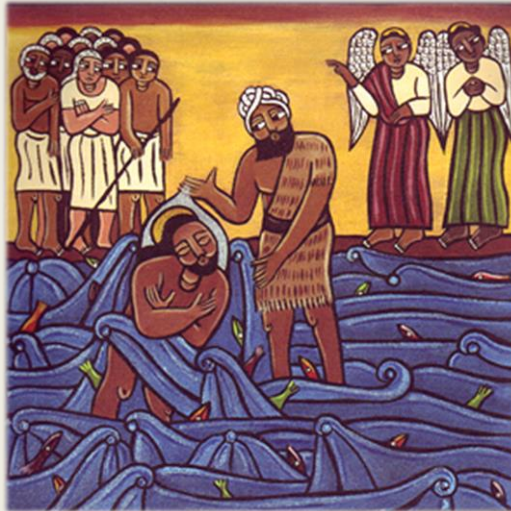




Roland Park

Presbyterian Church



The society in which we live suggests in countless ways that the way to go is up. Making it to the top, entering the limelight, breaking the record – that's what draws attention, gets us on the front page of the newspaper, and offers us the rewards of money and fame. The way of Jesus is radically different. It is the way not of upward mobility but of downward mobility.

~ Henri Nouwen

January 13, 2019

Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church. We're glad you're here!

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

January 13, 2019

10:30 AM

CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Aria on a Chaconne

Joel Martinson

Words of Welcome

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.
Welcome cards are located in the pews. Please feel free to fill one out
and place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness
Chancel Choir

JUBILATE DEO

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We worship the God who inhabits our world
and indwells our lives.

**We need not look up to find God,
we need only to look around:
within ourselves,
beyond ourselves,
into the eyes of another.**

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

**we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

We worship the God who inhabits our world
and who indwells our lives.

***HYMN #164**

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

WEST MAIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.
We have entered the season
in which Your Light has been given to the world,
your blessings have been poured out on the world,
and yet all we can think about is our own problems,
our own needs, our own desires.
Help us to desire you, Lord.
Help us to yearn for your presence.
Pour your baptismal waters over us again,
cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.
Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.
Wash away our jealousy, greed,
and all negative thoughts and behaviors
that stand in the way of our truly being
the people you have called us to be.
Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation,
in the birth and baptism of Jesus,
and in the ministry of the saints of light.
We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Time for Silent Reflection

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Rejoice, dear friends,
this is the Good News of our Lord.
**The love of God is always offered to us,
freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Amen.**

***GLORIA – HYMN #581**

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**GOD'S STORY**

Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

*"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"*

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came

up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Downward Faith

Pastor Mark

***REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image**

**male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN #688**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers,
after which the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," or "Lord, we give thanks,"
and the entire congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING

Offertory

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes
Chancel Soloists

Mark Sirett

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festival March

G. F. Handel

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## SUNDAY, January 20, 2019

9 AM Education for All Ages

10:30 AM Worship

Scripture: Matthew 4: 1-17

Message: Not Today, Satan!

**HEAD USHER:** Beth Bishop

**LITURGIST:** Neil McCabe

**GREETER:** Julie Evans

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY:** We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: **Darryl Fritze** (Wayne Fritze's brother), **Paula Belt, Darlene George, Courtney Sieck, the sister and niece of Holden McAleer and their family,** the friends and loved ones of **J. Gary Glover,** the friends and loved ones of **Shirley Dailey, Margaret Murray** (mother of Greg Collister-Murray), **Joan Buttner, Kent Moore, Claudia Neely Tiebout, Patti Lyall, and David & Danny Guillaume along with the staff and children of Kay Papa Nou & Unity House.**

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