

The Lord's Day
March 24, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY

Scripture for Meditation: "And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."
-Luke 19:47 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Zechariah 9:9, 16-17](#)

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

Righteous and having salvation is he.

On that day the LORD their God will save them,

As the flock of his people;

For like the jewels of a crown

They shall shine on his land.

For how great is his goodness,

And how great his beauty!

* Hymn 310 [Rejoice, the Lord Is King](#) NICEA

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 790) [Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 912) [Acts 4:23-31](#)

Hymn 308 [Jesus Paid It All](#) ALL TO CHRIST

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* arr. S. Townend

Children's Moment

Hymn 189 [Jesus Loves Me, This I Know](#) JESUS LOVES ME

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Destined for the Cross* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Luke 19:28-40](#) (Bible, p. 878)

* Hymn 295 [Crown Him with Many Crowns](#) DIADEMATA

* Benediction

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.

An Evening of Musical Worship – The Easter Story, 6:00 PM:
Join us **tonight 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.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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*

March 31, 2024

Worship Leader: Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Nursery: Colleen Millett, Toni Kirk

10:30 (Worship)

Coffee Clean-up: Sundet Shepherding Group

Evening: *Easter Sunday-
No Evening Gathering of Praise*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea-sure, that
2. Be-hold the man up-on the cross, my sin up-on his shoul-ders; a-
3. I will not boast in an-y-thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom; but

he should give his on-ly Son to make a wretch his trea-sure. How
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a-mong the scof-fers. It
I will boast in Je-sus Christ, his death and res-ur-rec-tion. Why

great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa-ther turns his face a-way, as
was my sin that held him there, un-til it was ac-com-plished; his
should I gain from his re-ward? I can-not give an an-swer, but

wounds that mar the Cho-sen One bring
dy-ing breath has brought me life: I
this I know with all my heart, his

ma-ny sons to glo-ry.
know that it is fin-ished.
wounds have paid my ran-som.

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This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Thursday	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service at PCM
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Fellowship/Refreshments for Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A Wednesday afternoon Bible study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. We are studying 1-2 Corinthians.
If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office (860) 742-7222.

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, April 1st, 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 TODAY**. 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

Destined for the Cross

Luke 19:28-40

Main Preaching Point: As glorious Lord and humble King, Jesus calls his people into his wonderful redemptive story that they would know the end for which they were made—to know and worship Him.

- Jesus' determination to save a people: fulfillment of a larger plan
- The believer's place in God's big picture: the privilege of being part of the story
- The King's humble coronation: the Lordship of Jesus

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Luke 19:28-40

Title: Destined for the Cross

Questions:

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

Jesus' determination to save a people: fulfillment of a larger plan

2. Read Luke 19:28-40. Focus on v.28. According to the sermon how is this passage literarily significant, by way of structure? Read also Luke 9:51, 13:22, and 17:11.

- What does 9:51 mean when it says, "he set his face to go to Jerusalem"? The Greek word behind "set" means "firmly planted" or "steadfastly resolved." Jesus knew he would be "taken up" (returning to his heavenly Father), yet he steadfastly committed himself to pursue the cross. Reflect on John Calvin's comments: "He had to be moved by the

cruel and bitter death, the dreadful and horrifying torture which He knew hung over Him from the strict judgment of God...He cast off all care for Himself, devoted Himself to our salvation, and walked through the midst of terrors towards the death which He well knew was near at hand."¹

3. There are potentially many pursuits we may engage in throughout life—education, friendships, vocations, leisure activities—amidst all of those things how should Jesus' pursuit of the cross give primary shape to our life and faith? Explain. How might his pursuit of the cross give us relief from our pursuits?

**The believer's place in God's big picture:
the privilege of being part of the story**

4. What roles do the disciples play in the triumphal entry story? Do they understand what is happening? Discuss.

5. How does the simple obedience of the two disciples provide an example for us? At times we don't understand God's providential ways or how his Kingdom is unfolding, yet how might a focus on obedience to God's clear commands enable us to play a part in God's grand story? Discuss.

The King's humble coronation: the Lordship of Jesus

6. Read v.37-40. What is the response of Jesus' disciples as he comes into Jerusalem? How does this reveal an important aspect of Jesus' identity? What does it mean that Jesus is King? What are the implications for living our lives after him? For the church of Christ?

¹ John Calvin. NT Commentaries: Harmony of the Gospels. Eerdmans. P.241