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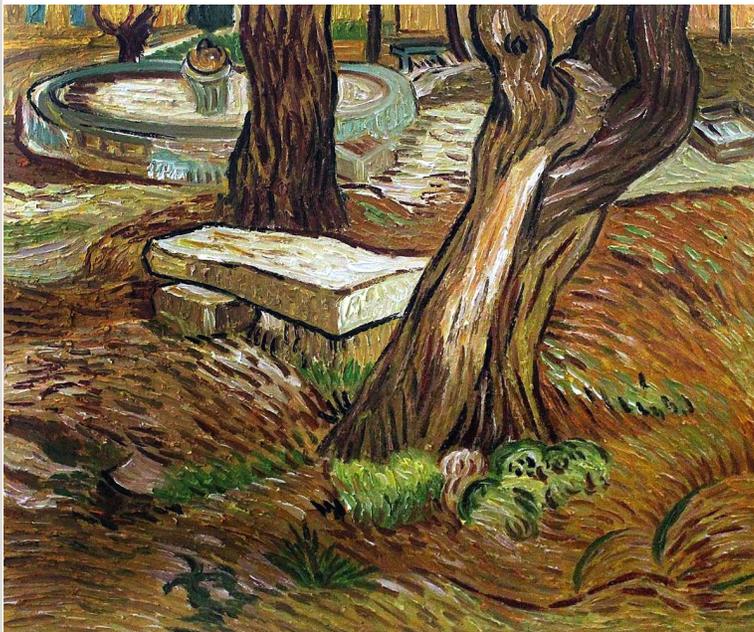
LADUE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) · ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

When my husband was introduced to “pour-over” coffee, his love for coffee grew tremendously. Although it takes more time to brew coffee this way, it can be meditative and the taste has unmatched depth. There is a beauty to slowing down and savoring; a gift I try to weave into my life. Rehearsing music at a slower pace helps us learn the correct notes and rhythm, but it also allows us to add musicality and savor the lush harmonies. When I visit monasteries, the monks recite the psalms slowly; pausing after each phrase. I appreciate this because it gives me an opportunity to reflect on the words more carefully; allowing me to hear something new. When we spend time in meditation, prayer or silence, are we wasting time?



The Latin word for Lent, *lente*, means slowly. If I slow down a bit, I gift myself time to appreciate the beauty surrounding me. These are the times I most often hear God’s voice. Come spend some “useless time” as we allow space for silence and listening for God’s voice at our Lenten prayer retreat on Saturday morning, March 28. You never know what you’ll hear!

Blessings and Peace,
Anne



A carpenter and his apprentice were walking together through a large forest. When they came across a tall, huge, gnarled, old, beautiful tree, the carpenter asked his apprentice: “Do you know why this tree is so tall, so huge, so gnarled, so old and beautiful?” The apprentice looked at his master and said: “No...why? Well, “the carpenter said, because it is useless. If it had been useful it would have been cut long ago and made into tables and chairs, but because it is useless it could grow so tall and so beautiful that you can sit in its shade and relax.” -adapted from Chuang Tzu, The Inner Chapters

How is this tree useful? How is it useless? How does it glorify God in its branches and shade? Can all creation praise God by

simply being what it was created to be? Like the old tree in the parable, we don’t pray to be productive or useful, but to be open and grateful. In prayer and meditation, we can live and be; we can bear or not bear fruit, and we can grow old freely, without being preoccupied with our usefulness. Faithfulness in prayer is its own reward, with or without tangible results.

~Henri Nouwen

Arts – Docents at Opera Theatre of StL introduce each of the four operas of the 2019-20 OTSL Season. **March 15:** *Die Fledermaus*; **March 22:** *Carmen*; TBD: *Awakenings*
Religion – **March 15 & 22:** *Reading the Books of Job & Ecclesiastes Through a Jewish Lens*
Contemporary Issues – **March 15:** *Mother Wit: Exalting Motherhood while Honoring a Great Mother*, Leader – Malaika Horne, UMSL Executive Leadership Consortium/College of Business Administration, and her sister Gwen Moore, curator and historian, MO History Museum; **March 22 :** Leader – Ademir Koric, Bosnian, teacher of high school computer science

Sermon Series in Lent

In keeping with our Lenten theme, **Witnessing in the Wilderness**, the pastors will be preaching sermons based on particular witnesses in scripture. The Wednesday evening before each Sunday, the pastor who is preaching will lead a Bible Study based on the text and the biblical character who will be the basis of the Sunday sermon. (WOW dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Adult Bible Study, Questions in the Wilderness, and a special program for children at 6:45 p.m.). The “witnesses” to be considered on Sunday are:

- March 15 – The People of Israel
- March 22 – The Samaritan Woman at the Well
- March 29 – Lazarus, Mary, and Martha
- April 5 (Palm Sunday) – The Donkey
- April 12 (Easter) – Mary Magdalene

A SABBATICAL FOR DAVID ERWIN

David Erwin has served joyfully and faithfully as Minister of Music at Ladue Chapel for 15 years. In recognition of his long tenure and the quality of his ministry, the Session has granted David a Sabbatical Leave. Combining some vacation time with the two months leave, David will be gone from May 11th – August 10th. He will attend some seminars related to conducting and church music, read and rest, look for fresh resources, visit other congregations, (and maybe fly to Paris for some organ lessons!).

Though in the past sabbaticals have only been granted to pastors, more and more larger congregations are offering sabbaticals to church musicians and educators. The timing of David’s leave is coinciding with the interim period at Ladue Chapel, so that David will be present and engaged when the new Head of Staff arrives (timing still unknown).

David is arranging for musical leadership on Sunday mornings during his absence. Anne Peacock, Gretchen Ross, and Mary Hitchcock-Reinhart (retired musician from Salem United Methodist) will provide organ and piano music, and support other musicians during worship.

We all agree that this time off is well deserved, and we wish David Godspeed when he disappears for a while.
 Susan Andrews – Interim Pastor

Cares & Concerns

Recently Hospitalized or Recovering at Home: Tom Grass, Darlene Roland, Dave Westhoff

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Carol and family and friends on the death of her husband, William A. Claypool, who died and entered the Church Triumphant on March 2, 2020. A memorial service is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13 in our Sanctuary, with visitation at Bopp Chapel on March 12, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We have established a memorial in Bill’s name. Gifts may be made to the Ladue Chapel William Claypool Memorial.

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Bill (Linda) Port and friends and family on the death of Bill’s father, William E. Port, on March 3, 2020, in Cape Girardeau.

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Audrey Behrens and friends and family on the death of her husband, Don Behrens, on February 28, 2020. Visitation and a prayer service were held at Aberdeen Heights on March 7.

Apply NOW to be a summer MISSION INTERN

Ladue Chapel is offering employment opportunities to upcoming high school senior or college age students to serve as Summer Mission Interns, participating in local Christian mission work of the church. See www.laduechapel.org/mission-interns/ for the Job Description and Mission Intern Application or contact Emily Holman at eholman@laduechapel.org



Lenten Breakfast Schedule

Come each Friday during Lent for coffee at 7:30 a.m., breakfast at 7:45 a.m., listen to an engaging speaker, and be on your way by 8:30 a.m.! Following our Lenten theme of "Witnessing in the Wilderness", the guest speakers will include staff and members talking about how they connect faith with their personal and professional lives. The first three speakers will be:

- March 13: Dr. Randall Clary (member)
- March 20: Torbjörn Sjögren (member)
- March 27: Laila Crabtree (member)
- April 3: Anne Peacock (Director of Spiritual Life)
- April 10: Dieter Heinzl (Associate Pastor)

Cost is \$10 per person.



Lent & Holy Week Services

Communion will be celebrated at the 8:15/10:30 a.m. services on March 1, the 8:15 a.m. service each of the other Sundays in Lent (March 8-29), and Palm Sunday, and at the Maundy Thursday service and at the Easter Sunrise Service.

Palm Sunday – April 5

Communion at 8:15/10:30 a.m.; One Great Hour of Sharing received

Maundy Thursday – April 9 – 7:30 p.m.

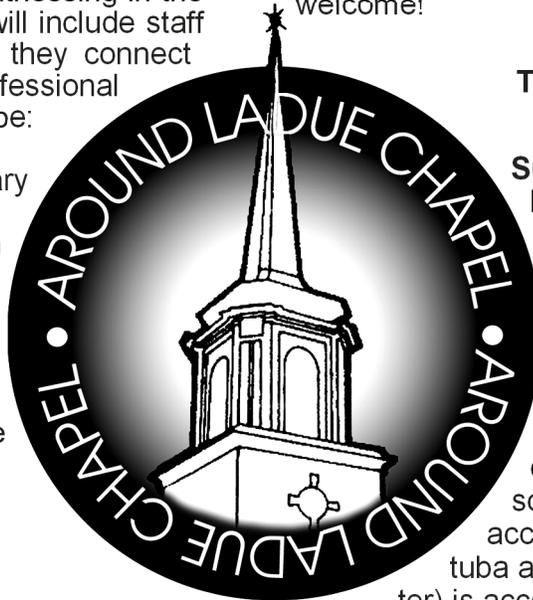
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Good Friday – April 10 – 12N

Service in the Sanctuary

Easter – April 12

6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



WOW During Lent

WOW will look slightly different during Lent (including a new time). Join us as our pastors lead a Lenten Study, Questions in the Wilderness, on Wednesdays, March 11, 25, April 1 and 8, 6:45-7:30 p.m. Bible Study in Fireside Room. And if you'd like to join us for supper, meals begin at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Adults: \$10; ages 10-17: \$5; ages 9 and under: free.



Ladue Chapel Goes LIVE

On Sunday mornings we are beta-testing the live streaming of our 11:00 a.m. worship service. You can access it through the Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church Facebook page. We hope streaming worship allows those who are unable to attend in person to connect with the Ladue Chapel Community. Your comments and feedback are welcome!



The St. John Passion by Bob Chilcott

Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Ladue Chapel Choir, Soloists and Chamber Orchestra. On Palm Sunday afternoon, our choir will be presenting a substantial new work, the St. John Passion by Bob Chilcott. The Evangelist (Zachary Devin) is always accompanied by solo viola and solo cello; Jesus (Adam Stefo) is accompanied by horn, trombone, tuba and organ; Pilate (Jacob Lassetter) is accompanied by two trumpets.

Other soloists will include sopranos Karen Kanakis and Margaret Milligan Kerr, and tenor Eric Hiby. We are excited to present what we believe to be the Missouri premiere of this work!



Electronic Recycling

On **March 13**, 7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., and **March 14th**, 7:30 a.m.—2 p.m., businesses and residents may dispose of computers, printers, phones, fax machines, small appliances, and anything that plugs into a wall or runs off a battery. The drop off location is the south side of Shaw Park and the fees are: CRT monitors-\$5, CRT TV's 26" or less-\$30, 27" or greater-\$50, big screen and projection TV-\$50, LED/LCD/Plasma TV's-\$20, freon units-\$10

Ladue Chapel VBS: Save the date: August 3 - 6, 2020! VBS is for children ages 4 years old through fifth grade. This year's theme for Vacation Bible School is *God's Great Big Beautiful World*.

Ladue Chapel PDO— Play Day Out is now accepting enrollment for our 2020 Summer Camp: Our camp offers a wide variety of summer activities to enjoy, including art projects, water play, and treasure hunts for children 2-5 years old. The fun begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends after lunch at 1:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday July 6-23. Camp registration is available in the Gathering Place, on the counter by the south hall, at the church website or by contacting Terry Schlueter at 314- 993-2429.



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**DON'T MISS THE LENTEN
BREAKFAST SERIES!**

Wooster Chorus in Concert – Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.



The Wooster Chorus, from the College of Wooster in Ohio, one of our leading PC/USA colleges, will present a concert in our sanctuary on **Wednesday, March 18** at 7:00 p.m. One of the featured singers is senior Andrew Peacock, from Ladue Chapel. (Andrew was heard recently as one of the kings on Epiphany Sunday). We have been asked to provide overnight housing for the 70 singers, so if you can host some singers, please contact David Erwin or Anne Peacock.

**Sunday, March 15
Worship Services at 8:15 &
10:30 a.m.**

Scriptures

Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Music Ministry

At both services, Chapel Ringers will play *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say and All Creatures of Our God and King*.

At 10:30, Chancel Choir will sing *He, Watching Over Israel* and a women's trio will sing *Lift Thine Eyes*, both from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

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