

# Creekside Church of the Brethren

March 5, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

LENT 1

GATHERING TO REJOICE AND SING:

9 Renew

*"As the deer"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rosanna

OPENING PRAYER

Cary Kelsey

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive) *on screen*

\*HYMN: 120 Blue

*"Holy, holy, holy"*

\*INVOCATION PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Anne Griffith

(Sing *"Praise him, praise him"* as children come forward.)

*Nursery care available for preschool age and younger.*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: 1 Lent booklet *"Standing in the need of prayer"*

MORNING PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory: *"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"* Paul Robeson, YouTube

\*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM: *"Lonesome Valley"* Traditional, arr. Victor Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE: *"The Only Way Out"* Pastor Rosanna

\*CLOSING HYMN: 112 Renew *"On eagle's wings"*

\*BENEDICTION

*Welcoming each other in the name of Christ.*

\*Please stand as you are able

Paul Robeson (1898-1976), was a bass singer whose father escaped slavery as a teen. Paul played football and was valedictorian of his Rutgers College class and went on to graduate from Columbia Law School while also playing NFL football in Milwaukee. Many remember him for his role in the movie "Show Boat" singing "Ol' Man River."

Your Christian practice is a gift to our faith community.  
The following are guidelines for the **week of March 5-11**

## Fasting

Fasting has traditionally been presented as abstaining from food, just as Jesus went without food or drink for forty days in the desert. But if we think of fasting only in terms of food, we may miss its larger purpose. Fasting is a vacation from the pursuit of pleasure; it is a call to practice self-discipline and an invitation to be aware of our appetites and desires and to be aware of God's provision. We all have physical needs, but if these control us rather than us being in control of them, our bodies and our lives will be unbalanced.

Consider fasts related to food that are suitable for you. Anything which changes your routine will give a chance to reflect on the role of food in your life:

- Skip one meal for a day or for several days
- Fast from processed foods, or fast from meat or dairy
- Eat uncooked food—nuts, fruit, raw vegetables—for a day or for several days

You may fast from anything that takes control of your time or resources, including:

- Watching TV
- Using the Internet or social media
- Shopping for non-essentials

The goal of fasting is not to make us suffer, but to make us more aware of what controls our lives.

Prayer:

**Loving God, you provide enough for our needs but we are often unsatisfied. We confess we have allowed things into our lives which distract or control us. Inspire us to fast with awareness so that we may draw closer to you. Give us compassion for people who live each day with hunger and without hope. Thank you for Jesus, who emptied himself so that we could have abundant life. Amen.**

### Sunday School 11:00-11:45am

Nursery Room 505, Preschool-Kindergarten Room 506,  
Grades 1-5 Room 405, Jr. High Room 203, Senior High Room 301  
Thee Seekers Room 303: Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several  
Excellent Excuses book study

Onward Room 106: Dunker's Guide to Brethren History book study  
Overcomers Room 201: Understanding Your Blessings in Christ book study  
New Life Room 302: A Christian View of Hospitality book study  
Class in Library: Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet book study

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

#### Upcoming Events

Tuesday	Mar. 7	Fellowship Team, 10:00 am
Wednesday	Mar. 8	Finance Team, 9:30 am
Thursday	Mar. 9	Wired Word, 11:30-1:00, bring a lunch
Friday	Mar. 10	Game Night at Creekside, 7:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 12	<i>Summer camp registrations due to Jan Birr</i>

#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Mary Lou Martin, recovering from broken shoulder
- Kathy Nowicki, scheduled for wrist surgery on Monday
- Jan Vardaman, scheduled for hip replacement on Tuesday in Goshen
- Lee Markley, celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### COMING UP:

- **Next Sunday, March 12:** Camp Mack registrations for summer camps are due. Contact Jan Birr if you have questions.
- **Thursday, March 16:** Social Workers' appreciation luncheon at Oaklawn, 2600 Oakland Ave. Meet there at 11:30am to help serve.



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