

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
The Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies

**March 8, 2020**

**10:25 A.M.**

Prelude Pete Vaast  
Welcome & Church Life Pastor Tom Thies  
Invocation  
**Choral Introit** Laurie Palmer, Director

\* Call to Worship: (Psalm 40:5)

Leader: You have multiplied, O Lord my God,

**People: your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;**

Leader: none can compare with you!

**People: I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

\*Hymn # 383 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

**Choral Response**

Hymn # 414 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Scripture Reading Psalm 40: 1-11 Sidna Mitchell  
Congregational Response # 642 *Glory Be to The Father*

**Choir Anthem** *Here I Am, Lord* Laurie Palmer, Director

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Words of Scripture (Matthew 10:8) "Freely you have received, freely give."

Offertory *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Pete Vaast

\*The Doxology # 638

\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* Jean Aronson & Carl Kruse

Sermon "Ears I Have Dug for You" Rev. David Kersten

Hymn # 440 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

\*The Benediction \*Three Fold Amen

\*Postlude Betsy Wagner

**\*Please stand as you are able**

**A hearing loop is activated Please silence your cell phone**

**CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Guest Preacher today:** Rev. Dr. David Kersten, Vice President of Church Relations and Dean of North Park Seminary in Chicago, IL. David is here this weekend as the speaker at the Southwest Florida Covenant Gathering. David is also the brother of our Choir Director, Laurie Palmer. Thank you, Dr. Kersten, for sharing God's Word with us today.

**FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Ralph and Shirley Hunt in loving memory of our granddaughter, Kimberly Hunt.

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY-** meets at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in the Arts and Crafts room.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** - This month's meeting is March 10th at 1:00 P.M. Please let one of your council members know if you have anything you would like brought to the council's attention.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON- Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the church service. Farewell to our seasonal friends. The social committee is providing a baked potato bar with an array of toppings. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Sign up in the back today.

*Have you found a place to serve the Lord?* We have many opportunities and would love to match your gifts and talents with the ministries here at ECCBI.

**Thank you note:** Dear ECCBI: you don't realize how much your thoughtfulness, prayers and flowers touched our hearts. Thank you so much, it was truly appreciated. Bill and Barb Whitman.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

...Pray for Linda Taylor who is undergoing a medical evaluation. Pray for wisdom for physicians so that she can learn the cause and begin to feel better  
...Kay Johnson who has not been feeling well. Pray for healing for her and strength  
...ECC Bay Indies, as we all seek to be the Church to this community  
...Members of our congregation that are not able to attend  
...The unspoken requests upon the hearts of our church family  
...God's healing touch on those who are struggling with illness and pain  
...Pray for our local mission, Agape Flights.

## SCRIPTURE READING

### PSALM 40: 1-11 (NIV)

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. Sacrifice and offering you did not desire— but my ears you have opened— burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. Then I said, “Here I am, I have come— it is written about me in the scroll. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.” I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know. I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly. Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

### Ushers and Greeters

Head Usher – George Alexander  
Nancy Janish & Molly Prosser  
Frank & Sandy Wolcott

### BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Johnsen 3/10, Jean Aronson 3/11

Attendance Last Sunday – 124

### CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.bayindieschurch.com](http://www.bayindieschurch.com) you can find recordings of recent sermons that you may have missed, copies of the church bulletins so you won't miss out on events, and you can place a confidential prayer request by clicking on the tab- Send a prayer request. Check it out. Be sure to let Pastor Tom and Wanda know how we can pray for you.



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