

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER! We welcome all who are visiting with us this morning. We are delighted to have you with us. Please fill out one of our visitor cards so that we can get to know you. If you have any questions about COTR, feel free to ask one of our elders, our ministers, or members. We're glad you're here!

Today-HOSPITALITY MEAL TODAY: We will have our weekly hospitality meal today in the fellowship hall after our morning service. If you have no plans for lunch, feel free to join some of our COTR families for some great food and fellowship.

Tonight-HIGH SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP: Our High School Fellowship will be held tonight after the evening worship service around 7:15 p.m. All high school students are encouraged to attend for a meal, a study of the Heidelberg Catechism, as well as for a time of prayer for one another.

PASTOR JOHN MABRAY PREACHING: We will have the privilege of hearing Pastor John Mabray of Covenant Presbyterian Church preaching in our evening service tonight. John is a faithful minister and friend of our congregation and it is an honor to have him with us.

Tuesday-SESSION MEETING: The Session will have its regular monthly meeting, this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for our elders as they meet together.

Wednesday-SCHOOL OF CULTURAL RENEWAL: The fourth session of our Spring School of Cultural Renewal begins this Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. with a meal in the fellowship hall (prepared by Micah McCoy) followed by classes at 6:10. This week Zach will resume his class on the Minor Prophets and Jarrod will continue his class on "Church Hymnody." Both of these classes are outstanding and worth while, so make plans to come. And remember: **You need to let us know if you're coming for the meal by tomorrow.** Don't forget!

GENERAL:

CONDOLENCES: Please continue to pray for Elizabeth Porter and Kay Trisler whose mothers both passed away recently. May the Lord strengthen and uphold them and their families during this time of sorrow.

UPCOMING:

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: The monthly Ladies' Bible Study will resume Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. All ladies are invited so make plans to come!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: We will again have our Good Friday service, Friday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m. Make plans to come.

MONROE SYMPHONY CONCERT FEATURING THE DYC: The Monroe Symphony will hold its Spring concert (conducted by John Hodges) here at COTR, on Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will feature our 2nd-6th grade Delta Youth Chorale singers. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss it!

CALENDAR

March 21 – Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
22 – SCR #4, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:10 p.m.
29 – SCR #5, meal at 5:15, classes begin at 6:10 p.m.

April 2 – Palm Sunday
4 – Ladies' Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., choir room
7 – Good Friday service, 6:00 p.m.
9 – Easter Sunday
No evening service
14 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
15 – Delta Youth Chorale/Monroe Symphony Concert, 7:00 p.m.
25 – Ad Hoc meeting of Wycliffe Presbytery, 9:00 a.m.
at COTR

May 5 – First Friday Young Adult fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
7 – Spring Parish-wide fellowship meetings
No evening service
12 – Renewal Center lunch, 11:30 a.m.
13 – Second Sunday service, 6:00 p.m.
Pizza supper afterwards
28 – Pentecost Sunday
Pentecost feast, 4:00 p.m.
No evening service

NURSERY WORKERS FOR TODAY:

Infant: AM: Tammy Seal, Tara Maddox
Floater: Savannah Nash

Toddler: AM: Will Gunter, Bruce Huber
Floater: Brode Huber

NEXT WEEK:

Bethany Wilkins, Elizabeth Porter
Molly Kate Eley

Jennifer Lizenby, Eryn Smith
Zane Moreau

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THE LORD'S SERVICE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

10:00AM MORNING SERVICE

THE LORD CALLS US TO DRAW NEAR

MINISTER: "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God."

† HYMN #13 "O Worship the King All Glorious Above"

† SALUTATION:

Minister: "Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you."

Cong: "And with your spirit"

Minister: "Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,"

Cong: "So our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us."

Minister: "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!" **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSION OF SINS:

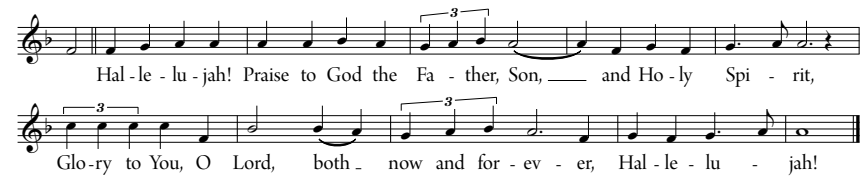
Minister: "Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God"

Cong: Most gracious God, we confess that we have not loved You fervently nor loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not done justly, loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain us with a willing spirit, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Minister: "Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

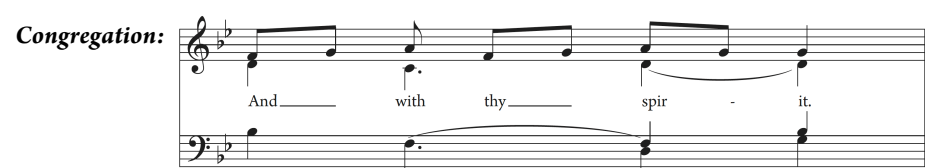


Hal-le-lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit,
Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev-er, Hal-le-lu-jah!

† ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):

Minister: The Lord be with You.

Congregation:



And with thy spir-it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Congregation:



It is meet and right so to do.

Minister: "It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee. O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:"

†The Congregation will please stand

† SANCTUS (p. vii, SH)

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† CANTICLE #7 (SH) "Worthy is the Lamb"

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 142

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

† HYMN #56

"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-7

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord."

Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"You are Light"

Mr. Zach Parker

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #155

"All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

† DOXOLOGY

(We lift our hearts, voices, and hands in praise to God)

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†The Congregation will please stand

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

HYMN #33

"Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me and Dost Know"

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD'S PRAYER: page ix (SH)

† NICENE CREED:

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #47 (SH)

"Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

Thanksgiving for the Wine

Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: "The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." **Amen.**

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN #5 (SH)

"Nunc Dimittis"

† BENEDICTION

† THREE-FOLD AMEN

†The Congregation will please stand