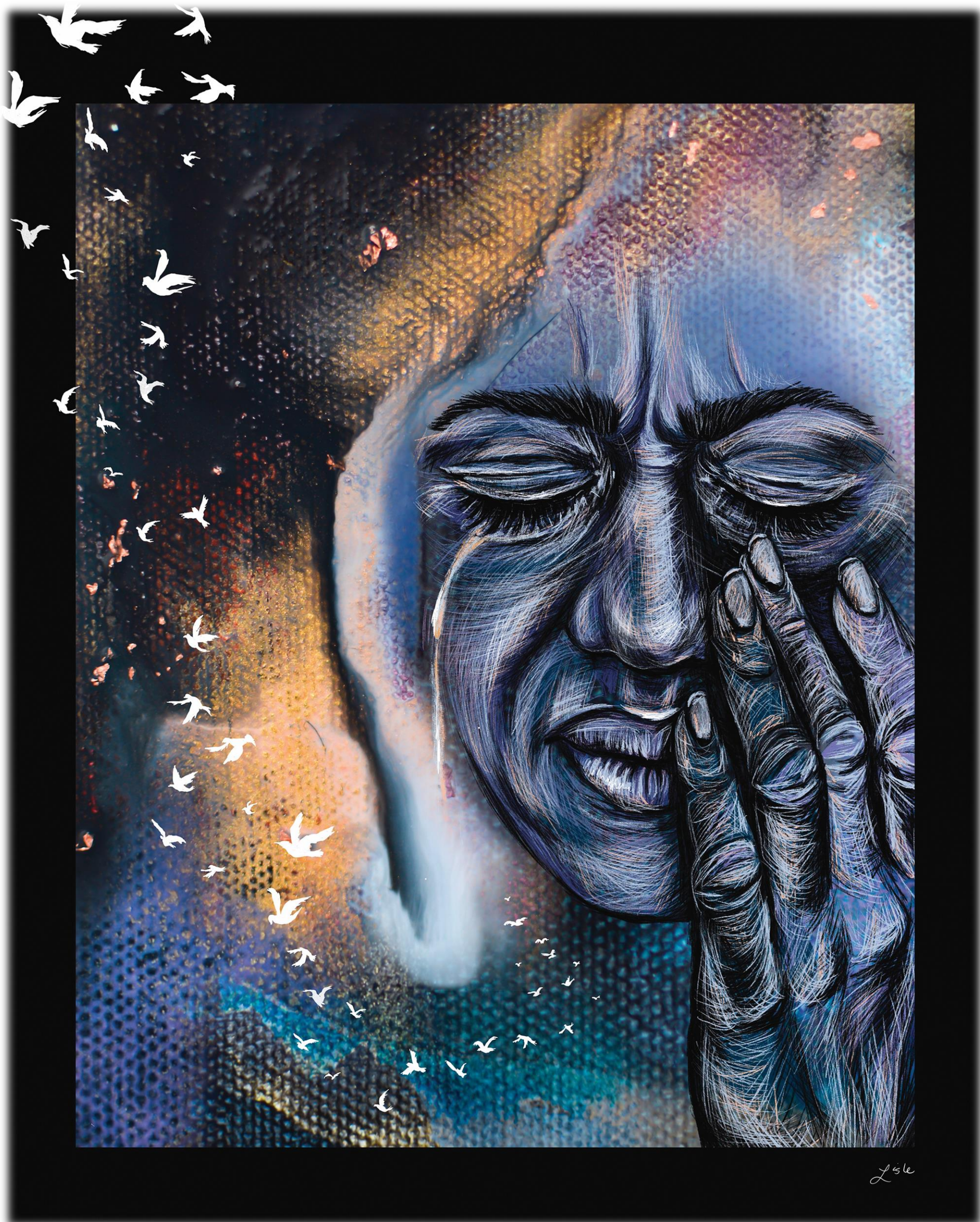


Welcome to the

Setauket Presbyterian Church

of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Second Sunday in Advent

Order of Worship

December 10, 2023

❖ *please rise in body or in spirit; unison words are in bold.*

GATHERING MUSIC *Brich an O schönes Morgenlicht* from
the Christmas Oratorio BWV 248

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Deb Dwyer

INTROIT *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring* from *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*
BWV 147

SPC Choir & SPC Children's Choir

*Jesus, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls
aspiring Soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, With the fire of life
impassioned, Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying round Thy throne.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE John & Susan Colatosi

A: How does a weary world practice peace?

B: By listening before we speak and saying sorry when we need to.

By advocating for justice and caring for our neighbor.

By practicing Sabbath and forgiving seventy times seven.

By choosing grace over hate.

A: There are a million ways to practice peace. So today we light the candle of
peace as a reminder and a charge.

B: With God's help, may we bring peace into a weary world. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are waiting for the dawn of God's incarnation.

Restore us, O God. Let us see your face.

We are like clay awaiting the potter.

Restore us, O God. Let us see your face.

Teach us to keep alert as we wait.

Restore us, O God. Let us see your face.

Sustain us this day as we worship you.

Amen. Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 744** *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led holy lives. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace. We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love. Pardon our sins, that we may live just lives to the glory of your name. Grant us your peace that surpasses understanding so that we can be instruments of peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, by your Holy Spirit and through these prophetic writings and sacred songs, reveal to us the mystery of the ages, teach us to be faithful to your ways, and strengthen us to be your peacemakers. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

REFLECTION IN MUSIC

Air on the G String from Suite No. 3

BWV 1068

Zion hört, die Wachter singen from *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

BWV 140

SPC Choir

Zion hears the watchmen sing, her heart leaps for joy, she awakes and gets up in haste.

Her friend comes from heaven in his splendor, strong in mercy, mighty in truth. Her light becomes

bright, her star rises. Now come, you worthy crown, Lord Jesus, God's son! Hosanna! We all follow to the hall of joy and share in the Lord's supper.

Sheep May Safely Graze from *Was mir behagt, ist nur die muntre Jagd* BWV 208

❖ **HYMN no. 106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Bist du bei mir* BWV 580

Nicole Karrs, mezzo-soprano

If you are with me, I go with gladness to my death and to my rest.

Ah, how pleasant my end would be if your dear hands would close my faithful eyes.

❖ **DOXOLOGY no. 609**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

❖ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE**

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase our generosity; give us zeal for your peaceful ways; send these gifts out into the world to do what is good and pleasing in your eyes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖ **HYMN no. 541** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

❖ **CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

May the God who meets us in every phase of life and living grant us peace and empower us to offer grace and comfort for the world in which we live.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *We honor this glory... Savior of the Nations, come!*
from *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 62

Mheco Manlangit, soprano & Nicole Karrs, mezzo-soprano
SPC Choir

*We honor this glory and draw near to your crib
And praise with joyful lips what you have
prepared for us.*

*The darkness did not disturb us, and we saw
your unending light.*

*Savior of the Nations, come
Now made known the Virgin's Son;
To the wonder of all the earth
God ordained Him such a birth.*

*Praise to God the Father be done,
Praise to God His only Son,
Praise to God the Holy Ghost,
Now and ever, Lord of Hosts.*

We welcome **Jean Hrbek** as our Worship Assistant this morning.

Thanks to her for her service!

A special thanks to the SPC Choir, Children's Choir and all of our musicians for leading us in music this morning:

The music in today's service is inspired by the motto that inspired the life and works of Johann Sebastian Bach whose music we will share with you this morning. *Soli Deo Gloria* - All for the Glory of God - was one of Martin Luther's famous "Solas," spiritual guideposts for the faithful. Bach was known to write the initials S.D.G. on his compositions, reminding himself of his *raison d'être*. He famously said, "Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul. I play the notes as they are written, but it is God who makes the music. The final aim and reason of all music is nothing other than the glorification of God and the refreshment of the spirit."

Many of us find refreshment of the spirit in Scripture, music, art, and - most especially at SPC - in peace, justice, and service to others. It is our sincere hope that our musical offering will inspire and refresh your spirit and encourage you during this holy season.

- Noby Ishida

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

There are 2 ways to get a 2023 Advent devotional:

- 1) Grab a hard copy outside of the Sanctuary*
- 2) Email the Church Office for an electronic file*

SPC

HAPPENINGS



The Adult Ed series, *Reconciliation, Reparations, and Racial Equity*, concludes this Sunday at 11:00 AM in the Marth Jayne Room - all are welcome!

December 10 - Session #10 Our Work as a Church: Redress
We will end our series reflecting on our call as a church. We are delighted to be joined by Tom Lyon, a community leader involved with Building Bridges Brookhaven and the North Country Peace Group. Tom will speak to us about Setauket's American Legion Hall which was established after World War II by members of the mixed-heritage Black and Native American community who lived in the Bethel-Christian Avenue-Laurel Hill Historic District. Tom will share the historical significance of the site, the work that has gone into its preservation, and its current needs.

Coming Soon! Founders Greenery and Jewelry Boutique December 17

Please save your butter tubs, take-out containers, and any interesting holders that you may have. We will use them for floral arrangements. We also need any evergreens, holly, or interesting foliage that you may have around your house that you might consider donating. We will be making the arrangements on Dec. 14 after our meeting at 11 o'clock in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! If you can't attend but have something to contribute, please leave your donations in the Fellowship Hall.

We will also have a jewelry sale on Dec. 17 so if you have some to donate, please leave them in the church office marked Founders Circle. THANK YOU! All donations will be going to local missions.

OPEN DOOR EXCHANGE
MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

Help us meet our goal of \$3000!

So far we have raised \$2235 for new mattresses!

Thank you for your generous gifts. Let's continue to work on reaching our goal and beyond!

SETAUKET PRESBYTERIAN
PRESCHOOL & EXCHANGE

Coat Drive

Help families in need with new or used coats (all sizes accepted)

Collection runs Thanksgiving to Christmas -
Drop off at preschool or ODE

Open Door Exchange will be closed from Dec 22nd - Jan 31st

May your days be merry and bright!
We look forward to welcoming the new year ahead.



Christmas Caroling

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Share the spirit of Christmas! Please join us on Sunday, December 17 as we carol for members of the congregation in local assisted living facilities and their homes.

We'll meet in the Parlor at 10:45 am for a quick rehearsal and snack, and then head out to spread holiday cheer.

Please see Beth Senf if you have any questions. All are welcome!



MAUREEN'S HAVEN
HOMELESS OUTREACH

Maureen's Haven at SPC

Maureen's Haven Winter Shelter at SPC will begin for a third season the first weekend in January and run through the end of March. Maureen's Haven assists men and women experiencing homelessness with supportive services. In the winter, they partner with houses of worship to provide people with a warm meal, a safe place to sleep and human connection. SPC hosts up to 12 women each Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall. The weekly shelter is run by volunteers. There are many ways to share your time and gifts - we need people to help set up the fellowship hall after church on Sunday, prepare and clean up dinner and breakfast, sleep overnight, be part of a clean-up crew on Monday mornings, and more!

Questions or interested in being involved?

Please let one of the coordinators know if you are interested in being added to the email list that will alert you when the signup app is up and running.

Lynn Campbell lynnc319@optonline.net; Beth Chiarelli

Senf e.m.chiarelli@gmail.com; Lois Wittmann loisw@optonline.net

OPEN DOOR EXCHANGE IS HIRING!



We're looking for someone to join our team as a

OUTREACH OPERATIONS MANAGER

Salary: 50-55k annually and benefits, commensurate with experience

The Outreach Operations Manager oversees the critical day-to-day management of the Open Door Exchange warehouse, including client intake, scheduling, and outreach. This position requires on-site work as well as the ability to comfortably lift 40-50 lbs.

This is a full-time position for 40 hours per week.


Qualifications

- Superior organizational and time management skills
- Superior communication skills (oral, written, and listening).
- 2-3 years experience working within a social services setting is highly preferred.
- Office management and computer skills essential, including fluency with Excel, Google docs, Canva, and Salesforce.
- Lived experience working within the Long Island community and knowledge of local resources.
- Ability to comfortably lift 40-50 lbs.
- Ability and willingness to interact respectfully with a diversity of people in a variety of settings (clients, volunteers, community leaders, students, etc.)
- Ability to attract, build, motivate, and support involvement in these outreach programs
- Commitment to Open Door Exchange's values (human worth, empathy, listening and relationships, flexibility, partnership, non-judgement).

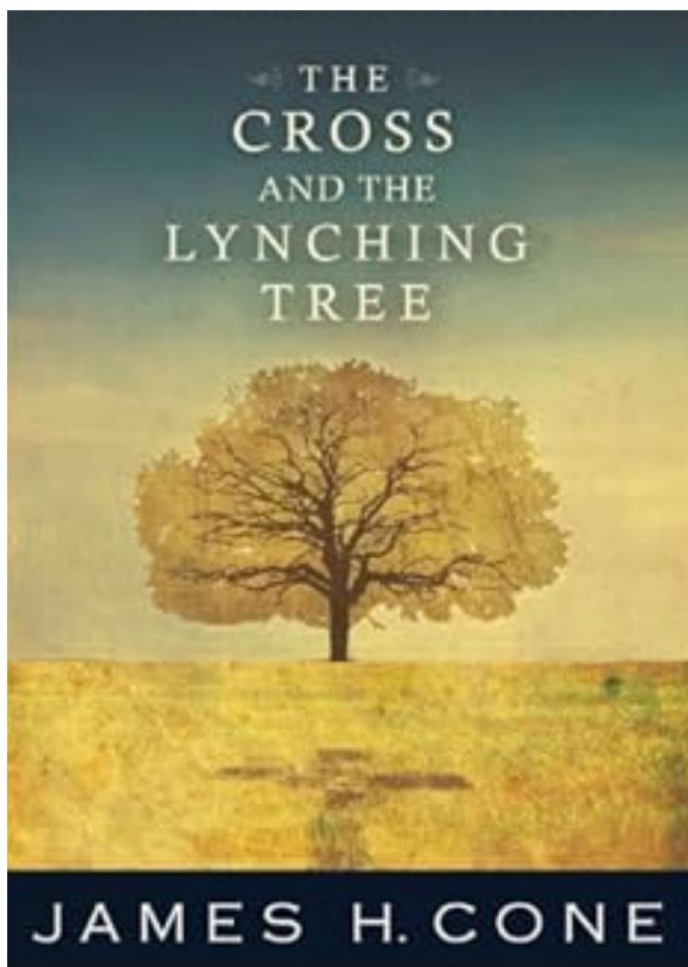
Send your resume and cover letter to ODE Steering Committee at:

opendoorexchangejobs@gmail.com

More Information:

 631-743-0633

 opendoorexchange.org



Adult Education Book Study

Starts Sunday, January 7 at 11 AM in the Martha Jayne Room

In light of the high level of engagement and momentum around the fall's sessions on racial equity and reparations, we will start a seven week study of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by Rev. James H. Cone on January 7. The study will include music, videos, and other resources to explore the subject and themes at the heart of this powerful book. Copies will be available in the office in mid-December.

From a review by The Presbyterian Outlook:

The provocative title draws us into the heart of James Cone's sobering, seminal work. "The cross and the lynching tree are separated by 2,000 years. One is the universal symbol of Christian faith; the other is the quintessential symbol of black oppression in America." One is a symbol of hope and salvation; the other, a symbol of brutal oppression, cruelty and suffering. How do we reconcile "the essential symbol of Christianity and the quintessential emblem of black suffering"?...Despite its heavy subject, this is a hopeful text. Life together, the beloved community — this is Cone's aim.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday: Office Open (9AM-5PM)

9:30AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & Online)

9:30AM-Church School

Fellowship Time will take place immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall

11:00AM-Adult Education Class (Martha Jayne Room)

Monday: Office Open (9AM-5PM)

10:00-12:00PM-ODE Warehouse Hours

1:00PM-Prayer Shawl Group (Parlor)

7:30PM-Deacons Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday: Office Open (9AM-5PM)

10:00AM-Bible Study (Zoom)

6:00-8:00PM-ODE Warehouse Hours

6:30PM-Christian Education Committee (Zoom)

7:00PM-House & Grounds Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday: Office Open (9AM-5PM)

2:00PM-Mah Jong (Parlor)

5:30PM-Open Sanctuary

7:00PM-N.A. (Fellowship Hall)

7:00PM-Fellowship Committee (Zoom)

7:15PM-Finance Committee (Zoom)

Thursday: Office Open (9AM-5PM)

11:00AM-Founders Circle (Fellowship Hall)

1:00-3:00PM-ODE Warehouse Hours

1:30PM-"Solos" Small Group (Parlor)

7:15PM-Bell Choir Practice (Fellowship Hall)

Friday: Office Closed

Saturday: Office Closed

8:30AM-ODE Pick Up Day

10:45AM-AA (Fellowship Hall)

5:00PM-AA (Martha Jayne Room)

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