

Creekside Church of the Brethren

April 2, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

LENT 5

GATHERING TO REJOICE AND SING:

14 Lent booklet
611 Blue

“Every time I feel the Spirit”
“Soon and very soon”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rosanna

OPENING PRAYER

Scott Harney

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

*HYMN: 517 Blue

“Open my eyes, that I may see”

*INVOCATION PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jessica Prah

(Sing *“He’s got the whole world in his hands”* as children come forward.)

Nursery care available for preschool age and younger.

ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS Hassan Dicks, Dawn Jones, Karen Lewallen

RESPONSE: 2 Lent booklet

“Amen”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: 1 Lent booklet

“Standing in the need of prayer”

MORNING PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory: *“Oh, Freedom!”*

The Golden Gospel Singers

*Prayer of Dedication

HYMN: 627 Blue

“There is a balm in Gilead”

SCRIPTURE READING: John 9:13-17

MESSAGE: *“Rags to Riches”*

Pastor Rosanna

SERVICE OF ANOINTING

Anyone wishing to be anointed should come forward during the singing of the hymn. You may stand or be seated in the front row.

ANOINTING HYMN: 15 Lent booklet *“Why should I feel discouraged”*

BENEDICTION

Please join us in the Gathering Area for a celebration of our new members!

*Please stand as you are able

Your Christian practice is a gift to our faith community.

The following are guidelines for the **week of April 2-8.**

Praying in Color

Here is a way of praying that works well for doodlers.

Some people can pray beautiful, meaningful prayers. For others, words don’t flow easily and can get in the way of praying. The author of the book, *Praying in Color*¹, suggests that if you are a visual learner or are easily distracted, this practice may be for you.

Get out your crayons or colored pencils and a piece of paper for this exercise. No, you don’t need to be an artist—if you can draw any kind of shape, you are in.

Make a list of people on your prayer list. Who was mentioned in sharing time on Sunday? What great things are happening around you? Choose one of these joys or concerns. On paper, draw a shape—could be a circle—and write the name of the person inside. What is your desire for this person? What colors reflect the mood of your prayer? Write a word or doodle a picture to express your concern or joy. When the time seems right, draw another shape and continue with a new name.

You haven’t just doodled, you have thought prayerfully about each person, and are left with a visual to use again. Words weren’t needed. How did that work for you?

¹ Sybil McBeth, *Praying in Color: Drawing a new path to God* (Sybil McBeth, 2007).

The song "Oh, Freedom!" probably was sung sometime after the Civil War, but became widely known a century later because it was frequently sung during the Civil Rights marches and at Dr. Martin Luther King's later speeches. In the one hundred years following the Civil War, especially in the former Confederate states, negroes were denied freedom by a number of laws that required segregated schools, housing, shopping, churches, restaurants, and ignored groups that terrorized those who were considered "uppity".

Like many spirituals, "Oh, Freedom!" can also be seen as referring to the ultimate freedom that comes with life after death.

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 APRIL 2, 2017

Upcoming Events		
Tuesday	April 5	Deadline for CBM folders Volunteer Fellowship, 9:00 am Choir, 7:00 pm

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Doris Hostetler and the Hostetler family
- Norma Miller
- Jerry Hostetler
- Ted Noffsinger
- Ronnie & Mary Lou Martin
- Mitchell Davis, Sandy Miller's brother-in-law
- Jan Vardaman, recovering from hip replacement
- Kathy Nowicki, recovering from wrist surgery
- Randy Gabrielse

COMING UP:

- **Thursday, April 13:** Love Feast, 6:00 pm
- **Saturday, April 15:** Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 am. Bring small, individually wrapped candy through April 9.
- **Sunday, April 16:** Sunrise Service 8:00 am, Breakfast 8:30 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am, no Sunday School



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