

THE COVENANT CHURCH OF THOMASTON

April 14, 2019

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Prelude (insert)

Worship Team

Welcome & Notices

Children's Choir

Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna!
Praise Ye the Lord!

Procession of the Palms

*Call to Worship

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hark! All the tribes Hosanna cry;

O Savior meek, pursue thy road

With palms and scattered garments strewed.

**Let the people of God raise their voices,
that our Redeemer King might be glorified
among us and with us, today and always.**

*Processional Hymn #227

All Glory Laud and Honor

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Liturgy of the Palms: Lay Reader, Jessica Bedosky

Luke 19:28-40 (page 854 in the pew Bible)

Response to the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri #112

Anthem

Shout Hosanna to the King

Prayers of the Church

Children's Moment

Pastor Ann Carr

Testimony

Rick O'Connell

OFFERING – GIVE ACTION TO YOUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, people will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

2 Corinthians 9:13

Offertory:

*Doxology #48 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Liturgy of the Passion: Luke 23:1-49 (page 859)

Anthem

He Prays Alone

Message

Pastor Tim Olsen

"Revealed: The Compassion and Forgiveness of Jesus"

*Hymn #235

The Old Rugged Cross

*Benediction

*Postlude

Tricia Dunn Oporto

*If standing during the singing presents a problem for you, please feel free to remain seated. Assistive listening devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance if you need one.

Today

8:30 am Prayer (South Wing Prayer Room)

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages

10:00 am Worship

Nursery (ages 0-5): Jamie Weisman, Sarah Roaix

5:00 pm CHYG D/C, and Trailblazers

5:00 pm Discipleship, Gathering Room

The Nursery can be found by going to the front of the Sanctuary. Turn right, go through the Gathering Room, and turn right again toward the Exit door. The Nursery is to the left of the exit.

Welcome to the Covenant Church of Thomaston. We are glad you have come to worship with us. Following worship, please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Room.

Please remember that **when the usher lights the candles** at 10 minutes before the service begins, it is time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship. Please take advantage of the time following worship for visiting and fellowship.



Mon. 10:00 am La Leche League, Nursery

6:30 pm Stitching with Spirit, O'Connells

Tues 6:30 pm Prayer, Potter's House

6:30 pm Women's PM Study, Library

Wed. 6:30 pm NA, Fellowship Room

6:30 pm Al-Anon District business meeting, Youth Rm

Wed. 6:30 pm Lenten Meal and Meditation, First
Congregational Church
7:30 pm Choir

Thur 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, Potter's House
9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Potter's House
6:00 pm Soup & Bread Supper, Fellowship Room
6:30 pm Grief Support, Gathering Room
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Fri. 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship, Potter's House

Sun. 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship, Morton's Pond
8:30 am Prayer, South Wing Prayer Room
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:00 am Worship

Missed Offering: Our Financial Secretary notes that, because we had to cancel worship for a January storm, our offerings for the year are down just about what would have come in that week. If you can, please make up what you would have given. Our commitments continue even when we can't be here.

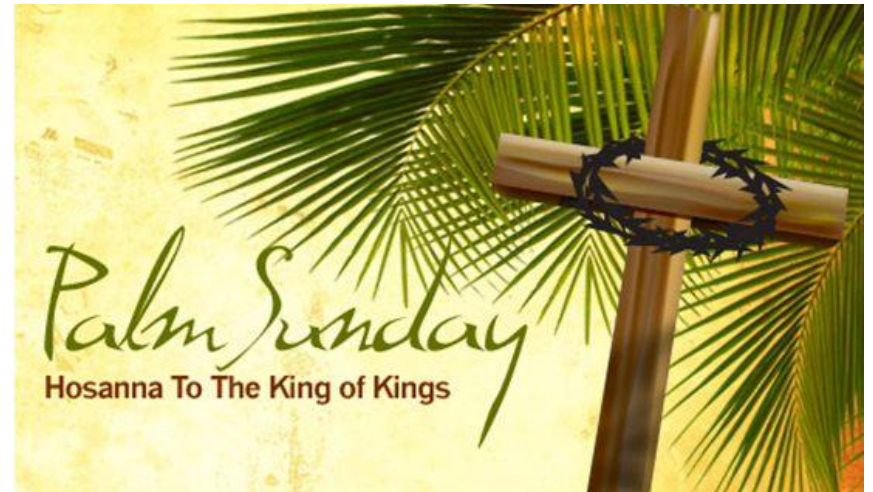
WM Gathering: Brunch on April 27, 10-11:30: "Foods that Heal, Foods that Harm," with Natalie Adamson.

All-Church Missions Family Night, April 28m 5:00 p.m.:
Ron and Janet Ziegelbauer will be with us for a potluck meal and will speak about their experiences in the Congo. Ron and Janet serve in Cameroon at a school and are in need of our prayers and support when they return to Africa this coming July. Please bring a dish for the table to share. Desserts and beverages will be provided.

Women's Book Club: The next book to read is *Slow Way Home* by Michael Morris. We meet on Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Karen O'Connell to discuss. Please join us.

Camperships Need: God is good – we have requests for many children to attend Squanto this year. Currently the CE Board has \$1405.96 available for camperships, but we still fall short of requests (\$2,200). Any contribution will help!! Please mark your donation for Camperships.

*Blessed Is He Who
Comes...*



*...in the Name
of the Lord!*

Hosanna

Prelude

I see the king of glory, coming on the clouds with fire.
The whole earth shakes. The whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy, washing over all our sin.
The people sing. The people sing

(chorus) Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation, rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival, stirring as we pray and seek.
We're on our knees; we're on our knees. *(chorus)*

(instrumental)

(bridge) Heal my heart and make it clean.
Open up my eyes to the things unseen.
Show me how to love like you have loved me.
Break my heart for what breaks yours.
Everything I am for your kingdoms cause,
As I walk from earth into eternity. *(chorus)*

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HomeFront: This year on Saturday, May 4,
we will participate in our 7th HomeFront day!
Get involved by signing up to volunteer,
donating money to help fund our project,
donating food/drink for the volunteer work
party, and, most importantly, praying! **We still
need to raise \$1,998.** Donations can be
placed in the offering, marked for HomeFront. This is an
awesome opportunity to positively impact our community
while demonstrating God's love. More information can be
found at homefrontprogram.org. **Signup sheet is in the
Fellowship Room.**



Alpha meets on Thursdays, 6:30 pm. Cards are available to use as invitations. Dinner is free, followed by a teaching and small groups, all ending by 8:15 pm.

(Dinner is free, but we provide it. Please check the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Room to see what you could provide, even if you don't attend. Contact Mary Butkevich (860 514-4343 or marybutkevich@gmail.com) to be part of the team or Sandy Miller (sanjeanm@aol.com or 860 459-0361) to help with meals.)

Becoming Better Disciples: Join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The study is "21 Day Habit." Bring your Bible. Our weekly format is Scriptures and questions for discussion. The homework is to begin to use the habit and to consider its application in our lives.

The Potter's House is open for coffee, conversation and prayer on **Friday nights, 7:00-10:00**, staffed by Peggy Steinis and Pastor Ann. We would love to have you to help staff it; contact Pastor Ann or Peggy (must be two people present always). Please share a Potter's House business card (in the Potter's House) with anyone who might want to come in.

Guatemala, November 2019! Jay and Cathy Fredlund have invited us – anyone interested – to come to Guatemala in November and experience their missionary work. A dream team is forming from throughout the United States, from Thomaston and from the area. **Our trip is November 8-15!**

Banquet of Blessing: Please remember to keep us stocked (with good expire dates, please – we cannot give away out of date food).

Kairos Prison Ministry serves both prisoners and their families. Talk to Pastor Gary or Pastor Ann or go to www.kairosct.org to learn more.

Benevolence Needs: Some in our church community are struggling financially. If you are able to, please consider supporting others in need by making an extra donation to the Pastor's Benevolence Fund. Use the special envelopes in the pews or write Pastor's Benevolence Fund on your envelope or check.

Sermons online: Go to www.covchurchthomaston.org and click on Sermons to select which sermon to listen to or to share with a friend.

Meal Coordinator: Providing a meal to someone during a difficult time is one way to show how much we care. If you know someone who might benefit, contact Sandy Dunn (860 483-2015 or daytondunn@mac.com).

Online Giving: If you are a person who has committed to give the same amount every week, giving online really makes sense. To set up regular online giving to the Covenant Church go to covchurchthomaston.org and click on the About tab.

Trustees' Policy for Borrowing Church Furnishings:

1. Only tables and older folding chairs may be borrowed.
2. BEFORE borrowing, call Rick O'Connell (860-283-8361) or Bee Bothroyd (860-309-3212). They will record how many chairs/tables you are borrowing.
3. Tables and chairs must be returned in the same (or better) condition than when they were borrowed. Tables must be washed. Chairs, if they were used outside, must be clean and free of dirt or grass. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

