The Lord's Day in Worship

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;

O Savior meek, pursue Your road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Your triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see th'approaching Sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on His sapphire throne awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
bow Your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ, Your pow'r and reign.

—Henry Hart Milmam, 1827

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marty Crawford

(Congregational responses are italicized.)

from Psalm 24:3-10

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!



CALL TO WORSHIP (continued)

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Behold, the King of glory waits; The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; Our hearts to thee we open wide; Let us thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in us reveal.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on Until our glorious goal is won; Eternal praise, eternal fame Be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Words: Georg Weissel, 1642; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855. Music: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord of Hosts, King of Glory,
we open wide the portals of our hearts
that you may there enter in and establish Your throne.
Rule over us by Your sovereign power and grace;
make of us a people who glorify You;
hear our praises;
receive our worship;
that Jesus Christ may be honored, adored, and obeyed,
now and through eternity. Amen.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Stephanie Alonso

John 12:12-16

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.

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

HYMN OF CHRIST'S GLORY

"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.

SECOND READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 12:20-33

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.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name."Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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

GIVING OF FIRST FRUITS

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Congregational Hymn

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the LORD be with v

And also with you.

Greet one another with words of peace and reconciliation.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Tucker

Visitors and members, please take a moment to fill out the pew pad.

You may read all of our ministry announcements on page 20.

Children are dismissed at this time.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

Charles White

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 3:12-16

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.

MESSAGE

"STRAINING FORWARD"	
Sandy Willson	
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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

Holy Father, Who graciously sent Your Son that we might be redeemed from our former way of life to a life of faith and obedience, we humbly approach Your throne to confess our many failings and shortcomings: we have often offered the palm branches of praise, while plotting treason against Your will; we have professed Your lordship, while pursuing our own selfish ends; we have sinned against You and against our neighbor.

We are profoundly sorry and, by Your grace, would truly repent.
Forgive us, dear Lord, through the sacrifice of Your dear Son, in Whose blessed Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

-1 Peter 3:18a

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.

Apostle's 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.

Congregational Response

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN.

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

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.

"There is a Fountain"

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved, to sin no more: Be saved, to sin no more, Be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved, to sin no more.

Words: William Cowper. Music: Karl Digerness.

"All I Have is Christ"



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the 2.But as I ran my hell bound race in - diff erent to the 3.Now, Lord I would be Yours a - lone, and live so all might



way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the cost, You looked up on my help-less state and led me to the see the strength to fol-low Your commands could nev-er come from



grave. I had no hope that You would own a re-bel to Your cross. And I be-held God's love dis played; You suff-ered in my me. Oh Fa-ther use my ran-somed life in an - y way You



will, and if You had not loved me first, I would re-fuse You still. place. You bore the wrath re served for me, now all I know is grace. choose, and let my song for - ev - er be, "My on - ly boast is You."



Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin, 2008..

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heartfelt thanksgiving we give to you, O Lord, for You have come to this world, not to condemn us, but to save us from all evil, even death itself. We have been together in Your presence, we have heard Your gracious Word, we have partaken of the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, we await Your benediction.

We now leave the Assembly of Your people with joyful gratitude, because of all You have done for us.

All glory, laud, and honor be to Your Name, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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!



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 • C224 (available for the entire worship hour)

4K • C221 (available for the entire worship hour)

Kindergarten - C221 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

1st through 3rd Grades • C316 (dismissed during Passing of the Peace)

Holy Week Schedule. Please join us at Covenant this week for our Holy Week services. See the full schedule listed on page 23.

Journey Towards Purpose Workshop. Ladies, join us at Covenant for "Journey Towards Purpose: A pathFinder Retreat" with Anna Nash on April 13 (5:30-9:30) and April 14 (8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.). We will look at what God says about your life and investigate some amazing things about how He uniquely created you. The cost is \$50, and you can learn more about pathFinder and register at covpres.com/womens-ministry.

Come to the Table. Ladies, mark your calendars for our Spring event, "Come to the Table" on April 24. We will have an opportunity to give to several of our missions partners, hear from a panel of our members serving with local missions, and gather in homes for dinner and fellowship in smaller groups. Invitations coming after Spring Break!

VBS Beach Bash 2018. Please make plans to serve with us during our Beach Bash at VBS June 18-21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon! Rising 4k-4th grades will follow Jesus along the sea of Galilee. The sun will be out and the surf will be up as we learn that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life! Volunteer and register children at covpres.com/childrens-ministry.

CDS Summer Programs. Registration is open for our Covenant Day School Summer Programs. Rising 3k-1st graders are invited to join us for Summer Fun. The program is two days (\$25/day) a week for four weeks in July. Rising Kindergartners can also register for our Kindergarten Camps. There are two different options, one week in June and one in July (\$150/week). For all of the details and registration forms, visit covenantdayschool.org.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT: March 25 - 31, 2018

SUNDAY, March 25

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (Commons) 9:00 a.m. Gathered Worship (Sanctuary)

Children's Worship | 3 years through 3rd grade

THURSDAY, March 29

6:00 p.m. Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

nursery childcare available for ages 5 and under

FRIDAY, March 30 Church Office closed

12:00 noon Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

nursery childcare available for ages 5 and under

FINANCIAL UPDATE through February 28, 2018

GENERAL FUND GIVING (135 Commitments totaling \$1,922,262)

<u>Budget</u> Receipts **Expenses** \$584,647 \$449,227 \$550,975

2018 Operating Surplus/(Deficit): (\$101,748)

2018 Operating Reserve: \$480,251

2018 Line of Credit: \$0

FAITH PROMISE GIVING (76 commitments totaling \$199,045)

<u>Budget</u> Funds Received Funds Disbursed

\$29,400 \$31,950 \$29,400

FAITH PROMISE RESERVE: \$122,206

MISSION DISBURSEMENT FROM GENERAL FUND: \$29,400

If you have questions regarding the budget, please contact Marty Crawford in the church office or members of the Joint Finance Committee:

Ty Dedmon Lee Sheppard Gary Gorham Todd Sitton Darrell Tucker Merrill Johnston Mark Miller John Wood

The Campaign for Covenant

FAITHFUL over a LITTLE

Pledges (252 commitments):

\$3,506,682

Receipts: \$2,975,702 Funds from sale of building: \$1,987,385 Total funds provided: \$4,963,087 Funds used for debt: (\$1,983,644) Funds available: \$2,979,443 Costs to date: (\$2,669,490)Net funds available: \$309,953



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 |

March 29
Fellowship Dinner | 6:00 pm
Gathered Worship | 7:00 pm

(nursery childcare available for ages 5 and under)

GOOD FRIDAY

March 30

Gathered Worship | 12:00 noon

(nursery childcare available for ages 5 and under)

| EASTER SUNDAY |

April 1

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

10:30 a.m.

Maps and directional signs are located around the church.

COMMUNITY | E305 All ages and life stages

CORNERSTONE | S104 30s and 40s

CROSSPOINTE | S100 20s and 30s

FOUNDATIONS | E304 30s and 40s

LIGHTHOUSE | E301 3os and 4os

LIVING STONES | E303 40s and 50s

KINGDOM BUILDERS | E201 40s, 50s, and 60s

OPEN DOORS | S105 *70s and above*

UPPER ROOM | S101 *50s, 60s, and 70s*

THRESHOLD | DINING ROOM Singles and newly married;

20s and 30s

YOUTH | YOUTH AREA Students grades 7-12

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RULING ELDERS

2018 2019 2020

AC Frese Ty Dedmon Bill Bennett Eric Gettv Will Brooke Jeff Dyess John Hamilton Rick Flynn Michael Latta Daniel Murray Heath Henderson Charlie Logan Warren Norville Tom McKnight Paul Loyless Jason Peevy John Smith T Bob Schaffeld Ben Walker Richard Thompson Lee Sheppard

Clay Wheeler Steve Stigler

Charles White Mark Taylor

John Wood

DEACONS

2018 2019 2020

Brandon Bishop Jim Bennett Tripp Alexander
Nathan Collums Gary Gorham Paul Darden
John Harrelson Keith Harrelson Jay Evans
Randall Lancaster Jeff Hayes Bryan Flores
Matt Searson Steve Killgore John Gant

Patrick Strong Steve Pfitzer John David Gray
Darrell Tucker Brent Powell Marty Martin

John Shank Bud Miller
Todd Sitton Tyler O'Connor
William Slappey John Shults
Billy Tapscott Danny Smith

Robert Stephens

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 2018.

MARCH READING PLAN

	NUMBERS	MADIC
1	NUMBERS □ 26-27	MARK □ 8:22-9:1
2	□ 28-29	□ 8.22-9.1 □ 9:2-29
3/4	□ 30-33	□ 9:2-29 □ 9:30-10:34
5	□ 34-35	□ 9.30-10.34 □ 10:35-52
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7	□ 2-4	□ 11:15-33
8	□ 5-7	□ 12:1-27
9	□ 8-10	□ 12:28-44
10/11	□ 11-16	□ 13:1-14:9
12	□ 17-19	□ 14:10-31
13	□ 20-22	□ 14:32-52
14	□ 23-25	□ 14:53-72
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