahweh, the God of your ancestors — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations. EXODUS 3:14-15 NLT

With these words, the God of gods revealed Himself to Moses, a fugitive, hiding out with his extended family in the Sinai desert. He began the most memorable advertising campaign in all creation— where a little-known deity profoundly revealed His Glory to all the nations.

The I AM took on the ten most revered gods of Egypt which was the most powerful kingdom at the crossroads of the world. The annual remembrance of these events is the foundation of The Christian Church's most holy liturgy — the Eucharist — The Lord's Supper.

The 10 plagues were not random events just to convince Pharaoh to let a slave people go. Each was a strategic assault that could not be missed: by the Egyptians, the Hebrews God's chosen people, and foreign visitors and traders.

Eyewitnesses spread the news of Yahweh's (THE LORD'S) triumphs over the Egyptian gods...each one more powerful than the next:

1. *Water turned to blood* (EXODUS 7:14-25) - The river and Nile gods (Khnum, Hapi and Osiris).
2. *Frogs* (EXODUS 8:1-15) - The frog and fertility goddesses (Hapi, Heqt).
3. *Lice* (EXODUS 8:1-15) - The earth god of Egypt (Seb).
4. *Flies* (EXODUS 8:20-32) - The fly god of Egypt (Uatchit).
5. *Disease on cattle* (EXODUS 9:1-7) - The gods associated with bulls and cattle (Ptah, Hathor, Mnevis, Amon).
6. *Boils* (EXODUS 9:8-12) - The goddess of epidemics (Sekhmet) and the Egyptian gods of healing (Serapis, Imhotep).
7. *Hail* (EXODUS 9:13-35) - The sky goddess (Nut), atmosphere god (Shu) and Egyptian agricultural deities (Isis & Seth).
8. *Locusts* (EXODUS 10:1-20) - Egyptian deity protector from locust (Serapia)
9. *Darkness* (EXODUS 10:21-29) - The Egyptian sun gods (Re, Amon-re, Aten, Atum, Horus) and the moon god (Thoth).
10. *Death of the Firstborn* (EXODUS 12:29-36) - Exodus 1 describes Pharaoh killing the Hebrew children. In the 10th plague God declares His authority over all of Creation. He claims the first-born of all people. For those who obey Him, He grants redemption and favor. For those who deny Him, he claims the first-born and more (i.e. Egyptian army lost in the Red Sea). What you would pay for relief from the plagues? The Egyptians gladly sent the Hebrews out with silver and gold and what they needed for the Exodus.

Word of the 'mighty acts of the Great I AM' spread to the neighboring nations. Foreigners caught in midst of the plague wars escaped by fast camel, boat and on foot. Since word-of-mouth advertising gets distorted, God made sure His *chosen people* remembered every detail. Exodus, Numbers and



Deuteronomy are God's 'order of worship' for celebrating the revelations of His Glory, including the feast of Passover/ Pe'sach.

Mrs Bilski, whom I introduced in a previous article, was a 'conservative Jew.' When I asked her what that meant, she said she tried to keep a Kosher kitchen and the Jewish feasts. That's about all a Gentile grade-school kid could take in. She did know about doing a proper Passover meal. She took weeks to prepare the house and dinner, and she made the family study the 14 steps of the Seder 'Haggadah' (detailed stage directions).

She'd get out her special plate for elements of the Seder: a *lamb* shank bone (the perfect lamb whose blood redeemed God's people), a *roasted egg* (mourning the loss of the Temple and freedom from sin), *charoset* (a mixture of apples, nuts, raisins, spices, wine — a reminder of the mortar for the bricks the Egyptians demanded). The *karpas* (parsley, celery, or another Spring green vegetable) and *maror* (horseradish, a bitter reminder of Hebrew bondage). The herbs are dipped in 'tears,' salt water. 3 pieces of *matzah* (unleavened bread) were stacked in a special pouch and 5 glasses of wine readied. When the dinner and the Passover celebration ended, only two things remained on the table. These were reserved for the coming Messiah.

Years after giving my life to Jesus Christ, I recalled the Bilskis table with the hidden matzah and Elijah's cup. With new eyes, I could envision Jesus' passover with the disciples. He took the matzah, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." He took the 5th cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you...for the forgiveness of sins." Once again, the great I AM revealed His Glory and His love!

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LENTEN ACTIVITY for SMALL GROUPS & FAMILIES

YOU WILL NEED: 7 candles and candle holders. Map of Israel.

WHAT YOU DO: Light all candles. Week 1, darken one. Week 2, darken one more, etc. Recite the meaning of each candle as it is extinguished. Each is a Jesus place, an event and a betrayal.

MEANING: **7th candle: Egypt** (Peril). **6th: Nazareth** (Rejection). **5th: Galilee** (Discipling). **4th: SAMARIA** (Teaching). **3rd: BETHANY**— Healing. Raising Lazarus from the dead at Bethany was typical of the wonders, healings, exorcisms and miracles that Jesus did in the power of the Holy Spirit to show people who He was. But many would not 'see.'

DISCUSS: Share your reflections about the text. Parents explain what the passage means in terms your children will understand. Even Jesus experienced disappointments in life.

ACTIVITY: Locate Bethany on the map. How far was it from the Temple in Jerusalem? Read John 11. Draw the scene at Lazarus' house. What was Martha doing? What was Mary doing? What were the disciples doing? What were the good news and bad news portions of the story?

Palm Sunday Lunch and Service Project(s)

For the past few years on Palm Sunday, the whole church has gathered together to connect, serve, and celebrate together. We begin by celebrating God together at our combined worship service at 10am, then gather for a pizza lunch after the service, and finish the day off by working on a service project.

This year for our project, we wanted to highlight the work that our missional communities are a part of, so during lunch, our Orphan Care, Homelessness, and Healing missional communities will each have a few minutes to share how God has been working in and through each others' lives. We will also be hearing from the College Hill Early Literacy Team about their work with families with 0-5 year olds, with the hope of gathering a new community around a group of families that have been impacted through their work. After they share, everyone will be given an option of four different service projects, each highlighting the focus for a missional community. Our hope is to give everyone an opportunity to hear more about a missional community you may be interested in, and to get to know the people that are already a part of it. So sign up for the lunch today in the atrium, and be in prayer for our work together next Sunday.



Are you brave? Many would say they are not, some would say they are. The Apostle Peter was at times cowardly and at other times brave; and Peter is the topic of our upcoming seven-week Adult Spiritual Formation curriculum called "Brave". It is an all-church Journey because all 15 classes during the 10:10 Foundational Hour will be discussing it, as will some small groups in the evening. We might call it a community-wide Journey because many churches throughout the Greater Cincinnati Area will be studying this series as well. As some of you have experienced in the Journeys of previous years, this city-wide exposure has the potential for great impact. The "Brave" series begins April 12, the Sunday after Easter, and runs for seven weeks.

If you are interested in leading or helping lead one of these discussion groups either at 10:10 on Sunday or in the evening during the week, contact Bill Custer at William.custer2@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message about your interest. Sign-up sheets are available in the Atrium today.

Be Brave.

Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:
9:00am Toby Knueven & Andrew Duke
11:15am Jared & Sarah Lowe
Michelle Dyson will greet

22. sunday

8:00am	Morning Prayer	Prayer Room
9:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:10am	Foundation Hour	
	• Children's Classes	Barnabas Ctr
	• Jr. High	BC 204
	• High School	BC 205-206
	• Adult Spirit Foundation	Fellowship Hall
11:15am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
1:30pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics	Clubroom
6:30pm	CRASH	BC 205 & 206

23. monday

6:15pm	Supper Club	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Karate	Clubroom
	AHG Troop Meeting	Great Hall

24. tuesday

9:15am	CH Early Literacy Team	Fireside Room
9:30am	Tuesday AM Bible Study	Parlor
6:30pm	Super Choir	Fellowship Hall
	MEGA BLAST	Great Hall

25. wednesday

9:30am	Library Work Day	BC 103
	Strategy For Mothers	Off Campus
6:00pm	FX Night	Fellowship Hall
7:00pm	Bi-Polar Support Group	Great Hall
	Writers' Meeting	Fireside Room
	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30pm	College/Young Adult Gath.	Off Campus

26. thursday

8:30am	Prayer - Church & Community	Prayer Room
10:00am	Knitting Group	Atrium
6:30pm	Karate	Fellowship Hall
6:45pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics	MC Club Room
7:30pm	Al-Anon	BC 201 & 202

27. friday

28. saturday

2:00pm	Praise Dancers	BC Lobby
3:30pm	Ballet Class	Clubroom

"LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" POLICY
When parking, remember to keep your valuables and all parcels out of sight safely locked in your trunk. Thieves can even see through dark tinted glass. Don't tempt!

March 22 - March 28 calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palm Sunday - March 29th we will have one service at 10am, followed by a pizza lunch in Fellowship Hall where we will participate in an All-Church Service Project.

You are invited to join the Mission Team for lunch today at 12:30pm in the Great Room at Belwood*, 1776 Larch Ave [corner of Larch and Belmont] in College Hill. Beckie Taylor will tell us about her law internship with International Justice Mission in India, and we will pray for new needs of other Global Workers. Come for food, fellowship and blessings. Bring a salad or dessert. The main dish will be provided. If possible let us know if you are coming. *Park in front of the building and come down the driveway through the pedestrian gate to the entrance with a red awning. For more information call Mary Sue [541-7829] or Chappie [542-4968].

Easter Flowers If you would like to make a gift toward flowers for your loved ones or for Easter Sunday, please contact Sam Routzon at Ext. 1125 or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org The deadline to order Easter Flowers is Monday, March 30. Suggested donation is \$50.

Supper Club Tomorrow Tom and Jan Osborn visited Iceland this summer and will share a series of photographs and amazing facts about The Land of Fire and Ice. Dinner at 6:15pm and program at 7pm.

Writers' Meeting will be Wednesday, 3/25 at 7pm, in the Fireside Room. As always, all are invited.

Seminary Scholarships are available for seminary students preparing for full-time ministry. Applications to the Ruth Auburn Scholarship Fund at the Covenant Foundation may be obtained from Tim Johnson, 661-3100.

Fish Fries For Lent If you'd like to join us, on Friday, March 27, we will meet at 5:45pm at Nativity School, 5936 Ridge Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45213. A car pool will be leaving CHPC at 5:15pm. Contact Eileen for more information: 513-675-5570. This will be the last fish fry of the season.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CRASH tonight 6:30-8:30pm. 7-9th grade will be continuing our series on decision making, and 10-12th will meet back in huddles.

Palm Sunday: Kids preschool-6th grade are invited to participate in the service. Two options: 1. For kids to be part of the Praise Dance, parents and kids can attend a practice on Saturday, March 28th at 1pm OR 2. To be part of the processional, kids can come at 9:15am next Sunday to practice. Please contact Robyn with any questions.

March 31 is the early registration deadline for Resident Camp (kids completing 2nd-6th grade) and the Overnight (kids completing 1st-2nd grade)! After that, prices are raised. Forms are available online at chpc.org/forms or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Robyn with any questions.

Scholarship applications are available for all Children, Youth and Family summer trips at chpc.org/forms or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to provide a scholarship for a child to go to camp, please contact Robyn: rhubbuch@chpc.org or 513-541-5676 ext 1112.

March 31 is the application due date for Resident Camp Work Crew (students completing 7th-9th grade), Resident Camp Counselors (students completing 10th-12th grade), and The Local Local (CRASH service trip for students completing 7th-12th grade). Forms are available online at chpc.org/forms, at CRASH, or at the summer ministries table by the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Andrew with any questions.

Mulch Madness is back as our yearly fundraiser for Jr. high and high school students going on trips this summer. This year, instead of heading out of state for our summer service trip, we will be staying at CHPC for the week and serving locally on different work projects and working with children at Christ's Community Summer Camp. Money raised through Mulch Madness will also go toward paying for 7-9th grade students to be on work crew at resident camp this year. More information and order forms are available at the front desk.

SERVING IN WORSHIP & ARTS AT CHPC

HELP NEEDED Do you like to work with computers? We are looking for 1 or 2 people to help with the video desk on Sunday mornings. You would work *one* service a month. Training would be provided. See Sam Routzon if you're interested or email her at sroutzon@chpc.org.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

CHPC is supporting IHN by helping families who will be staying at UCC **March 29 - April 5 (note date correction)**. We need YOUR help for Sunday, March 29th. Please contact Bonnie Mack (513-931-3564; email: tandbmack@yahoo.com) if you can help with dinner preparation and/or being a dinner host. Please contact Eileen Boyle (tel: 513-675-5570; email: boyle.em@pg.com) or Dave & Cyndy Butz (513-218-3439) if you can organize childrens' activities or be an overnight host for that Sunday.

Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers,"
Romans 1:9

CHPC Community

Lynn Dyer	Thomas Dyer
Marion Eberhardt	June Elwood
Nitha Elu	Ken Elu
Barb Enderly	Mike Enderly

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Betty Henderson

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Supper Club

Global Workers

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Adam Stevely US Army	Chris Jaeger USMC
Cary Jaeger USMC	Kirk Kalmbacher US Coast Guard
Zach Scharf Army National Guard	Nyjoel Baker Eielson AFB, AK
Danny Holian US Navy Pilot	Will Connor US Army
Joey Nieberding US Army	Peter & Amanda Leugers US Navy
College/Career Students	
Marissa Fox	Alyssa Finke

Hamilton County JFS Featured Child for Adoption

Darlene, Age 16 - Contact Sonya Lary - 513-946-1099

Children and Youth

Self-discipline: "Father, I pray that my children may acquire a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair" (Prov. 1:3).



March 22, 2015

Got Rest?

Find Rest

Preaching: Rev. Drew Smith

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - Stop by the welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

Upcoming Services

March 29	Palm Sunday - One Service at 10am Followed by a Pizza Lunch and All-Church Service Project
April 2	Maunder Thursday - 7pm
April 3	Good Friday - 7pm
April 5	Easter Sunday - 3 Services 7am Sunrise Service 9am Traditional Service 11:15am Contemporary Service

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Song of Response
Passing of the Peace
Scripture & Sermon
Pastoral Prayer
Offering / Closing Song
Announcements
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. The exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.

