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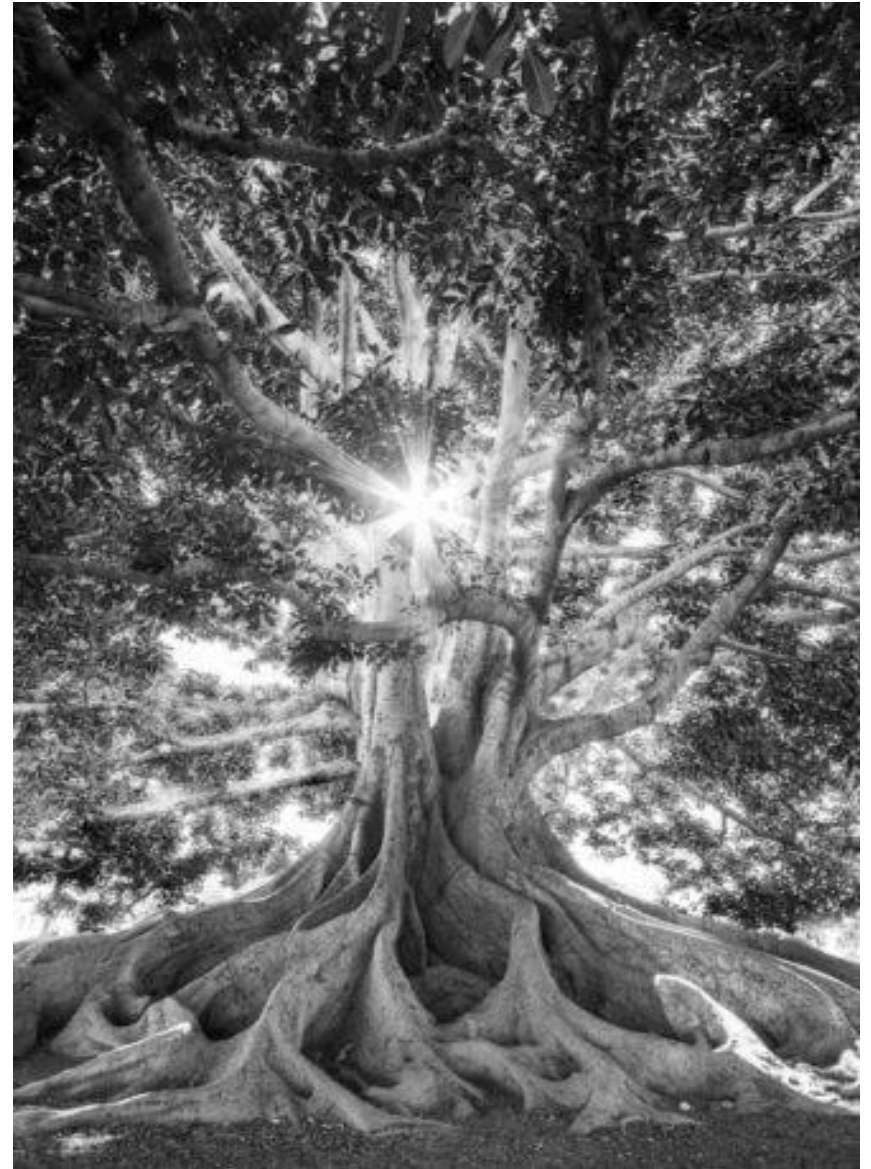
The Evangelical Covenant Church

The unique character of the Covenant is expressed in the design of the logo - people united in Christ, people serving people in God's name, and people bringing people to Christ. The basis of the design is symbolic of four people facing north, south, east, and west. Note that each one's arms are outstretched, indicating the church's outreach in mission and service to the world. The four are part of the whole, yet their hands do not touch, symbolizing their unity in the freedom and evangelical warmth that characterizes the Covenant. The geometric arrangement of the four figures results in a cross-like pattern, representative of the center of our faith. The center circle symbolizes the unity and the bond of fellowship which we call "the Covenant."

Covenant Community Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2024



We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Psalm 139 NLT[©])

Leader: O Lord, you have examined my heart
and know everything about me.

**People: You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.**

Leader: You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.

**People: You know what I am going to say even before I say
it, Lord.**

Leader: You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand!**

Leader: How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.
They cannot be numbered!

**People: I can't even count them; they outnumber the
grains of sand!**

*Opening Hymn #183 *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

*Opening Prayer and 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN**

We Hear The Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 NLT[©]

* All who are able are invited to stand

*Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51 NLT[©]

*Second Hymn #146

Joy to the World

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

We Respond

Prayers of the People (Lord in your mercy...**Hear our 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

Final Hymn #194

Arise Your Light is Come

Benediction

*Benediction Response (please stand & turn to face each other as we sing)

**ALL: 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: Go in Peace, to Love and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Helping Us Worship

Pastor:

Rev. Jim Wilkens

Scripture Reader:

Josy Moore

Tech Team:

Don Turner & Doug Morrell

⁴⁶ “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.

⁴⁷ As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” ⁵¹ Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

The word of the LORD. **Thanks be to GOD.**

Announcements

Ecumenical Food Shelf Distribution, January 20, 2024 from 8:30-11:00 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 15, Jericho. Susan T. is our church’s representative to this Ecumenical ministry

Red Cross Blood Drive, February 7 Noon-5 PM at Covenant Community Church hosted by the Jericho-Underhill Lions. Schedule an appointment at <https://www.redcrossblood.org> entering COVENANT in the search bar.

Essex Jericho Underhill Ecumenical Food Shelf Needs: The EJU Food Shelf is running low on pretty much everything! Our church is "mac and cheese and canned veggies". Any non-perishable food or cash donations are graciously accepted! Food or cash donations can once again be dropped off at church on the shelf next to the doors in the Narthex or at the food donation boxes at Hannaford, Price Chopper in Essex, or the Jericho Market. If you have any questions, talk with Susan T.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NLT[©]

¹ Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon.

² One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed.

³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. ⁴ Suddenly the Lord called out, “Samuel!”

“Yes?” Samuel replied. “What is it?” ⁵ He got up and ran to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?”

“I didn’t call you,” Eli replied. “Go back to bed.” So he did.

⁶ Then the Lord called out again, “Samuel!”

Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?”

“I didn’t call you, my son,” Eli said. “Go back to bed.”

⁷ Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before. ⁸ So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. “Here I am. Did you call me?”

Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy. ⁹ So he said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went back to bed.

¹⁰ And the Lord came and called as before, “Samuel! Samuel!”

And Samuel replied, “Speak, your servant is listening.”

***Gospel Reading**

John 1:43-51 NLT[©]

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” ⁴⁴ Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.

⁴⁵ Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”