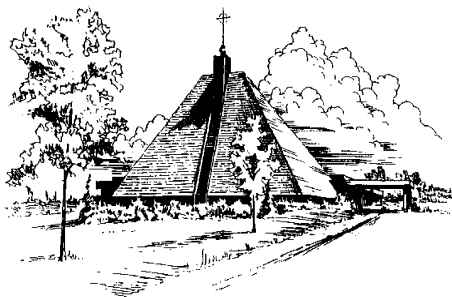


COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CINNAMINSON, NEW JERSEY



PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM

MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Herzgol

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Amanda Rosica

CHORAL INTROIT

"For God So Loved the World"

Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, we prepare ourselves for the week that is holy, yet filled with unholy acts, words, thoughts.

In this week of journey, people lose their way; in this week of betrayal, others find hope

We will try to follow Jesus in the days to come, sustained by the Word of grace and life.

Joining the children, we wave palm branches with joy, while keeping nails ready if we need them.

The One who set aside glory, comes in humility; the One who offers life, will challenge death itself.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who opens the heart of God to us.

With prayer and praise, in scripture and in song, let us Worship the Living God!

HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast Lover: when things go well for us, we can easily sing loud hosannas, but the words turn to ashes in mouths full of anger and bitterness. We hide behind our palm branches, hoping you will not see the doubts we have about what you call us to do. We eagerly feast on your blessings but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those around us. Forgive us, Approaching God. Now, more than ever, forgive us. May we be as eager to lay down our fears and doubts, our sins and pride, as we are to lay down our coats for



you. May we praise you for your victory over death, as well as for the promise of resurrection to new life, the promise given to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT MEDITATION

LORD HAVE MERCY (3x)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

WE ARE FORGIVEN (1x)

SHARING THE PEACE

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ISAIAH 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me a trained tongue, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand in court together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 118: 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.





MARK 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

(See page 12)

LITANY: AS HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Today we have cheered you on as our champion and hailed you as our hero.

Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.

Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide we can take care of ourselves.

Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget to remember who you are.

Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.

Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.

Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes because it's too painful to see you on the cross.

Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness in the future you have in store for us.

Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.

Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed by your rising.

Written by Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson, a pastor at East Hills Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE





God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for creation..... God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for peace.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who govern us.God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this community.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all families and those who live alone.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who suffer any sorrow or trial.....God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for the lives of the departed who now have rest in God.

God of glory, you see how all creation groans in labor as it awaits redemption. As we work for and await your new creation, we trust that you will answer our prayers with grace, and fulfill your promise that all things work together for good for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings”

#809

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



"We Remember Calvary"
A Contemporary Tenebrae Service

"Here I Am to Worship"
Narrator: Michael Martin

"We Remember"
Narrator: Robert Higgs

"Bread of Life"
Narrator: Michael Martin

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Narrator: Robert Higgs
Light Extinguished: Amanda Rosica

"Change My Heart, O God"
Narrator: Michael Martin
Light Extinguished: Sandi Pascone

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"
Narrator: Robert Higgs
Light Extinguished: Joan Samph

"The Old Rugged Cross"
Narrator: Michael Martin
Light Extinguished: Carol Ortlip

"Lord Remember Me"
Narrator: Robert Higgs
Light Extinguished: Barbara Seither

"The Crucifixion"
Narrator: Michael Martin

"Near the Cross"
Light Extinguished: Chuck Rosica

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
Narrator: Robert Higgs

Join the choir and sing Amazing Grace!
(Verse 1)



649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinígíí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world.....be with us all. Amen.

O Lord, may you this week open up doors for us to share your love!

POSTLUDE

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Mason

MINISTERS: Barbara and Paul VanTassel (Ushers), Janette Hutchinson (Flower Delivery), Nancy Perritt (Refreshments)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS presented to the Glory of God by Julia Slater in loving memory of her mother, Betty Graham and her grandmother, Adelaide McGinley and Grandfather, Leo McGinley.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Music Director – Greg DiBona

Narrators – Robert Higgs, Michael Martin

Flute – Elisa Muzzillo



Soprano

Kelly Higgs
Nicole Peak
Lauren Rosica
Pat Salmon
Susan Staub
Leslie Todd

Alto

Marge Jeffries
Ann Rosica

Tenor

Jeanne Martin
Bob Seither
Zack Rosica

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour is Sharing Offering by making an online gift anytime throughout the year. Presbyterian Special Offerings - One Great Hour of Sharing (pcusa.org) Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church.

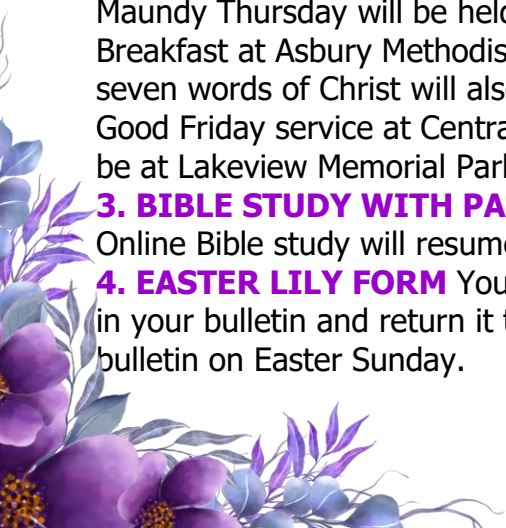
2. HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday will be held at Epworth Methodist in Palmyra at 7PM. There will be a Good Friday Breakfast at Asbury Methodist in Cinnaminson at 7:30. A Good Friday service remember the last seven words of Christ will also be at Asbury Methodist from noon to 3PM. There will be an evening Good Friday service at Central Baptist in Palmyra at 6:30PM. Community Easter Sunrise Service will be at Lakeview Memorial Park at 6:30AM.

3. BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR BOB

Online Bible study will resume Wednesday March 20 at 7PM. A link will be emailed to you.

4. EASTER LILY FORM You can purchase an Easter Lily to honor a loved one! Please find the form in your bulletin and return it to the church office with your payment. All names will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



5. SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES: Calling all children ages 4 and above! Join us for Sunday school on the following dates! March 24th, April 21st and May 19th.

6. DAILY PRAYER

Covenant is now offering Daily Prayer videos narrated by our new Pastor, Bob! This is a wonderful way to begin each day in prayer. If you are not receiving them, please notify Bob, or Greg and you will be placed on the email list.

7. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED! Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

8. BIBLE STUDY The Bible Study will be located in the lounge on Mondays at 11AM. All are welcome!

9. STEWARDSHIP: Total Income for 3/17: \$1957.00, Envelope Giving: 1915.00, Deacons Fund: \$165.00.

10. PIANO DUET CONCERT

Join Music Directors Diana Dohrmann and Greg DiBona for a concert of piano duets on Sunday, May 19 at 3PM at Calvary Presbyterian Church.



JOIN MUSIC DIRECTORS
DIANA DOHRMANN AND
GREG DIBONA FOR A

♪ **PIANO
DUET
CONCERT**

♪ **MAY 19 2024, 3PM**



A DONATION BASED BENEFIT
CONCERT

♪ Calvary Presbyterian Church
300 Fourth Street
Riverton, NJ 08077

PRAYER LIST



Thankful prayers for Pastor Bob's thoughtful sermon, and for Mary Lou's review of announcements and leading us in Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession. Our choir under Greg's direction presented a familiar and appropriate Lenten anthem. Thank you. Tasty refreshments were served by Robin and Dave Sutton. Thank you.

Continue to pray for peace in our communities, country and world.

Please keep our Covenant families and friends in your prayers:

Treva - joyful prayers that she received a very good report from her doctor
Julia Slater - she will have surgery for hip replacement - prayers for good results and continued comfort for her and her family following her mom's (longtime member, Betty Graham) passing
Chris Todd - thankful prayers - he has had successful surgery on his eye - prayers for healing and good vision
Joan Samph - joyful prayers that she has recovered from her bout with Covid
Linda Ballenger's cousin, Sally - continued good progress for recovery from cancer
Dave DuBois - healing and feeling better following recent fall and strength for B. Ann
Kathy Hood - peace of mind
Karen Schwartz's friend, Rita - good care and recovery
Barbara Van Tassel's friend, Judy - continued good therapy progress
Dale Neas - continued good care and comfort
Bruce - strength to manage chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer - thankful prayers that he is feeling well this past week
Mary Lou's friends:
Arlene - healing following heart surgery
Logan - 2-year-old battling cancer - successful treatment
Dave - serious health issues
Marchelle - good treatment for cancer

I wish to purchase _____ Easter Lily (s) at \$13.00 each.

The Easter morning bulletin will include a listing of names of donors (if desired) and mention the names of those in whose memory or honor the lily (s) are presented.

For example:

The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God by:

*Mrs. J. Smith in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Doe
Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in honor of their children
Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith in gratitude for loved ones
The Smith Family*



Name _____

In Memory/Honor/Gratitude _____

Enclosed please find my check for the sum of \$ _____

Signed _____ Phone _____

LILIES MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, MARCH 31, 2024

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.