

The Lord's Day

March 17, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."
-1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 984) [Colossians 2:6-7](#)

* Hymn 181 [We Come, O Christ, to You](#) DARWALL

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 484) [Psalm 70:1-5](#)
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1014) [1 Peter 1:13-16](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 421 [Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness](#) SCHMÜCKE DICH

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Dreaming of Evil's End* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Zechariah 5:5-11](#) (Bible, p. 795)

* Hymn 168 [I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art](#) TOULON

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn (insert) *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*
arr. M. Papa, M. Boswell, & M. Bleeker

* Benediction

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

Postlude

As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

Communion Reminder: The outside rows on each cup tray contain grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker served is gluten-free.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

March 17, 2024

Worship Leader: Scott Warren
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Howard Craig
Nursery: Dee Volkert, Abigail Bassett
10:30 (Worship):
Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group

Evening:

March 24, 2024

Worship Leader: Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: David Embree
Nursery: Julie Anne Edwards, Katie Lazzaro
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group

Evening: *An Evening of Musical Worship -
The Easter Story at 6:00 PM*

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; He the per - fect Son of
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; Christ the Lord up - on the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; slain by death, the God of

1 King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robed in
Man. In his liv - ing, in his suf - fering, nev - er
tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
life. But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the

4 frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the price of our re -
Lord, he is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

7 dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to
A - dam, come to save the hell bound man, Christ the
demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold, bring - ing
liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in

10 Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured love un - told!
pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday		Palm Sunday
	6:00 PM	An Evening of Musical Worship – The Easter Story

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL WORSHIP – THE EASTER STORY

Join us **Palm Sunday** at 6:00 PM for a special evening of worship. Come hear scripture readings and music about the life, death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please invite friends and family! Light refreshments will be served.

JOINT MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Please join us for a Maundy Thursday worship service at the **Presbyterian Church of Manchester** (394 Lydall St., Manchester) on **Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM**. Let us enjoy fellowship with our sister churches and worship our precious Savior, Jesus Christ.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **Sunday, April 7th**, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15 AM). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com) or the church office.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The women's Bible study of Romans will be taking a short break for about a month. I will be considering a new time for the study so please contact me if you have any suggestions. Thank you! Debbie Goodale 860-455-6579.

The next women's **Zoom Bible study** will be on **Monday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM**. We will continue studying the book of Mark. Please contact Elizabeth Koopman (e.koopman61@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 PM**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142) or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

WATER COOLERS

In order to reduce costs, and the amount of recycling, the Deacons have purchased two (2) water coolers that are located at the coffee station and in the kitchen. We encourage you to bring water bottles (with lids) or use the provided cups. The 7oz plastic water bottles are reserved for use by our Worship leaders.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATING

The Church Directory will be updated and distributed, hopefully by early April. If you have any additions/deletions/changes that you would like to be made to your listing, please make the changes to the sheets on the clipboard on the back table of Fellowship Hall **by March 24th**. You can also email Danielle Bolliger with any changes at office@coventrypca.church. If you would like to update or add a photo of you and/or your family, you can also email that to the office or you could go to the online directory and update it yourself. Just a reminder when sending or changing a photo, please make sure the photo is not dark or blurry and no one is wearing sunglasses. We want to see your faces! Thanks!

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Dreaming of Evil's End

Zechariah 5:5-11

Main Preaching Point: Since the Lord has justified you and continues sanctify you in the likeness of Jesus Christ, long for and pursue a life of holiness as you wait for Christ's coming and consummation.

- The Presence of Wickedness
 - Evil's distortion of reality
 - The wickedness of man's natural condition
- The Remedy for Wickedness
 - The Eradication and Removal of sin
 - The Impossibility of serving two masters

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 5:5-11

Title: Dreaming of Evil's End

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

The Presence of Wickedness

2. Read Zechariah 5:5-8. What is the image that Zechariah sees? How does this overall vision compare to the previous vision? What is similar? What is different? Discuss.

3. What does the woman and basket represent? According to the sermon, what is an *Ephah*? As a particular measurement what is odd

about the image of a woman in a basket/ephah? How does this represent the distorting/deceiving nature of evil and wickedness?

- Discuss some of the ways in which sin and wickedness can be deceiving? How does Satan deceive?

4. Recall the overall context of Zechariah. God's people are called to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. According to the sermon what particular deception did the people need to be on guard against as it relates to worship and the life of faith? Does a rebuilt temple mean a mature and strong people of God? How does this relate to today?

5. Consider your own life and faith. What areas of your life (e.g. a particular relationship, an attitude, incessant sin, etc.) are outside the Lordship of Christ? What is causing a struggle in bringing that part of life more in line with what is pleasing to the Lord? Explain.

The Remedy for Wickedness

6. Read Zechariah 5:9-11. What does this vision/image communicate from a spiritual and community aspect? How does it relate to issues of sin and wickedness? As any Christian knows, the ongoing presence and struggle with sin is not so easily delt with. Discuss/consider what God has provided to continue growing in maturity and faith.

7. Focus on v.11. Where is the land of Shinar? And what is significant about the house mentioned in the text? According to the sermon, how does this relate to Jesus' words in Matthew 6:24?

8. How does this vision relate to the gospel of Jesus Christ? How is it a picture pointing forward to the consummation when all of creation is restored and set free from the ongoing effects of sin?

- The Eradication and Removal of sin
- The Impossibility of serving two masters