

Broadcaster

March 10, 2010

Pilgrims Progress

The Lenten journey can be a lonely one. It may intensify the loneliness we experience in our lives. We may find common ground with a lonely seeker that Jesus met. His name was Zacchaeus and Luke tells his story (Luke 19:1-10)

Zacchaeus climbed a tree to get a better view. Maybe he climbed it to hide, but to hide hoping to be found. He was willing to try anything for a half-hour of companionship. Jesus found him, saw him, looked him square in the eye and said, "Zacchaeus, come on down!" And the people snickered up their sleeves because Jesus didn't know any better than to invite himself to the house of a man that no one else would touch with a ten-foot pole.

Zacchaeus' attempt to see Jesus provides a wealth of possible descriptive titles: The Short Jew, A Tree With a View, Up a Tree, Out on a Limb, or Come on Down. But I really like "A Short Seeker." It is descriptive of Zacchaeus and of us. Zacchaeus was hurting because he was isolated and insulated and so are we. He was short on hope, meaning, value, and purpose in life. He was seeking insight, understanding and healing. He sounds so contemporary. He sounds like us. Going at life alone isolates us. On occasions we go it alone because that is what we choose. Other times we are forced to go at life alone because others do not and will not be associated with us. It may be because of a stand we have taken, a conviction we hold, a profession we practice, a disease we have, body odor, our sexual orientation, or the color of our skin. Whenever we are isolated, regardless of the cause of the isolation, there is a dimension of our survival instinct that takes over and insulates us. We put on a mask and pretend, pretend to be happy, pretend to be enjoying life. We say that sticks and stones may break our bones, but words can never hurt us. We lie! We claim we really enjoy spending time by ourselves. We may when we can make the choice of whether or not to be alone. But to be isolated is to be by yourself when you do not want to be.

A few years ago an ad ran in a Kansas paper: "I will listen to you talk for thirty minutes without comment for \$5.00." Does that sound like a hoax? Would anybody call? You bet! It was not long before the individual who ran the ad was receiving between ten and twenty calls a day. The pain of loneliness was so sharp that some were willing to try anything for a half-hour of companionship.

Jesus knew what Zacchaeus was saying and seeking by being up a tree, out on a limb and he knows what we are saying and seeking when we isolate ourselves. I'm so glad Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, come on down." If he can say, "Zacchaeus, come on down," then he can say, "Howard, come on down," "Sarah, come on down," "Tom, come on down," and "Amy, come on down." Come on down from your perches of isolation, insulation and loneliness. Come on down to relationship, to friendship, to forgiveness, to love, to grace, to acceptance.

Howard

Taize Service

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 AND 24
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

"In the Spirit of Taize" is an ecumenical form of prayer modeled after the Taize community in France. The purpose of this prayer service during Lent is to foster reconciliation and peace among all people and to draw closer to God. The service consists of songs/chants, scripture, candlelight, silent meditation and prayers.

Soup & Bread & Study

Lenten Wednesday Night Soup/Bread and Study continues each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. with warm soup and fresh bread followed by a different program presented at 7:00 p.m. each night. Please come to find inspiration and fellowship during this season of our church year. Sign up in the church office.

Invite a friend or neighbor.

SUNDAY SERVICES

MARCH 14, 2010

Lent 4

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 31:1-11, Luke 23:26-35

Sermon:

"Forgive Them"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MARCH 21, 2010

Lent 5

8:30 a.m.

Bells

10:30 a.m.

Bells and Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 22:14-22, Luke 23:42-43

Sermon:

"Today"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

MARCH 28, 2010

Lent 6

8:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir

Scripture:

Psalm 22:1-8, Matthew 27:45-46

Sermon:

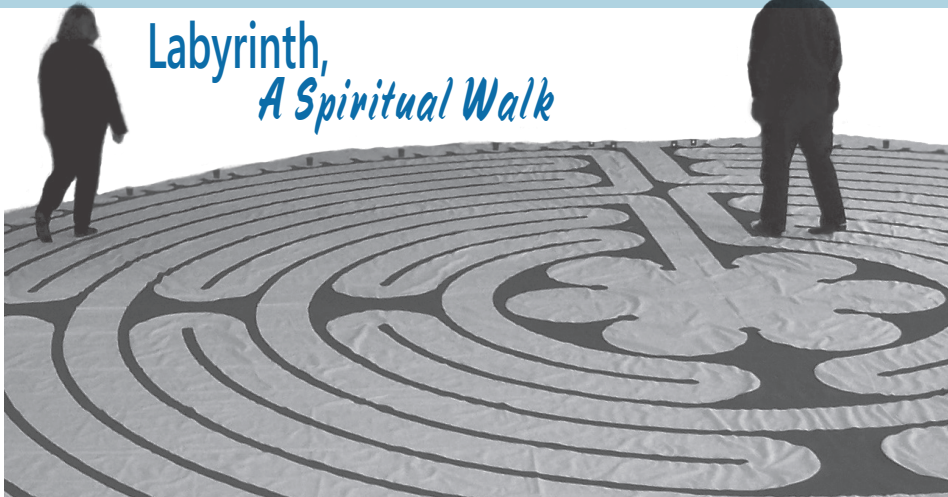
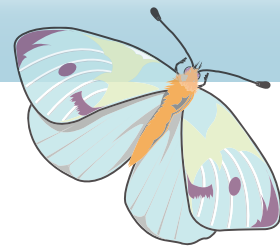
"Forsaken"

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

Daylight Savings Time

begins Sunday, March 14. Set your clock forward one hour Saturday evening so you won't miss worship and other church activities on Sunday.





Labyrinth, A Spiritual Walk

What is it? A Labyrinth is a spiritual tool dating back to ancient times. It offers a pathway of prayer and a walking meditation. It is not a maze, with tricks, obstacles, dead ends, and many paths; a labyrinth has a single pathway for entering and exiting. No directional decisions are necessary. Its whole is always visible; the Labyrinth represents a blue print for your heart and soul.

History: The earliest Labyrinths date from 3000 to 2500 BC. Labyrinth designs have been discovered among early Christian communities around 400 AD. During the 12th to 14th centuries, numerous cathedrals in Italy, Spain, and France had labyrinth designs built into the floor. The most renowned surviving labyrinth is in Chartres Cathedral, near Paris. It's believed that Christian pilgrims who could not afford to make the long journey to the Holy Land walked the Labyrinth as a metaphor for their journey to Jerusalem.

Spiritual Relevance for Today: Walking the Labyrinth is a personal journey or pilgrimage. The single pathway that leads you to the center and out again enables you to free your mind from mundane thoughts and concentrate on the sacred. Your walk, pace, and personal experience are all your own.

When will I be able to participate in the Labyrinth experience?

You are invited to walk the labyrinth at GCC in the Mayflower room on your choice of dates and times:

Palm Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Monday, March 29 & Tuesday, March 30
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Guides will be available during these times.

(sponsored by the Pastoral Care Board)

Pray! Pilot Project Small Group

One of the highlights of my sabbatical time was participating in a prayer retreat in Colorado near the beautiful Garden of the Gods. The leader of the retreat is now in the process of completing a six-week prayer curriculum for church groups on concepts that we discussed at the retreat. The first book to be tested is "a prayer foundations piece that establishes that prayer happens best in the context of personal, loving, interactive relationship with God." We receive one lesson per week for six weeks, along with a feedback form to return to the writer/publisher. Various denominations plan to participate. Would you like to join me in this venture? If so, please contact me by email/phone: pam.keckler@gccucc.org or 847-724-2210, ext. 24 and I will follow up with details. The pilot project will be offered at GCC in Room 5 on Friday morning 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning March 19 or Monday evening 7:00-8:15 p.m. beginning March 22. Deadline to contact me for registering is March 17. Pam

Volunteers Needed

The Services and Sacraments Board is looking for volunteers to help with the following:

LECTORS to read at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services throughout the year. Volunteers will be asked to serve as a lector 3 to 4 times a year.

MEMORIAL SERVICE USHERS. Volunteers are needed to help with services Monday - Friday and on Saturdays. The Services and Sacraments Board is willing to accommodate people who are only able to volunteer certain days of the week.

Anyone who is interested and able to help with either of the above is asked to contact Carolyn Brown at brownfamily25@att.net or call at 847-729-4766. Thank you for the consideration to help with these very vital positions in the church.

Meditation in the Chapel

During the Lenten season the chapel will be open Monday through Friday from Noon to 6:00 p.m. for individual prayers and meditation. Enter through the West Entrance.

Chapter 20

Wednesday, March 17, Chapter 20 will meet in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m. Jill Brickman, Supervisor for the Northfield Township Food Pantry, will discuss the programs of the Food Pantry. Feel free to come and hear about this worthwhile program. If you wish, bring a few cans of food to donate to the Pantry.

Adult Education

**9:30 a.m. in the Chapel
March 14**

A Christian's Walk Through the Holy Land
Come and see pictures from Gretchen Grad's recent trip to Israel/Palestine with UCC's Global Missions Partners. She will share stories about visits to the Sea of Galilee, the wedding church at Cana and Jesus' tomb in Jerusalem. Cross checkpoints and see a Palestinian refugee camp. This trip included meetings with those who live in the Holy Land today: Jews, Christians and Muslims. What does it mean to bear witness to the conflict that exists today? Bring your questions and your curiosity.



One Great Hour of Sharing SPECIAL OFFERING

Enclosed is an envelope for the One Great Hour of Sharing Lenten collection through our denomination, the United Church of Christ (UCC). Please give generously and return the envelope in the collection plate on Sunday, March 14 or drop off in the GCC office. Only monies in the specially marked envelope or checks with OGHS in the memo line will be applied to this special collection.

OGHS is an international and ecumenical collection (9 participating Christian denominations) that supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response, so a portion of the the OGHS collection will be used for ongoing support in Haiti and Chile after the recent devastating earthquakes. Through OGHS, the UCC also works with international partners to provide resources in more than 80 countries. Thank you for your consideration and contribution to this special collection. From your friends on the GCC Missions Outreach Board.

60 Plus

LUNCHEON MARCH 16, 2010

12 noon in the Mayflower Room

Wear your green and join those 60 and over for our annual St. Pat's Luncheon. We will have "Irish Soup", and a special dessert.

If you need a ride, call Marilyn, Advocate Health Care Parish Nurse at 847-724-2210 ext. 30.

Pastoral Care

Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers on the recent loss of their loved ones:

Harry Nelson, father of Barry Nelson, who died on March 6. A memorial service will be scheduled in the near future.

Ray Carlson, father of M-J Detwiler who died on March 6.

Barbara Shay, sister of Bill McClaren who died on March 8.

Harry Swift, husband of Polly Swift who died in March.

We offer our sympathy and continued prayers and support to all.

Noon Worship & Lunch

AT CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Are you interested in attending the March 17 noon worship and lunch at Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS)? CTS is the United Church of Christ seminary in Chicago and has a long partnership with GCC. Reverend April Lewton presented at GCC in January and invited congregation members to come for a visit so we have chosen March 17 as the 2nd year Master of Divinity students will conduct the worship service. Please contact Tracy Sawires by Sunday, March 14 if you are interested in attending - esnstsms@hotmail.com or 847-832-0063.

Celebrate the Magic of Hands Of Peace

Hands of Peace Hands is an interfaith organization developing peace-building and leadership skills in Israeli, Palestinian, and American teens through the power of dialogue and personal relationships.

Please join us for our *First Annual Gala* on Saturday, April 24, 2010

REZA'S RESTAURANT

432 W. Ontario, Chicago Il.
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Magic by James Sanden dinner & dessert followed by stand up comedy and stimulating conversation

Featuring Ray Hanania, a Palestinian member of the Israeli-Palestinian Comedy Tour and an award winning veteran journalist.

Order your tickets now on line at <http://www.hands-of-peace.org>

For more information call, Lisa Fisher (847) 615 9296 or Karen Boton (847) 945 1553.

2010 Giving Envelopes

2010 giving envelopes are still available for pickup. If you have not yet picked up your assigned giving envelopes they are now waiting for you in the office. If you've not had assigned envelopes in the past but wish to have them now, you can pick up a box in the office as well and sign out the applicable envelope #.

PYF IN MARCH

MARCH 14

Topic: Destiny: Questions about Afterlife

MARCH 21

3:30 p.m.

Putting Edge - Mini Golf:

Meet at the Church at 3:30 p.m. return to the Church at 6:15.

We Need Wii

PYF and 678 Club Looking for a Wii

Do you have a Wii that is no longer being used? The PYF and 678 Club can put it to good use. The Confirmation & Youth Board is looking to acquire a Wii gaming system. Because Wii games are popular with youth, and encourage positive interaction, a Wii would be a great addition for the programs.

Contact Elizabeth Ciccolini, Director of Youth Ministries at 847-724-2210, x33 or email Elizabeth.Ciccolini@gccucc.org if yours is looking for a new home.

Confirmation

8TH GRADE CLASS

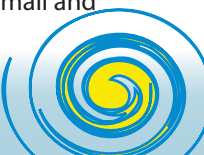
We will be taking a field trip to a local funeral home on Sunday, March 21 during our regular class time. Parents are invited to attend as well.

EGGSTRAVAGANAZA



SATURDAY
March 20
9:30 a.m.

Watch for your invitation in the mail and please r.s.v.p.



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Andrew Lewis, *Adult Choir*

Affiliates:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

At A Glance

Thu 3-11	9:00 am 9:30 am 12:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Resale Shop open until 5:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Lectio Divina, Rm 5 Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Bell Choir, Bell Rm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary	Sunday cont., 10:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 3:30 pm	Sunday School Gathering, Rm 201 Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm Confirmation & Youth Board, Youth Rm Membership Board, Parlor Voices of GCC, Rm 201	
Fri 3-12	9:00 am 12:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Cub Scouts 156 Blue & Gold Dinner, Mayflower Rm Not So Young and Restless Volleyball, Gym AA, Parlor Al-Anon, Rm 5	Mon 3-15	9:30 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Finding My Spirit, Library Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Troop 156 Committee Mtg., Founders
Sat 3-13	9:00 am 9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 p.m., Plymouth Rm Men's Open Gym, Gym	Tue 3-16	9:30 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 7:30 pm	WA EX Board Mtg., Parlor Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Sixty Plus Luncheon, Mayflower Rm Mission Outreach Board, Parlor
Sun 3-14	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary Leadership Committee, Founders Rm Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm Confirmation Opening Prayers, Plymouth Rm 7th Grade Confirmation Class, Various Rms 8th Grade Confirmation Class, Youth Rm Adult Education, Chapel Fellowship Board, Rm 213 Primary Choir, Rm 201 Worship Service, Sanctuary	Wed 3-17	9:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 12:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Resale Shop until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm WA Chapter 11, Parlor WA Chapter 20, Chapel Meditation & Prayer, Chapel Lenten Soup & Bread, Founders Rm BSA Troop 156, Gym, Mayflower Rm Pilgrim Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary Venture Crew, Rm 210

Broadcaster Deadline

Please submit all articles by 9:00 am, Wednesday, one week in advance to publishing via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org