



"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Table Talk

March 2018

Something to Chew On:

The Power to Bless

"God blessed [humankind] and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'" Genesis 1:28

I had a lot of raw musical talent, or so I was told. My high school trumpet teacher declared one day that he had nothing left to teach me. I earned a generous music scholarship to the university of my choice, and I quickly rose to leadership positions in the university's ensembles. I studied music under several different teachers, but two teachers would change my love of music forever.

The first recognized my raw talent, and he tried to sculpt it like an artist with a chisel. He chipped away at me with his sharp tongue at every lesson. He scolded me for my blemishes and shamed me for my imperfections. He decried me as technically talented but empty of passion. After almost killing my love for music, he cast me out of his office as a flawed medium for his art.

I was broken. I thought I would never take joy in making music again. On a whim I decided to take a voice lesson. This teacher unearthed the intrinsic goodness in my music, and he cared for it like a seedling in spring. He blessed it, affirming its value and assisting its growth. He trained it and pruned it with the care of a vintner until it produced a fruit that I thought dried up long ago. His blessing renewed my love of music, and I drank from a passion I did not know I had.

As people created in God's image, you and I have been given the power to bless the world. Our words and actions are meant to assist life in the world God has given into our care. Even though sin turned us into flawed mediums for God's image that curse the world more often than we bless it, Christ remade us. He unearthed the intrinsic goodness of the world by dying to save it. He was restored to life transforming our cursing into blessing. The gifts of his Spirit assist our lives in the world, and we proclaim blessing on the world in his name. May our Lord's passover from death to life renew us in blessing and love.

Nouwen, Henri J. M. 1992. *Life of the Beloved*. New York: The Crossroads Publishing Company. 55-68.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, 03/04

Healing Service, Soup Supper, & Youth Club

4:30pm Sanctuary

Saturday, 03/10

Al Day & Bob Long @ St. Tim's Coffeeshouse

7:00pm Sanctuary

Sunday, 03/11

Healing Service & Soup Supper

4:30pm Sanctuary

Saturday, 03/17

Family Fun Night

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

Birthday Sunday, 03/18

Healing Service, Soup Supper, & Youth Club

4:30pm Sanctuary

Friday, 03/23

Sack Lunch Ministry

9:45am Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 03/25

Palm Sunday Breakfast

9:00am Fellowship Hall

Thursday, 03/29

Maundy Thursday Service

6:30pm Sanctuary

Friday, 03/30

Good Friday Service

7:00am Sanctuary

Saturday, 03/31

Easter Vigil Prayer Stations

6:30 – 8:30pm Open Sanctuary

Sunday, 04/01

Easter Morning Service

10:30am Sanctuary

ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

Saturday, March 10, 7:00pm

St. Tim's Coffeehouse is excited to present the duo of Al Day and Bob Long on March 10th. They'll bring a jazz energy to our stage, a departure from our usual acoustic folk entertainment. But AL DAY is not a stranger to WFMT's Midnight Special or WTTW's Sound Stage. Rich Warren from WFMT says "Al Day is brilliant and completely original." His rough gravelly voice is engaging. Al's songwriting skills supply himself, and other artists with original material. The Chicago Reader wrote "Singer-songwriter Al Day's unique vocal style and striking beautiful music receives enthusiastic responses whenever he plays. Al's appeal is heightened by his unusual voice which is as versatile as his music is diverse."

BOB LONG began his professional career as a jazz pianist forty years ago. He first recorded in Chicago with the jazz fusion band Streetdancer in 1974. Bob has performed at New York's JVC Jazz Festival, Switzerland's Montreaux Jazz Festival, and the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands as well as the Chicago Jazz Festival. Gifted as a pianist, Bob was also awarded a Fulbright scholarship in 2011-2012 for historical research in Spain. Recently, he received his Ph.D. in history and has moved back to the Chicago area to perform music and teach. Currently he is an adjunct professor in the History Department of Elmhurst College, as well as keyboard instructor at the School of Rock, Evanston.

Join us Saturday, MARCH 10 at 7:00pm for an evening of witty conversation and superb musical entertainment. Doors open at 6:30 PM. \$20 donation. Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3057984>, or at the door on the night of the concert (cash or checks. No credit cards).

FREE Parking! GREAT Sound! REFRESHMENTS purchased help fund St. Tim's Garden and Sack Lunch Ministries (<https://www.sttimothyskokie.org/sack-lunch-ministry.html>).

See you there!

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Contact the church office at 847.676.1300 for more information.



Musicians Al Day and Bob Long

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 17, 6:30pm

Are you interested in hosting a family fun night? This particular Saturday is St. Patrick's Day, always a fun day to celebrate! Contact the church office at (847) 676-1300 or stlc.officestaff@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

February 26th – March 16th

Did you know? 2 out of 3 low-income children have no books of their own. YOUR BOOK DONATIONS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Alejandro Vites and the Stenson Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts hope to collect 500 books for Bernie's Book Bank. They'll accept new and gently used children's books, aged birth through 6th grade. Please, no work-books or textbooks. For your convenience you'll find a receptacle outside the church office door. Thank you for your help!

Learn more at www.berniesbookbank.org or 847.780.READ (7323)

HEALING SERVICE

Sanctuary

Sundays March 4 - 18, 4:30pm

Experience friendship in isolation through group singing in a folk music style.

Find healing in brokenness by naming our truths before God and one another.

Receive blessing in suffering through the gift of oil.

Discover hope in darkness through the story of our crucified and risen Lord.

Afterwards you will be invited to provide feedback about your experience. We don't just want to offer you a service. We want your help building it!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Fellowship Hall

Sundays March 4 - 18, 5:30pm

Break bread with your friends and reconnect over a bowl of warm soup! Are you a talented soup maker or a talented can opener? Sign up to bring soup and bread for one of the soup suppers! Soup suppers will begin after the healing service.



Members of St. Timothy's break bread together at the Maundy Thursday Love Feast in 2017.

YOUTH CLUB

Youth Room

Sunday, March 4, 6:30pm

Movie Night! Finish watching *Water Horse* and bring your favorite movie-themed snack to share!

Sunday, March 18, 6:30pm

Board Game Night! Bring your favorite board game to play.

HOLY WEEK & THE THREE DAYS

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 25, 9:00 – 10:00am

Enter Holy Week with a pancake breakfast as we celebrate the lordship of our Savior!

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 – 8:00pm

At this special celebration of Christian love in service, Betty Philips will talk about the difference we make through the Free Lunch program in Evanston. Worship will include food, foot washing, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday

Friday, March 30, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Experience the extent of God's love for you at this moving musical service.

Easter Vigil Prayer Stations

Saturday, March 31, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Celebrate the light which shines in the darkness at the first Easter celebration. This service of prayer stations can be done in your own time at your own pace. Come any time between 6:30 and 8:30pm. Stations will take about 30 minutes to complete.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1, 10:30 – 11:30am

Jesus is risen! Celebrate his triumph over death as we gather to worship God and receive the gifts of God's love through the risen Christ!

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Meet in Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 23, 9:45am

Let Janice Skillen know if you can help make and take lunch to our friends in need. St. Tim's volunteers provided **49** people with food

EASTER LILIES FOR THE HOLY DAYS

Now's the time to make your order for one or more Easter Lilies in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of a beloved family member or friend, or to the Glory of God. Look for the order form in the March 11th bulletin or pick one up in the office. After the Easter service, take your lily(ies) along with you.

Pastor Daniel uses his portable guitar to lead the group in song during the recent "Fat Tuesday" celebration at St. Tim's.

