

March 25 - Palm Sunday

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion VeeAnn Cartwright
 Greeter
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Karen Vroman
 Deacons Christine Young-Denny
 VeeAnn Cartwright
 Marsha Ratashak
 Fellowship Refreshments Provided
 Church Transportation Hal Rusk
 321-8974

April 1 - Easter

Provide Bread & Prepare
 Communion
 Greeter
 Candle Lighter
 Worship Leader Don Hiscox
 Communion Prayer Shelby Warwick
 Deacons Linda Yeoman
 Connie Schindler
 Church Transportation Drue Cavanaugh
 986-3737

Mar. 25	Mar. 26	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Apr. 1
Palm Sunday Adult SS 8:45 p.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Easter Offering Received Senior Recognition	Office Closed		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.	Good Friday 7 Sacred Pauses 6:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.		Easter Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Reception Downstairs!

Please join us for cake and punch in honor of our graduating seniors!



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 25, 2018

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...

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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 "The Holy City" Maybrick/arr Curry

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Karen Vroman

How good and how lovely it is
to love together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
If the Lord's disciples keep silent
the stones would shout aloud.
Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*OPENING HYMN #192 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

O deliriously happy Light, fill to the uttermost recesses the hearts of Your faithful children. Amen.

A Prayer of Thomas Keating

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #211

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
He had to walk it by himself.

WITNESS THROUGH MUSIC "Exalted and Triumphant" arr Schram

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Leah Denny
Grant Lair
Scott Lair

*Appropriate time for standing, if able.

WITNESS OF THE ANCIENT WORD Mark 11:1-11 pg. 47

Karen Vroman

WITNESS OF THE MODERN WORD "Love's Foolish Entry"

Rev. Paul Witmer

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

In our prayer Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our prayer Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

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

Karen Vroman

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsive)

As the Holy Spirit strengthens your church, may this, your blessed bread, which is now broken, bring life to us.

May we be living signs of the charity we share with one another.

May this, your holy cup, poured out for all, be our salvation.

We pray that we who drink from the one cup may be faithful signs of your love. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FEAST OF JOY "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" arr J. Lucas

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 #200 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*POSTLUDE "The Old Rugged Cross" Bennard/arr Hayes

*BENEDICTION

Please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshments following worship.

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