

The Community Church in Harrington Park, NJ  
*Mid-Week Lenten Service*

March 4, 2026

7:30 PM

**Order of Service**

PRELUDE

Barbara Ciannella, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 18

Leader: I sing to God, the Praise-Lofty, and find myself safe and saved.

**People: A hostile world! I call to God, I cry to God to help me. From His palace He hears my call; my cry brings me right into His presence—a private audience!**

Leader: Now I'm alert to God's ways; I don't take God for granted.

**People: Every day I review the ways He works; I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step.**

Leader: God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to His eyes.

**People: God, You protect me with salvation-armor; You hold me up with a firm hand, caress me with Your gentle ways.**

HYMN SING

*(The congregation will make 3 selections.)*

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER (unison)

**Lord Jesus, You showed the world what real power is. You pushed Satan away when he offered You wealth, power and notoriety. You could've used an army of angels to keep You from the cross, but You didn't. You modeled the idea that real power comes through love, self-sacrifice, humility and gentleness. But too often, we don't see that model or respond to it. We strive for authority over others, and the money and attention that comes with it. Even as the church, we grab for influence and control. We forget Who You are, and for that we are sorry. Please forgive us for our worldliness, Jesus. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (from Isaiah 53)

Leader: Jesus looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because He embraced the company of the lowest.

**People: He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many; He took up the cause of all the black sheep.**

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE (from Philippians 2)

Leader: Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of Himself.

**People: He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of Himself that He had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, He set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human!**

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*"Come Unto Him"*

Mark Mitchell

Lori Anders, Les Cox, and Barbara Ciannella

**THE WORD OF GOD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:46-56

p. 30 (NT)

MEDITATION

*"Power"*

Rev. Steve Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

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\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Barbara Ciannella, piano

\*Please stand if you are able.

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We are so pleased to welcome back to CCHP our former pastor, the Rev. Steve Sayer and his family. The Sayers make their home in Rhode Island now, and they came down to host our mid-week Lenten supper, and for Steve to lead worship.