

He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

Methodist Church
CHUNG DONG
English Ministry

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

FOUNTAIN OF HOPE
Chung-dong First Methodist Church, English Ministry—March 2018

Lenten Prayer

By Walter Brueggemann

The following two prayers are excerpted from a collection of Walter Brueggemann's prayers [*Awed to Heaven Rooted in Earth*](#) (153-4). Brueggemann is brilliant at exposing our complicity in systems of injustice (both in his scholarship and prayers). May these prayers guide us in this season of repentance:

Loss is Indeed Our Gain

The Pushing and Shoving in the world is endless.
We are pushed and shoved.
And we do our share of pushing and shoving
in our great anxiety.
And in the middle of that
you have set down your beloved suffering son
who was like a sheep led to slaughter
who opened not his mouth.
We seem not able,
so we ask you to create space in our life
where we may ponder his suffering
and your summons for us to suffer with him,
suspecting that suffering is the only way to newness.
So we pray for your church in these Lenten days,
when we are driven to denial —
not to notice the suffering,
not to engage it,
not to acknowledge it.
So be that way of truth among us
that we should not deceive ourselves
That we shall see that loss is indeed our gain.
We give you thanks for that mystery from which we live.
Amen.

 **CATS**
Chung Dong Academy
For Theological and Spiritual Formation

presents
Special Open Lecture

“Death and Dying”

Speaker:
Dr. Deuk-Hyung Yoon



During Lent the church remembers the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While we re-live the passion of Christ, we are obliged to reconsider our own mortality, something even Christians don't fancy thinking about often. Prof. Deuk-Hyung Yoon is a theologian and specialist counselor in the area of death and dying and will share with us some insights on how to positively prepare for the inevitable. He will touch on living wills, hospice care, palliative care and more in his presentation. All welcome!

Sunday,
March 18, 2018 – 2:45
Music Room, 5th Floor,
Yewon School



Our passion is God.
Our motivation the love of Jesus Christ.
Our power is through the Holy Spirit. Our mission is the world.

Seder Supper

Continuing with EM's tradition to stage a living enactment of the traditional Jewish Seder, we will once again get together for this year's event on Thursday, March 29 at 6.00. This year's Seder Supper will take place at Ahaba Braka restaurant opposite the Chungdong campus. We will enjoy a fellowship meal together after the Seder Super liturgy. This enactment with live participation is not to be missed. It's a spiritual experience that is uplifting and brings a new appreciation of the richness of Easter. Please invite your friends and colleagues for an experience not to be missed.



The monthly CATS Lecture will take place on Friday, March 23 at 7pm at the 5th floor, PaiChai building. The March lecture is about Centering Prayer and the Lectio Divina by Rev. Sandra Kim. CATS lectures are inclusive and dynamic. If you wish to attend, please let us know. *Lectio Divina* is Latin for "divine reading," "spiritual reading," or "holy reading" and represents a method of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God and provide special spiritual insights. The principles of lectio divina were expressed around the year 220 and later practiced by monks, especially the monastic rules of Sts. Pachomius, Augustine, Basil, and Benedict. The practice of lectio divina is currently very popular among Christians, and is gaining acceptance as an integral part of the devotional practices of the Church. For more information, join us on March 23rd.

Preaching Schedule (1:30 pm)

March 4: Drew School of Theology Fellowship Sunday
 March 11: Rev. Johan Reiners
 March 18: Dr. Deuk-Hyoung Yoon
 March 25: Past. Hye Eun Chon

March Highlights

Sunday, March 4 – 1:30
 Drew School of Theology students will pay EM a visit and participate in the worship service with singing, preaching and liturgical dancing.

Sunday, March 11 – 1:30
 Healing Service
 EM's annual Healing Service during Lent will take place on this Sunday. During this service the focus is on healing and special prayers will be offered for healing.

Saturday, March 17 at 7:00
 Cultural Trip to PyeongChang
 Sunday, March 18 – 1:30
 About Death and Dying
 Preacher: Dr. Deuk-Hyoung Yoon

Sunday, March 18 at 2:45 –
 5th Floor Yewon School
 Special Lecture by Dr. Yoon on the subject of Death and Dying. Not to be missed. All welcome!

Friday, March 23 at 7:00
 CATS Training Session on Centering Prayer and the Lectio Divina—Rev. Sandra Kim

Sunday, March 25 – 1:30
 Palm Sunday Service
 Past. Hye Eun Chon

Thursday, March 29 – 6pm
 Seder Supper for Lent
 Ahaba-braka Restaurant

Sunday April 1 at 1:30
 Easter Sunday

Sending off

During February EM said goodbye to Eric Selby who will work as teacher and missionary in the Middle East.



Kids' Worship

Hangyoon Cho, who has been appointed as the new pastoral assistant is also the leader of the Kids' Worship. Hangyoon is a dedicated and talented young leader and theology student. The Kids' Worship services start at 1:30 on Sundays.

Youth Fellowship

The Youth Fellowship is a small, but very enthusiastic group of young people gathering for worship and fellowship on Sundays under the evenly enthusiastic leadership of Yeram Kim. The Youth Fellowship is open to all middle school and high school students. They gather on Sundays at 1:00

Young Adults

Rev. Sandra Chong-ah Kim is the overseer of the Young Adults group who get together for fellowship and bible study, Sundays at 11:30. Join them for a time of intensive discussion and study of the Bible.



LECTIO DIVINA
 Reading the Scripture
 Reflecting on the Meaning
 Responding through Prayer
 Resting in God
 Responding in Action

Lectio Meditatio Oratio Contemplatio Operatio

English Ministry
Contemporary Worship
 Sundays at 10:30

Vibrant Traditional
Worship
 Sundays at 1:30

Young Adult's Fellowship
 – Sundays at 11:30

Youth Fellowship
 Sundays at 1:00

Kid's Worship
 Sundays at 1:30

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