



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

Covenant Community Church



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First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

People: You are my refuge and my fortress. You are my God in whom I trust.

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.

People: No evil shall befall us. No scourge shall come near our tents.

Leader: Those who love the Lord, God will deliver. God protects those who know the name of the Lord. God saves them and honors them in times of trouble.

People: Show us our salvation, O God. Show us your favor as we offer you our worship.

*Opening Hymn #222 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Hymn #226 *What Wondrous Love*

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture Lesson John 1:19-28
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Voices in the Wilderness

Interlude

Response to the Word

Leader: O God you have spoken to us today through the word of faith.

People: May your spirit give us boldness, that your words may be shown in all that we say and in all that we do to bring your kingdom on earth.

Leader: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response:

*Grant us, Lord, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer unto thee. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent Into the World

*Closing Hymn #219

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

*Benediction

*Response (*our tradition is to face and bless each other as we sing*)

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: O God, you have spoken to us today through his word of faith.

People: May your spirit give us boldness, that your words may be shown in all that we say and in all that we do to bring your kingdom on earth.

Leader: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Postlude

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us to Worship

Ministers to the World:

The Congregation

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Announcements

- **Adult Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.:** We're beginning a new series this Sunday, so this would be a great time to join us! Lynn Conner is the facilitator.
- **Food Shelf Set Up, Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 15, Jericho.**
Distribution, Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.: at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
- **East Coast Conference Annual Meeting Representatives Needed:** Meeting will be at a covenant church in Springfield, Massachusetts on April 26 & 27 (half day). We can send two delegates to represent our church at this meeting. It is a good opportunity to connect with other church representatives in the conference. Please talk with Pastor Jeannette if you have questions.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

Welcome!

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you!
We are glad to have you here—we are better together.
If you are visiting us for the first time,
please sign our guest book at the entrance,
and complete a visitor's card
Please join us for coffee or tea after worship.
We would like to get to know you.
Child care (infant through pre-K) is provided
during the worship service.
We ask that you please pick up your child
promptly after church.

This Week's Events

Sunday, March 10th
Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 14th
Food Shelf Set Up, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 16th
Food Shelf Distribution, 9:00 a.m.

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conner, 879-4313 (church) or Diane Border, Church Administrative Assistant 879-4313.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 17th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 24th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome Rev. Barbara Ettinger

Rev. Barbara Ettinger, Associate Superintendent of the East Coast Conference, led a workshop here yesterday on Jesus' simple pattern for spiritual growth. Barbara is a gifted teacher and preacher and delightful person!

Sunday Worship—March 17, 2019

Greeter: Karen Zidovsky
Church Cleaners: Patty Woodham & Bill Wiltshire
(March 11-24)

Helping Us to Worship

Music Leaders: One A-Chord
Scripture Reader: Wayne Border
Greeters: Gordon and Josy Moore
Cleaners: Bob and Joan Bates

John 1:19-28 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²²Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

²⁴Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.