

April 2

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion Karen Vroman
 Greeter Gretchen Pope
 Candle Lighter Shelby Warwick
 Worship Leader
 Deacons Linda Yeoman
 Dana Collins
 Marsha Ratashak

Communion Prayer
 Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up Karen Vroman
 Fellowship Refreshments Karen Vroman
 Church Transportation Drue Cavanaugh
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April 9 - Palm Sunday

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April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Board Meeting After Worship	Paul at Retreat Office Closed	Paul at Retreat	Centering Prayer <u>12-12:30 p.m.</u> Lenten Worship 5:30 p.m. <u>Meal - 6:30 p.m.</u> Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	CFUM Dinner		Palm Sunday Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Easter Offering

**The Divine Dance: A Place at the Table
 Wednesday Service
 April 5**

5:30 p.m. Worship and Study
 6:30 p.m. Meal and fellowship

Financial Notes
 March 26, 2017
 Total Deposit \$955.00



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covenant christian church



april 2, 2017

We are spiritual seekers
 working to grow in our love of God,
 deepening our connection to each other and
 sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

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come journey together . . .

April 2, 2017
Worship 10:00 a.m.

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A WORD OF WELCOME

Please take a moment to sign the attendance register in the pew and pass it along your row.
If you have prayer requests you'd like lifted up in prayer, please write them on the insert provided on the back of the pew.

PRELUDE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Founds/arr Keveren

*OPENING HYMN #5 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*GATHERING WORDS (Responsive)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,"

Even though they die. Even though death rears its ugly head.

"They will live. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Even though news of death's power and grip on the world is always present.

"Those who believe in me, even though . . . will live."

May we live and believe in the source of all life. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Holy one may your presence here open our minds

May your Spirit among us help us to find

you are rising up now like a fountain of grace

from the holy ground here in this place, here in this place.

. . . working to grow in our love of God . . .

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "I Am the Resurrection" Paul

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD John 11:1-45 (portions) pg. 104

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

MORNING PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER (Please share your prayer concerns in writing.)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD

"Animating Life"

Rev. Paul Witmer

SUNG RESPONSE "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you. You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like you. (Deacons may come to the table.)

. . . deepening our connection to each other . . .

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will come forward to the communion table as a sign of our commitment and response to Christ's gracious invitation and loving presence. If you are unable to come forward, a deacon will bring the elements to you.

INVITATION AND CALL TO GIVING

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood" arr Judith

All are invited to the table of the Lord. You may come forward to the table to receive the gift of communion and make your gift in response.

. . . and sharing with the world our passion for justice and peace.

*SONG OF SENDING FORTH #619 "My Life Flows On"

*POSTLUDE "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloché/arr Tornquist

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

**Rev. Paul Witmer, Minister
Judith Henry, Music Director**