The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday April 14, 2019

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

You princes of the earth, give ear: there is one who claims to be numbered with you. It is Jesus, the Son of David, the King of the Jews. Room for Him, you emperors, room for Him! Room for the man who was born in a manger! Room for the man whose disciples were fishermen! Room for Him whose garment was that of a peasant, without seam, woven from the top throughout! He wears no crown except the crown of thorns, yet He is more royal than you. About His loins He wears no purple, yet He is far more imperial than you. Upon His feet there are no silver sandals decked with pearls, yet He is more glorious than you. Room for Him. room for Him! Hosanna! Hosanna! Let Him be proclaimed again a King! A King! A King! Let Him value His place upon His throne, high above the kings of the earth. -Charles H. Spurgeon

Here were no heralds at arms provided, no trumpet sounded before him, no chariots of state, no liveries; such things as these were not agreeable to his present state of humiliation, but will be far outdone at his second coming, to which his magnificent appearance is reserved, when the last trumpet shall sound, the glorious angels shall be his heralds and attendants, and the clouds his chariots.

-Matthew Henry

W FIRST GOSPEL READING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

John 12:12-19

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring;
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply;
The people of the Hebrews,
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems,
Before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise!
Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the praise we bring;
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Grace Harrelson

Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

⁷I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

1° Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
 be warned, O rulers of the earth.
 1°Serve the LORD with fear,
 and rejoice with trembling.
 1°2Kiss the Son,
 lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

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O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed; The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His Name shall stand forever—that Name to us is Love.

M PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 'to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 'to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks he to God.*

M HYMN TO CHRIST

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Chorus:

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun, His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free; To take away transgression, And rule in equity. (Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy To those who suffer wrong, To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong. (Chorus)

To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turned to light, Whose souls, condemned and dying Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth. Love, joy, and hope, like flowers Spring in His path to birth. (*Chorus*)

The tide of time shall never His covenant remove. His name shall stand forever; That name to us is Love. (*Chorus*)

Words: James Montgomery (alt. Sandra McCracken). Music: Sandra McCracken.

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"Lift High the Name of Jesus" Children's Choir

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus, our King.
Make known the power of His grace,
The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached,
And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground,
To freedom from our sin.

Chorus:

Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done, Till the earth and heaven's are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus, our Lord.
His power in us is greater than,
Is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope,
To serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise.
(Chorus)

Lift high the name of Jesus,
Of Jesus, our Light.
No other name on earth can save,
Can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see
The harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace,
As He leads sinners home.
(Chorus)

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Fionan de Barra, and Ed Cash.

M PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad. You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 18.

Kindergarteners - 2nd graders are dismissed at this time (see page 18 for details).

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Jason Peevy

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 12:20-26

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

All flesh is like grass,

And all its glory is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

'LOSING LIFE TO KEEP IT"
Sandy Willson

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who are united in Christ Jesus by faith and are baptized, communing members of His visible Church are invited to come to the Lord's Table. If you are not communing but would like to participate, come forward and fold your hands, and you will receive a prayer of blessing from the server.

The congregation will read aloud the portions that are *italicized*.

Prayer of Confession

David Driskill

Lord Jesus Christ, Who rode into Jerusalem as King of Peace, and Who strode out of Jerusalem bearing the cross, we who are are called to take up our cross and follow You here confess that we have failed to imitate You:

We have often sought our own pleasure rather than Your glory, we have neglected Your Word and been slow to pray, and we have ignored the needy You commanded us to serve. Please forgive all our sins, and by Your Spirit quicken our souls to love and serve You that Your great Name may be honored and glorified, now and forevermore. Amen.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you forgiveness of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

M Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

■ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words of Institution

from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table, but you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to commemorate in this breaking of bread the death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, that we may feed on Him in our hearts by faith, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast and united in ministry with your people in every place.

This we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

If you desire gluten free bread, please walk down the center aisle, either upstairs or down, and the server will provide it accordingly.

HYMNS FOR THE EUCHARIST

Congregation, please sing the Hymns for the Eucharist during Communion.

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown;
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn?

What Thou my Lord hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain; Mine mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain; Lo, here I fall my Savior, 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee dearest friend?
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end;
O make me Thine forever,
And should I fainting be;
Lord let me never never
Outlive my love to Thee.

Words: Bernard of Clarivaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656; tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830. Music: PASSION CHORALE; Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; arr. by J.S. Bach, 1729.

"What Wondrous Love is This?"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful cruse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down, sinking down, When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on!

Words: American folk hymn. Music: The Southern Harmony, 1835.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring;
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!

BENEDICTION

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: April 14 - 20, 2019

SUNDAY, April 14

8:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and stages

(see page 19 for details)

10:30 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

12:00 p.m. College Lunch (at the home of Kristi and John Gidley

2241 Pinecrest Drive, 35216)

5:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Small Groups

MONDAY, April 15

8:15 a.m. Women's Prayer Time (Ingram Link's office)

TUESDAY, April 16

6:30 a.m. Sr. High Bible Study (Youth Room)

10:00 a.m. Women's Study: Divine Design Discipleship (S104)

11:30 a.m. Gospel Manhood (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 a.m. Women's Study: The Letters of John (E201)

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry: Come to the Table (hostess homes)

WEDNESDAY, April 17

6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, April 18

6:00 p.m. Church-wide Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service* (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY, April 19

12:00 noon Good Friday Service* (Sanctuary)

*nursery childcare provided

MINISTRIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Children's Worship Information. Following the Sunday morning worship service, parents will find their children attending Children's Worship in the following rooms:

3K & 4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour) **Kindergarten • C221** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace) **1st - 2nd Grade • C316** (dismissed during the Passing of the Peace)

Holy Week at Covenant. As we enter Holy Week, we have several special services scheduled, including Maundy Thursday (meal at 6:00 p.m. and service at 7:00 p.m.), Good Friday (service at 12:00 noon), and a Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 21, at 6:15 a.m. at Vulcan Park. Please see page 19 for a full Holy Week and Easter morning schedule with details. (Nursery childcare will be available for both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services).

Gospel Manhood. Our next Gospel Manhood lunch is Tuesday, April 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Claude McRoberts, Senior Minister for Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, will be speaking on "When the Gospel Quiets a Man's Soul" from Isaiah 30:15, 18 and Matthew 11:28-30. Invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, small group members! Lunch is provided, and there is a \$10 suggested donation to cover the cost of the meal.

Youth Summer Missions Trip. All rising 9th graders through graduating seniors, and their families, are invited to serve on our summer missions trip to Warm Springs, OR, July 13-20. Email John Fountain at jfountain@covpres.com for more information.

Children's Summer Activities. Summer is just around the corner, and our Children's Ministry staff has lots of fun planned! Visit covpres.com/summeractivities for all the details and to register for VBS, Bonus Days, Built for Purpose, and more.

Connecting with Covenant. There are many ways for you to stay connected with what's happening at Covenant. Covenant Chronicles is our weekly email newsletter and is a great way to stay in the know. To subscribe, send your email address to chronicles@covpres.com. You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@covpresbham, @covpreswomen, @covpresyouth, and @covpreskids).



HOLY WEEK at COVENANT

We invite you to join us in worship as we reflect on the Passion of our Lord and celebrate his Resurrection. All are welcome!

| MAUNDY THURSDAY |

April 18

Fellowship Dinner | 6:00 pm

Gathered Worship | 7:00 pm

(nursery childcare available for ages 5 and under)

| GOOD FRIDAY |

April 19

Gathered Worship | 12:00 noon

(nursery childcare available for ages 5 and under)

| EASTER SUNDAY |

April 21

Sunrise Service at Vulcan Park | 6:15 am

Pancake Breakfast | 7:00 am

Gathered Worship | 8:00 am

Gathered Worship | 10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

9:15 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

College students

COLLEGE | DINING ROOM*

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 30s and 40s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 50s and 60s

LIVING STONES | E303

OPEN DOORS | S105 70s and above

UPPER ROOM | S101 60s and 70s

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and young marrieds;

20s and 30s

40s and 50s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

^{*}The college class meets at 12:00 p.m. and includes lunch.

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> Steve Stigler Mark Taylor John Wood

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2021 2019 2020

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John Shults

Todd Sitton Danny Smith William Slappey Robert Stephens Billy Tapscott Clark Worrell Darrell Tucker

BIBLE READING PLAN

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers, and hymns. The scripture readings are from Ligonier Ministries and are designed around a one-year cycle that will allow you to read through the New Testament or the entire Bible in 2019.

APRIL READING PLAN

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	1 SAMUEL	
9	□ 1-3	□ 12:1-34
10	□ 4-6	□ 12:35-59
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16	□ 20-22	□ 15:11-32
17	□ 23-25	□ 16:1-18
18	□ 26-28	□ 16:19-31
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	2 SAMUEL	
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