

March 1-8, 2020 at

# First Congregational United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Worshiping Sundays 10:30 AM at 10<sup>th</sup> & G Streets, NW | [www.firstuccdc.org](http://www.firstuccdc.org)



## Singing Our Way through Lent and Holy Week to Easter: A Musical Banquet of Hymnody This Sunday, March 1, following Worship

At noon on Sunday, March 1, First Church Music Director John Horman will lead a noontime nurture introducing members and visitors to old and new hymns and songs of faith specifically designated for the Lenten

season. With the introduction of new denominational hymns and supplements over the last 20 years, a vast array of new hymns and songs have been added to the already rich heritage of available hymnody.

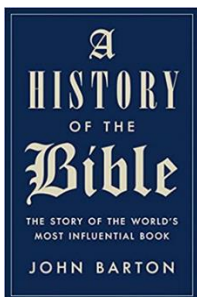
Drawing from the influence of global music, hymns from Iona, hymns from the Taizé communities, African American spirituals and the steady supply of original hymns written every day, we have a banquet of musical resources from which to choose.

## Walking the Lonesome Valley: Lenten Nurture Series March 8 and 15, 2020 at 12 noon in the Sanctuary

*Jesus walked the lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.  
O, nobody else could walk it for him. He had to walk it my himself*

*We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.  
O, nobody else can walk it for us. We must walk it by ourselves.*

During Lent we follow Jesus during his 40 days wandering alone in the wilderness. After his baptism, Jesus is driven into the desert where he experiences three temptations or considers three alternative paths for his life. He returns from his time alone with a clearer sense of who he is and what he is called to do. Knowing he needs companions in his ministry, he calls his disciples to walk and watch with him. We have all had experiences of walking the lonesome valley. What were the experiences or questions that drove you there? What did you discover and learn along the way? Where did you come out or find in yourself as you emerged from your solitary journey?



## Theology Reading Group: Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 PM

The Theology Reading Group will next meet on Thursday, March 12, at 6:00 PM. We will be continuing with John Barton, *A History of the Bible*, a well-written account for the general reader critically presenting contemporary scholarship about what the Bible is and how it has been understood over time. This will be the second of four meetings with the book, focusing on the section on the New Testament, pages 145 – 211. All are welcome – no need to have come to a prior session.

Rev. Sam McFerran, Associate Minister

Rev. Karen Byrne, Minister

John Horman, Director of Music

Byron Adams, Building Manager

Cindy Dobbs, Administrative Assistant

Lynaya Morris, Dwight Davis, Members in Discernment

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**Morehouse College Glee Club  
Free Concert on Friday, March 20 at Noon**

The Morehouse College Glee Club, one of the longest-standing, all-male collegiate choral groups, will perform a free concert of repertoire ranging from African-American heritage compositions to arrangements of modern popular music. For over 40 years, this exceptional choral group has been performing at the MLK Jr. Memorial Library, inviting Morehouse alumni and the Washington, D.C. community at large to attend. During the MLK Library modernization, this annual concert takes place at First Church. Be sure to arrive early on Friday, March 20, for an enjoyable afternoon of musical excellence. The event is **free** and open to the public, and seating is first-come, first-served.

**Coffee Hour Hosts**

Garnell Yarbrough	Meg Maguire	Dale Ostrander
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**Sound**

Raine Anderson
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**Ushers**

Anne Mascolino	
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**Calendar**

**Sunday, March 1**

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*  
Rev. Karen Byrne preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*
- 12:00 pm Adult Nurture: Lenten Music  
*Community Hall*

**Monday, March 2**

- 6:00 pm Downtown Drop-In Center  
for Homeless Youth
- 6:30 pm Sanctuary Task Force, *Comm. Hall*

**Tuesday, March 3**

- 6:30 pm Church Council, *Comm. Hall*

**Wednesday, March 4**

- 12:15 pm Break Away Meditation, *Chapel*
- 6:00 pm Downtown Drop-In Center  
for Homeless Youth

**Thursday, March 5**

- 6:00 pm Theology Reading Group,  
*Living Room*
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

**Sunday, March 8**

- 9:15 am Bible Workbench
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
- 10:15 am Child Care provided, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Sunday School, *Ed. Suite*
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, *Sanctuary*  
Dwight Davis preaching
- 11:30 am Coffee & Fellowship, *Narthex*
- 12:00 pm Care of Parish Comm., *Chapel*
- 12:00 pm Adult Lenten Nurture, *Comm. Hall*

**Prayer List**

Jeremy Lyon, Diane Brennehan's grandson,  
who is active duty military and deployed  
Rosa Gutierrez Lopez (in sanctuary at Cedar Lane UU Church)  
Pat Ashbrook  
Don Bassler • Ruth Shinn