

The Lord's Day

April 21, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"
-Micah 6:8 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) [Psalm 149:1-2](#)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

* Hymn 700 [Come, We That Love the Lord](#) ST. THOMAS

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 485) [Psalm 72:1-11](#)
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 984) [Colossians 3:12-17](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*
arr. Getty/Townend

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *What Does the LORD Require?* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Zechariah 7:1-14](#) (Bible, p. 795)

* Hymn 457 [Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing](#) NETTLETON

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

The Lord's Supper

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

* 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.

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.

Sunday Evening Praise, 6:00 PM:

Our Sunday evening gathering of praise starts at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come sing, pray, and hear from God's Word to close out your Lord's Day rest.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

April 21, 2024

Worship Leader: David Augustine
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Nursery: Amy Bassett, Julia Bonadies
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group

Evening:

April 28, 2024

Worship Leader: John Sundet
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Howard Craig
Nursery: Sarah Dumas, Alivia Snyder
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Warren Shepherding Group

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

This Week at Church

Tuesday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	11:00 AM	Ladies Tea & Testimony
Sunday	9:30 AM	Bible Overview Class
		Discovery Class
	6:00 PM	An Evening of Musical Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

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.



MOVING HELP NEEDED FOR THE BENEDICTS

On Saturday, April 27th, Jill and I are looking for help moving to an apartment in Vernon. We will be loading a box truck with the furniture and also be bringing boxes over by individual vehicles. We will be starting at 10 AM and should be done around 4 PM. We could also use help packing boxes the week before and after. Please let us know if you are available to help.

Pete (860-803-2159)

Jill (860-803-1998)

VBS – 2024!

We are planning to hold VBS this year from July 29 – August 2. There will be an informational meeting after worship on April 28th, in the combined classrooms adjacent to the kitchen. Anyone

interested in assisting with VBS in any way this year is invited! We will introduce the theme, discuss plans, and outline opportunities to serve in various capacities. Please plan to attend if you have any potential interest in supporting VBS. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please see Collin Robinson, Anita Hilinski, or Sue Owens with questions if you are interested in supporting VBS but will be unable to attend.

CIVITAS SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL

The Civitas School will host an informational event for the spring, “Magistras et Majestas: Education and the Glory of God” on **Saturday, May 18th from 8:30-12:30 at the Presbyterian Church of Manchester.** The morning will include a chapel service, a series of brief lessons taught by Civitas teachers (what can algebra, composition, music, biblical literacy, engineering, and literature teach us about Christ?), a Q&A about Christian education, and luncheon. Come be a Civitas student for a morning and see how the pursuit of knowledge reveals the majesty of God, and how the liberal arts teach us to surrender ourselves in worship. Anyone interested in the mission and work of Civitas is encouraged to attend. For more information please visit: www.civitasschool.org/events

BABY SHOWER FOR VICTORIA van EYK

All women and girls of PCC are invited to join us for a baby shower honoring Victoria van Eyk on **Saturday, May 18th, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Her baby boy is due early July 2024!



Find her registry on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (If you would like to contribute to a larger group gift, please see Roxy Lessard or email Roxana.Lessard1@gmail.com) Bring a package of diapers if you would like to participate in the Diaper Raffle!

We are asking the women of the church who are attending to each contribute finger-foods or hors-d'oeuvres. Last names A-L should bring a salty/savory plate and last names M-Z should bring a sweet plate. Hot and cold drinks and a cake will be provided.

Questions? Please see Roxy Lessard or Julia Bonadies.

PCC OUTDOOR ADVENTURES HIKE

May 25, 2024 (Saturday):

Mount Greylock Hike (6.2 mi., 1,916ft el., Duration: ~5 hours, Diff. Level: Challenging)

Location: Cheshire Harbor Trailhead, West Mountain Rd, Adams, MA 01220

Time: Meet at PCC @ 6:45am, one way drive is 2.5 hours (we need drivers!)

Necessities: Min. 2L of water, lunch/snacks, small backpack, hiking shoes/boots, clothing layers

Sign up by May 17th by texting/calling Derick Lessard, 860-810-9585

Liability waivers will need to be signed by all participants.

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, April 29th, 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 24th at 6:00 PM.** Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142), Abe or Colleen Millett or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

MEAL MINISTRY

There are still 5 or 6 meals left in the Deacon's Meal Freezer. Please use these as you are able to take advantage of the love and efforts of those who made them. If you are in need of more than a couple meals, please contact Pete or Jill Benedict. Pete (860-803-2159) or Jill (860-803-1998)

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who bore my
 2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who walks be -
 3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who reigns a -

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 pain; who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
 side; who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
 bove; whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose

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 gave me life a - gain. Who crushed my curse of
 caus - es fears to fly. Whose ev - cry pro - mise
 ev - ery thought is love. For ev - ery day I

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 sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light and
 is e - nough for ev - ery step I take; sus -
 have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So

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 wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r u - pon my
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low

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 1.2. Piano
 heart. grace.
 3. rit. Him. To love and fol - low Him.
 Piano 8

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

What Does the LORD Require?

Zechariah 7:1-14

Main Preaching Point: In response to his redeeming grace, the Lord calls his people to a God-centered devotion that is from the genuineness of the heart—shaped by a life of justice, mercy, and worship.

- The Question: Continue Fasting?
- The Answer: A Hard-hitting Response
 - False Fasting: Self-serving empty ritual
 - True Fasting: Lives of Justice, Mercy, and Worship

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 7:1-14

Title: What Does the LORD Require?

Questions:

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

The Question: Continue Fasting?

2. Read Zechariah 7:1-3. What is significant about the time stamp in verse 1—that is, “the fourth year of King Darius”? Read Zechariah 1:1. What year did God's word first come to Zechariah? The temple was completed in the 6th year of King Darius (see Ezra 6:15). This means that in the fourth year the temple construction is well underway. How does this relate to the question that comes in v.3? Discuss.

3. Read v.4-7. To their question, the LORD provides a four-fold response, running through chapter 7 & 8. In 7:4, 7:8, 8:1, and 8:18 we have the four initial responses that the LORD provides to the question that comes in 7:3. Focus on 7:4-7. What is behind the Lord's question: “when you fasted and mourned...these 70 years, was it for me that you fasted?” What was the lesson that the LORD was seeking to teach his people through the exile? Why were they exiled in the first place?

- What is the danger of carrying out Christian practices and disciplines (e.g. prayer, fasting, meditation on God's Word, public worship, confession of sin, etc.) without cultivating and acknowledging one's heart and desires in the direction of the Lord? Discuss.

The Answer: A Hard-hitting Response

4. How does the Lord's response get to the heart of biblical Christianity? Does it? Explain. Think about the greatest commandment in Scripture—Deut. 6:5 & Matthew 22:34-38. “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” The greatest thing the Lord commands us to is not so much an action (though it certainly is manifested in actions), but a desire. He commands our desires. What does this reflect about human nature and what our God is ultimately after? Discuss.

5. Read v.8-10. How are these actions a demonstration of one's love for God? Why does the LORD care about these things and groups of people? How is the church in demonstrating kindness, mercy, and justice, a paradigm for the larger culture?

6. How does the larger passage in Zechariah point one to the Lord Jesus Christ and his gospel? Read Luke 4:16-21.