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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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024



We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Psalm 62 NLT[©])

Leader: Let all that I am wait quietly before God,
for my hope is in him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress where I will not be shaken.**

Leader: My victory and honor come from God alone.

**People: He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can
reach me.**

Leader: O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your
heart to him, for God is our refuge...

People: ...the powerful are not what they appear to be.

Leader: God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many
times: Power, O God, belongs to you;

People: unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.

*Opening Hymn #464 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NLT[©]

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20 NLT[©]

* All who are able are invited to stand

*Second Hymn #381

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

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

*Closing Hymn #312

Meekness and Majesty

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:

Becky Beaudoin

Tech Team:

Don Turner & Doug Morrell

Announcements

Sunday, January 28, Extended Coffee Time: You are invited to stay following the service for a celebration of Pastor Jim's time with us. The Leadership Team will provide a cake. If any of you would like to bring some coffee time munchies to be added to the table please do so. We all love to eat!

Sunday February 4 at 10 AM: "Work, Worship and Light Breakfast" time. CCC Congregation will be working on what we wish to do next. The Leadership Team has done some brainstorming and wants/needs your input also. In the upcoming weeks, think and pray about our situation and any solutions/ideas you might have. Make a list. Nothing is off the table, we are brainstorming. If you would like to give your list to one of us before the meeting, please do so. If not, please bring your list of suggestions to church on the 4th. ~Wayne Border, Don Turner, Josy Moore, Karen Zidovsky

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NLT[©]

¹ Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time: ² “Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you.” ³ This time Jonah obeyed the Lord’s command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. ⁴ On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: “Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” ⁵ The people of Nineveh believed God’s message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow...

¹⁰ When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20 NLT[©]

¹⁴ Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. ¹⁵ “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

¹⁶ One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁷ Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” ¹⁸ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

¹⁹ A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. ²⁰ He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

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