



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hospitality • Faith • Compassion

# Covenant Community Church



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**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 7, 2019**

**We Gather**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

**People: We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.**

Leader: There is no way to change what is to come.

**People: Yet death doesn't have the final word.**

Leader: Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us.

**People: God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!**

\*Opening Hymn #590

*We Are a New Creation*

\*Hymn #412

*Be Thou My Vision*

\*Opening Prayer

**We Hear the Word**

\*Scripture Lesson

John 12:1-8

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

Sermon

Interlude

**We Respond**

Response to the Word (in unison)

**Giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from you. May we who are so adept at catering for our own wants, make ourselves more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively, that we may spread love's fragrance wherever the odour cynicism and despair hangs in the air. Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen!**

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Pastoral Prayer

\*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

Communion Hymn #570

*One Bread, One Body*

Communion

**We Are Sent Into the World**

\*Closing Hymn #395

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

\*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: We leave this gathering,

**People: Knowing that Christ Jesus has made us his own.**

Leader: Take the fruits of our worship into the world,

**People: Bringing joy to those who weep,**

Leader: Welcome to the outcast,

**People: And comfort to those who grieve.**

Leader: God is doing a new thing.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

**People: Praise be to God!**

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

### **Communion Announcement**

We now have individually wrapped communion wafer and juice sets. If you would prefer to receive communion using these pre-packed elements, please let Pastor Jeannette know when you come up to the front.

### **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.

### **Helping Us to Worship**

Music Leader: Peter Olson  
Scripture Reader: Lynn Conver  
Communion & Bread Providers: Gordon and Josy Moore  
Greeter: Billie Hall  
Cleaners: Murray Thompson, Julie Smith and Ethan

### **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, 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 Worship—April 14, 2019**

Greeter: Jamie Wimble  
Church Cleaners: Gordon & Josy Moore  
(April 8-21)

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 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

## John 12:1-8 New Living Translation (NLT)

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead.<sup>2</sup> A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.<sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

<sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said,

<sup>5</sup> "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor."<sup>6</sup> Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial."<sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

## Announcements

- **B.L.E.S.S. Insert:** Please write down names of people you would like held in prayer. Drop this into the offering basket next Sunday (4/14). Pastor Jeannette, along with other pastors, will bring these to the East Coast Conference Annual Meeting the end of April.
- **Lilies:** There is an envelope included if you would like to order flowers in honor of a loved one for Easter. Please drop it in the offering basket. Orders are due by April 14. Questions, talk with Billie Hall.
- **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!
- **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
- **Good Friday Service at Covenant Community Church, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.**