



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

## Covenant Community Church



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Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 31, 2019

**We Gather**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We walk by faith, not by sight;

**People: For the love of Christ urges us on.**

Leader: If we are in Christ,

**People: We are a new creation**

Leader: Everything old has passed away;

**People: Everything has become new!**

Leader: Come, enter this time of worship:

**People: May we be renewed in our spirit, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

\*Opening Hymn #505      *Each Man and Woman Raise your Voice*

\*Hymn #219      *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

\*Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (see green insert)

**We Hear the Word**

\*Scripture Lesson

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Interlude

**We Respond**

\*Response to the Word (in unison)

**Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! In times of distress,  
the mighty waters shall not reach us. You, O God, are our  
hiding place. You preserve us from trouble. You surround  
us with glad cries of deliverance. Happy are those whose  
sin is forgiven!**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Offering Response:

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God,*

*And his righteousness.*

*And all these things shall be added unto you,*

*Allelu, alleluia.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We Are Sent Into the World**

\*Closing Hymn #407

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

\*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.*

\*Benediction

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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\*Denotes all who are able, please stand

**Helping Us to Worship**

Ministers to the World:

The Congregation

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Music Leader:

Patty Woodham

Scripture Reader:

Susanna Olson

Greeters:

Carolyn Carlson and Cindy Lindquist

Cleaners:

Patty Woodham and Bill Wiltshire

## 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.

## Announcements

- **Adult Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.:** Everyone is invited to join us. We're studying "Worship", and we begin each week's class with a review, so feel free to join us any time!
- **Community Soup & Bread Supper, April 4, 4:30 p.m.:** Please sign up to contribute a soup, bread or rolls. Questions, talk with Benita Lord or Marcia Morrell.
- **Food Shelf:** Bring your contributions and leave in the red grocery cart in the Narthex/Lobby. The following items are always needed: peanut butter, tuna fish, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, and toilet paper. Additionally, cash donations are always needed to help with food that must be purchased like eggs, hamburger, cheese and for emergency aid requests. You may donate by making checks payable to: The EJU Ecumenical Food Shelf. Mail to PO Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465. Contact Bob Bates if you have questions about donations or helping on set up or distribution dates.

**Set Up: Thursday, April 11, 6:00PM**

**Distribution: Saturday, April 13, 9-11AM**

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Community Soup & Bread Supper, 4:30 p.m.

## Sunday Worship—April 7, 2019

Greeter:

Billie Hall

Communion & Bread Providers:

Gordon & Josy Moore

Church Cleaners:

Murray Thompson, Julie

(March 25-April 7)

Smith, Ethan

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conner, 1-206-595-2078 (cell) or Diane Border, Church Administrative Assistant at 879-4313.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Food Shelf Set Up, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Food Shelf Distribution, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

### Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 New Living Translation (NLT)

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. <sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

<sup>3</sup> So Jesus told them this story:

<sup>11</sup> To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

<sup>13</sup> “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. <sup>14</sup> About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. <sup>15</sup> He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will go home to my father and say, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, <sup>19</sup> and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.’”

<sup>20</sup> “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. <sup>23</sup> And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, <sup>26</sup> and he asked one of the servants what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, <sup>29</sup> but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup> Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

<sup>31</sup> “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”