

The Lord's Day

April 23, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."
-Psalm 30:4-5 (ESV)

Prelude Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 605) [Isaiah 44:21-23](#)

* Hymn 376 [Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty](#) NEANDER

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Jeremiah 31](#)

Leader: Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword

Found grace in the wilderness

When Israel sought for rest,

The LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

Therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

With weeping they shall come,

And with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,

I will make them walk by brooks of water,

In a straight path in which they shall not stumble.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,

And the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy;

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,

**And my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the LORD."**

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 948) [Romans 13:1-7](#)
(continuous reading)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

Hymn 188 [Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting](#) TRANQUILITY

** Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *From Mourning to the Joy of the Morning*

Text: [Psalm 30:1-12](#) (Bible, p. 461)

Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 156 [O Lord, How Shall I Meet You](#) ST. THEODULPH

* Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 32

Pastor: But why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

The Lord's Supper

* Hymn 172 [Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder](#) ALL SAINTS OLD

* 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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

April 23, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: David Embree
Ushers: Jeff Edwards
Audio: Tim Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Toni Kirk, Ava Wilson
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Chenelle Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

April 30, 2023

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Howard Craig
Audio: Tim Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*): Sue Owens, Sierra Hilinski
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up: Chenelle Shepherding Group
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Monday	2:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering
	6:30 PM	Women's In-Person Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Midweek Recharge
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:30 AM	Discovery Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

DISCOVERY CLASS

Starting today, 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.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After worship today, there is a called congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a search committee for an Associate Pastor. All members are encouraged to attend.

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL WORSHIP

Tonight at 6:00 PM! Let's get together for an evening of 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!

COMING EVENTS

CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MOVEMENT: Spring Semester

A new 7-week session begins **Tuesday, April 25th at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall**. Classes run 4/25-6/6. New student fee: \$15 for one set of instruments. Returning students: Free. Please contact Colleen Millett to sign up or with any questions: 860-458-8129 or ckmillett@gmail.com. Spread the word!

CANOE TRIP

Overnight canoe trip hosted by Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven on **June 2 & 3**. See flyer on back table of fellowship hall for more information.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Bible Study takes place at 1:00 PM at the church. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office: (860) 742-7222.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

In-Person Women's Bible Study led by Debbie Goodale, at 6:30 PM at the church. We will be going through the book of Romans! Please reach out to Debbie Goodale if you have any questions. Cell: 860-455-6579; Email: dlhgoodale@gmail.com. Next one – Apr. 24th.

Zoom Women's Bible Study led by Elizabeth Koopman at 7:00 PM. We will be going through the book of Mark! Please reach out to Hannah Sung for the Zoom link via text/call: 862-334-3839 or via email: hannahmoon93@gmail.com. Next one – May 1st.

MEAL MINISTRY FREEZER

The deacons have purchased a small freezer dedicated solely to the meal ministry. Currently there are four meals in the freezer. There is a list on the outside of the meals and their ingredients as well as side items that go with them. Please take a meal for yourself or give one to someone that can use one and mark off the meal that you have taken. We are also looking for individuals or groups that would be willing

to make meals as they are needed going forward. Please contact Pete or Jill Benedict with questions or to sign up.

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on **April 26th**. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship.

For those who would like to contribute meals, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Fellowship Hall with a list of needs for the upcoming meeting. 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.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word
From Mourning to the Joy of the Morning
Psalm 30

Main Preaching Point: Since those in Christ receive God's discipline but for a moment, yet his favor for a lifetime, sing and live with joy before the presence of God.

- Earthly Prosperity—God's gift, and test
- The Valley—frightening, but purposeful
- Worship—with joy, tongue, and whole being

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Psalm 30

Title: From Mourning to the Joy of the Morning

Questions:

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

Earthly Prosperity—God's gift, and test

2. According to the sermon, what is the difference between Psalms of *orientation, disorientation, and reorientation*? Which is Psalm 30? Why?

- Read v.1-3, 12. Why is David expressing praise? Discuss.

3. Read v.6. As David looks back at his falling, what did he say and put his trust in? Should a believer ever feel or think, "I shall never be moved"? Compare David's words here to his words in Psalm 15:5. Discuss.

- What was the problem with David's thinking: "I shall never be moved"? Discuss.

- How should we view earthly prosperity? How is it a gift, and also a test?

The Valley—frightening, but purposeful

4. Identify in the Psalm where David is experiencing the valley? Are trials, pains, and feelings of discouragement/depression the result of one's own doing, or that of the LORD? What does David mean by the words, "you hid your face..." (v.7)?

- Read Psalm 88:14-18. Relate.

5. Though the LORD allowed or ordained for David the experience of a valley, how does God purpose and use this for David's good? Explain. Focus on v.5 & 11. What is the movement or transformation that David experiences? How might this movement or cycle—from mourning to joy, from sorrow to gladness, serve as a paradigm for our Christian life?

- Consider your own life at this time: How would you describe your present spiritual and emotional state? Upon what are you standing (e.g. David saying, "in my prosperity...") for your stability and strength? In what particular ways are you leaning in upon Christ and his means of grace for a firmer footing?

Worship—with joy, tongue, and whole being

6. Read v.5. What is joy? Is it more than an emotion? How is true joy dependent upon life in Christ? In what way is the cross and resurrection of Christ the foundation for joy?