

The Lord's Day

April 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD...in those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'*

-Zechariah 8:22-23 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 571) [Isaiah 6:1-5](#)

* Hymn 105 [O God, We Praise Thee](#) DUNDEE

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 485) [Psalm 72:12-20](#)
(continuous reading)

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 1014) [1 Peter 2:4-10](#)

Hymn (insert) *I Will Trust My Savior Jesus* CITYALIGHT

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

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

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *From Fasts to Feasts* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [Zechariah 8:1-23](#) (Bible, p. 796)

* Hymn 469 [How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place](#) ST. COLUMBA

* Benediction

Postlude

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by **Scott & Danielle Bolliger** in honor of their 30th Anniversary.

An Evening of Musical Worship, 6:00 PM:

Let's get together for an evening of musical worship! We'll sing and play a variety of music together. Some hymns out of the book, some solos, some groups, some Psalms, all to the glory of God. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Let's bring our gifts to the Lord, and may they be a pleasing aroma!

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

April 28, 2024

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

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

May 5, 2024

Worship Leader: Scott Warren
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: David Embree
Nursery: Anita Hilinski, Lydia Edwards
10:30 (Worship)
Coffee Clean-up: Wilson Shepherding Group

Evening:

This Week at Church

Monday	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Children's Music & Movement
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

VBS – 2024!

We are planning to hold VBS this year from **July 29 – August 2**. There will be an informational meeting **after worship TODAY**, 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.civitaschool.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** (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.

CHURCH-WIDE POT PROVIDENCE

On **Sunday, May 19th**, immediately following morning worship, we will be holding a church-wide pot providence meal at the church. Please plan to stay to enjoy a meal with the people of God in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a slow-cooker meal, side, or dessert—drinks will be provided.

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

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 Zoom Bible study will meet on **April 29th at 7:00 PM**. This will be the last study for the season finishing up the book of Mark. Please contact Elizabeth Koopman for the zoom link.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **Wednesday, May 8th 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)

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.



I WILL TRUST MY SAVIOR JESUS

Cityalight

Verse 1, 2



I will trust my sav-ior Je - sus, trust him when my strength is small. For I
I will trust my sav-ior Je - sus when my dar-kest doubts be - fall. Trust him



know the shield of Je - sus is the saf - est place of all.
when to sim-ply trust him seems the har - dest thing of all.

Chorus



Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus help me trust you more and more!



Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus, may my heart be ev - er yours.

Verse 3

I will trust my savior Jesus, he has said his way is best.
For I know the path he's chosen leads to everlasting rest.

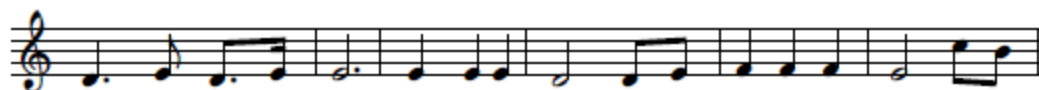
Chorus (2x)

Jesus, only Jesus, help me trust you more and more!
Jesus, only Jesus, may my heart be ever yours.

Bridge (3x)



Oh on the cross, how it was seen I can go now ev-er trus-ting in the



one who died for me. What can I bring for your gift is com-plete? So I



trust you, sim-ply trust you, Lord, with eve - ry part of me.

Chorus (2x)

Jesus, only Jesus, help me trust you more and more!
Jesus, only Jesus, may my heart be ever yours.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

From Fasts to Feasts

Zechariah 8:1-23

Main Preaching Point: Yield to the Lord's word and draw near to his faith-community so that you will know his saving grace, abundant blessings, and be used to bring his gospel to the nations.

- A New City Saved by the LORD (v.1-8)
 - A Flourishing City Sowing Peace (v.9-19)
 - A Future City Sought by the Nations (v.20-23)
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Zechariah 8:1-23

Title: From Fasts to Feasts

Questions:

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

A New City Saved by the LORD (v.1-8)

2. Read Zechariah 8:1-8. What characteristics define this picture of the restored city?

- What role does God's relationship to his people play in giving shape to the restored community? Explain.

3. What does this passage reveal about the character of God? Experiencing the blessing and favor of God seems to be dependent on God's presence and dwelling with man. How are believers to cultivate the presence of the Lord? What practices are you demonstrating and seeking to live out to know the dwelling of God in your life?

A Flourishing City Sowing Peace (v.9-19)

4. Read Zechariah 8:9-19. What characteristics define this picture of the restored city? How might this picture of flourishing be an encouragement for the people to be strong ("Let your hands be strong") and continue in their building efforts?

5. Focus on v.14-15. Given that the LORD brought disaster upon God's people in times past and is now visiting them with good and times of refreshing, how would you describe God's character? Is he immutable? How would you explain the consistency of God's actions, given that his actions at times are wrathful and at other times merciful? Discuss.

6. Given that God's promise of blessing and restoration is to the corporate body, how should individual believers think about the place and priority of the covenant community? In what way(s) can the high American values of individualism and consumerism effect the way individual believers view and relate to the corporate body? What potential dangers surface? Discuss.

A Future City Sought by the Nations (v.20-23)

7. Read v.20-23. How do the first two pictures (v.1-8 and v.9-19) point to and find the beginning of fulfillment in the New Testament church inaugurated by Christ? Explain.

8. How do v.20-23 also begin to find fulfillment in the early church, particularly in Pentecost? Read Acts 2:1-13 (and Peter's sermon following, in v.14-41).

9. How does the larger text of Zechariah 8 point to the gospel of the Lord Jesus?