

<b>March 18</b>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	Lundy
Greeter	Gretchen Pope
Candle Lighters	Emily Morrison Shelby Warwick
Worship Leader	Linda Yeoman
Deacons	Connie Schindler Russ Lundy Betty Lou Lundy
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Linda Small
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

<b>March 25-Palm Sunday</b>	
Provide Bread & Prepare	
Communion	VeeAnn Cartwright
Greeter	
Candle Lighter	
Worship Leader	Karen Vroman
Communion Prayer	
Deacons	Christine Young-Denny VeeAnn Cartwright
Fellowship Set Up/Clean Up	
Fellowship Refreshments	Provided
Church Transportation	Hal Rusk 321-8974

Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20	Mar. 21	Mar. 22	Mar. 23	Mar. 24	Mar. 25
Adult SS 8:45 p.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.  Food Pantry  Easter Offering Received	Search Committee Meets 7:00 p.m.  Office Closed		Out-to-Lunch 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer 12-12:30 p.m.  Meal 5:30 p.m. Study 6-7:30 p.m.  Choir 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.		Women's Group 8:30 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b>  Adult SS 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Senior <u>Recognition</u> Easter Offering Received

Ray and Helen Heckert are having a card/note shower to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 20.

Their address: 7125 Horton  
Urbandale, IA 50322

**Senior Recognition Sunday, March 25**

Next Sunday we'll be celebrating our graduating seniors, Leah Denny, Scott and Grant Lair. Join us recognizing their great accomplishments!



Please note that our sound system is equipped with a T-Coil hearing loop. If you are wearing hearing aids, please turn on "T Coil" mode for best hearing assistance.

# covenant christian church



march 18, 2018

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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...

March 11, 2018  
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** *"There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood/Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"* arr Judith

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Linda Yeoman

Come, now is the time to worship.

**We come, with foolish love and faithful praise.**

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

**We come, with open and trusting hearts.**

Come, just as you are before your God, come.

**We come, just as we are to worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #108** *"Lift High the Cross"*

**\*GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)**

Love is madness, but a madness which is the greatest of all blessings. Love turns everything upside down; what is sane becomes mad, and what is mad becomes sane. Thank you God, for the madness of love that captures us and won't let us go. Your love makes us new and keeps us whole. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #108 (refrain)**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

**WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG**

*(Please join us in supporting the local food pantry with your gifts.)*

**WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD** **Matthew 13:54-58** pg. 15

Linda Yeoman

**WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD** **"The Madness of Love"**

Rev. Paul Witmer

\*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

deepening our connection to each other . . .

**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.

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

Step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

**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

Linda Yeoman

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY *"At the Cross"* arr C. Curry

*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 #526** *"The Gift of Love"*

**\*POSTLUDE** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* arr J. Innes

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.*

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