

The Lord's Day
March 31, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM
EASTER SUNDAY

Scripture for Meditation: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

-1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Leader: If then you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
Where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on things that are above,
Not on things that are on earth.
For you have died,
And your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your life appears,
Then you also will appear with him in glory.

* Hymn 277 [Christ the Lord Is Risen Today](#) EASTER HYMN

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Psalm 23:1-6](#)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 942) [Romans 6:5-11](#)

Hymn 260 [Were You There?](#) WERE YOU THERE?

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 307 [Nothing but the Blood](#) PLAINFIELD

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *A Living Hope* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [1 Peter 1:3-9](#) (Bible, p. 1014)

* Hymn 521 [My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less](#) SOLID ROCK

* 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.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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*

April 7, 2024

Worship Leader: Richard Jones
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Scott Bolliger
Nursery: Eleanor Hong, Natalie Snyder
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group

Evening:

This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement
	6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class Discovery Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY

The Spring All-Church Workday is scheduled for **Saturday, April 13th**, beginning with donuts and coffee at **9:00 AM**. We are hoping to accomplish various indoor and outdoor tasks and we have jobs for people of all ages and abilities. Please see the sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall and consider how you may help us maintain the lovely building and grounds God has given us. (There is a rain date of Saturday, April 20th for outdoor tasks – indoor tasks can be done rain or shine!)

LADIES TEA & TESTIMONY

On **Saturday, April 27th** at **11 AM**, we're having a Tea & Testimony at the church. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the clipboard on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Consider bringing a light

snack to share. If needed, babysitting will be provided. Please let us know if you need it so we can schedule sitters. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Ohlund or Debbie Goodale. This tea will be open to teens in high school.

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, April 10th 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.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers, please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased.



Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

A Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3-9

Main Preaching Point: If you are united to Christ, the risen Lord, live out your faith with sincere hope and deep joy knowing that you have a glorious inheritance that awaits and that the One who sustains and sanctifies you is greater than any earthly trial.

- The Sure Foundation of Hope
- The Future Experience of Hope
- The Present Effect of Hope

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Title: A Living Hope

Questions:

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

The Sure Foundation of Hope

2. Read 1 Peter 1:3. According to the sermon (and text) who is Peter writing to? How did suffering and trials give shape to this community? Read 1 Peter 1:6, 2:18-20; 3:9, 13-17; 4:1-4. How does this relate to hope?

3. What is this "living hope" that Peter mentions? How would you define hope? How is it different than wishful thinking or believing in the high probability of something coming to pass?

- According to v.3 what is the foundation of hope? Identify the three things.

- What is God's mercy?
- What does it mean to be 'born again'? Read also John 3:3.
- How is the resurrection of Christ foundational for having hope? Read Romans 6:5. Consider & discuss the significance of being united to Christ in his death and in his resurrection.

The Future Experience of Hope

4. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4. Describe the future experience or reality of hope. To what does hope look? Describe the inheritance that is to come. According to the sermon, why is the inheritance described as "kept in heaven"?

5. What does it mean that the inheritance to come is characterized in the following ways:

- › Never perishing
- › Does not spoil
- › Never fading

6. Read v.6-7. Peter explains that the purpose of trials is to test/prove faith, which he compares to that of gold refined by fire. What does the proven faith result in? What is the praise, glory, and honor referring to? How does it relate to our final salvation and inheritance? Discuss.

The Present Effect of Hope

7. Read 1 Peter 1:8-9. How does hope and God's sanctifying work through the presence of trials bring Peter to say, you "are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy"? How does hope lead to great joy?

- In the face of life's sufferings and trials, as well as death itself, do you have hope? What is it based on? Are you trusting in Jesus Christ? Discuss.