



CONCORD LIBERTY

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"Come as Visitors - Leave as Friends - Return as Family"

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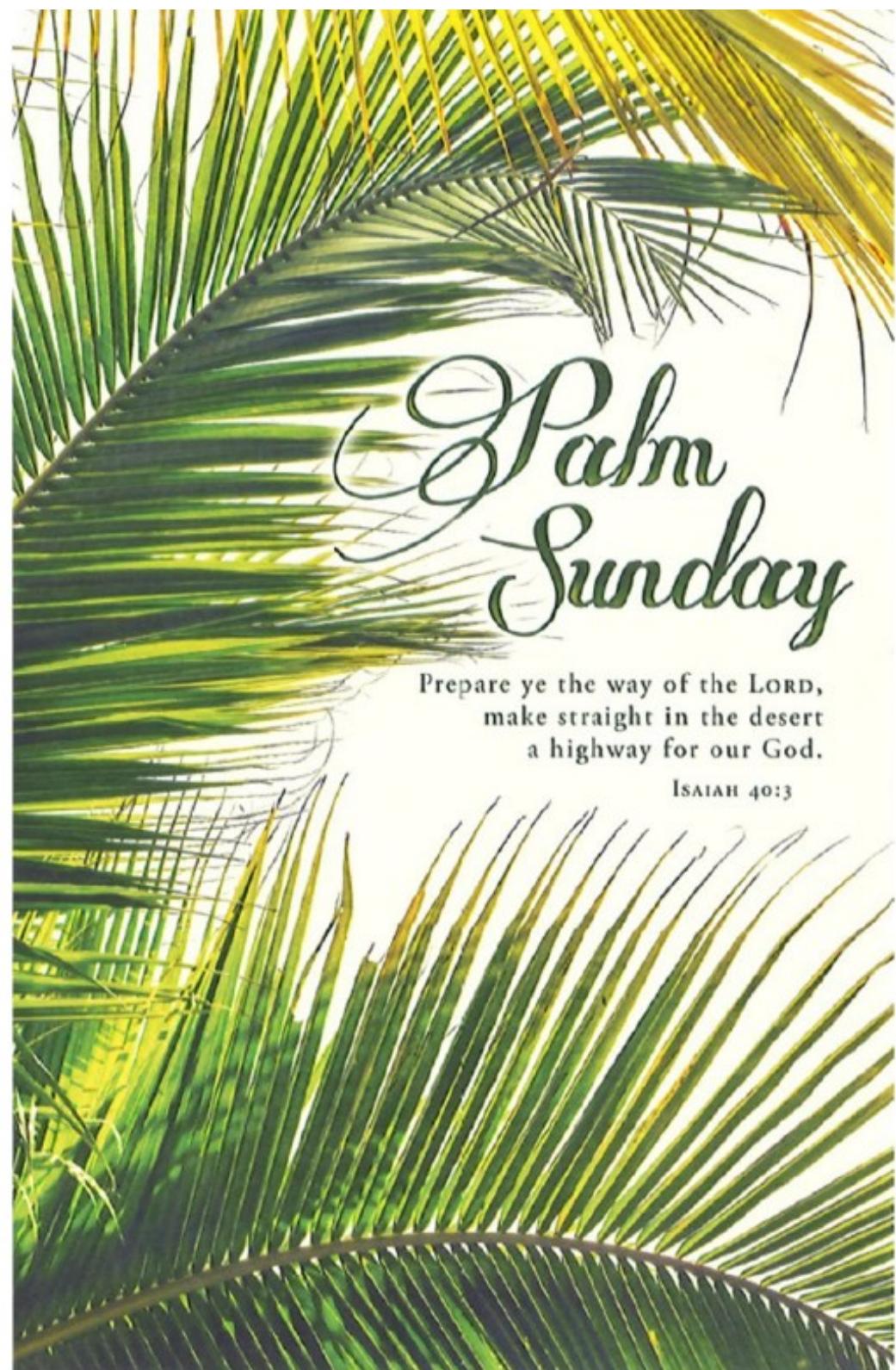
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CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon	Denise Jingozian	Kim Lengel
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Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon InnerChange	Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM Chester Eastside Inc.	Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM
Carolyn & Dan Hennings, World Impact	City Team - Chester
Michele Rickett — She is Safe	Cornerstone Christian Academy
David & Bethany Wilkinson, Chop Point	Young Life of Delaware County
	Greenhouse Project
	Delaware County Pregnancy Center
	Doug Dicks, PCUSA's Regional Mission
	in Israel-Palestine



CONCORD LIBERTY WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

April 13th

9:15 am Prayer Time. All are welcome.
10:00 am Worship Service
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Jackie Asteris
10:00 am KOTM Pre-school and Elementary
11:00 am Deacons Monthly Meeting (Library)

MONDAY

April 14th

LOVE AND LEARN ON EASTER BREAK

TUESDAY

April 15th

LOVE AND LEARN ON EASTER BREAK

7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

April 16th

LOVE AND LEARN ON EASTER BREAK

1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Time, Sanctuary
6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)

THURSDAY

April 17th

LOVE AND LEARN ON EASTER BREAK

Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study,
Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY

April 18th

LOVE AND LEARN ON EASTER BREAK

7:30 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

SATURDAY

April 19th

10:00 am VBS Decorating (until 2 pm)

PLEASE NOTE:

This month's Prayer Page will be published on the 4th Sunday rather than the 3rd Sunday.

CONCORD LIBERTY HIGHLIGHTS

WORSHIP

To view live or recent worship services, please go to the Concord Liberty YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@concordlibertychurch19342/streams>
You may also access it from the Concord Liberty home page by clicking on the **CLICK HERE** button.

To view a recent sermons only, go to the CLPC website — under Worship, select Services and Sermons. Then choose the date/sermon you wish to view and click on the link provided.

Nursery service will be offered during Worship. If you need nursery service on Sunday morning, please let a Greeter know and they will assist you.

STEPHEN MINISTERS - If you are going through a difficult time, or you know of someone who is facing difficulties, consider a caring relationship of a Stephen Minister. To learn more contact, Sylvia Schaffer or Joann Smith.

PRAYER CHAIN — Prayer requests for the emailed prayer chain should be sent to office@concordliberty.org.

DEACONS AND SESSION MAILBOXES are located in the Berstecher Library.

WORSHIP DETAILS — Any schedule changes to worship service roles (KOTM, communion, tellers, etc.) should be sent to office@concordliberty.org at least a week in advance of the respective service date.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

TODAY! PALM SUNDAY!

You Shall be Called Repairers of the Breach: Isaiah 58

During these several weeks over the Lenten Period, we have considered how to give/participate in the annual One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) opportunity.

Palm Sunday, has been the day designated each year to receive, and bless this special offering. It will be collected at the door to the worship center in a basket, or mailed into the church office. (256 Bethel Road, Glen Mills Pa 19342).

Please be sure to mark your checks with the designation of OGHS.

Sermon Notes

(Continued)

2. Philadelphia was the youngest of the seven cities, a colony founded by Pergamum in the middle of the second century B.C. The king of Pergamum loved his brother which is why he named it Philadelphia.
 - a. It was founded as a border town to serve as a missionary of Greek culture to the immediate east. It was so successful that the entire Lydian population spoke Greek. Now, Jesus declares that they will have "an open door that no one can shut" (3:18).
 - b. Like Smyrna, it was loyal to Rome, twice renaming itself after two emperors in gratitude for their support. The names didn't stick, but the promise of receiving a new name (3:12) was one that they would have longed for.
 - c. It suffered an earthquake in A.D. 17, one that destroyed many cities including Sardis. Everyone rebuilt, but Philadelphia continued to experience problems because the tremors continued for years. Most of the people lived outside of the city in huts and tents, fearfully going back to gather what they needed. The promise of, "never again will they leave it" (3:12) would have had great meaning to them.
- B. Both cities suffered from the synagogues of Satan. Throughout history the people of God had referred to themselves as "the assembly of the Lord". In 2:9 and 3:9, Jesus describes their Jewish persecutors as "the synagogue (assembly) of Satan".
 1. Barclay's six slanders of the Jews against believers.
 - a. They accused them of being cannibals on the basis of the sacrament.
 - b. They accused them of gathering for immoral orgies because they called their meals together the Agape' (the Love Feast).
 - c. They accused them of being home wreckers.
 - d. They accused them of being atheists because they had no images of the gods.
 - e. They accused them of being disloyal citizens because they refused to declare Caesar as Lord.
 - f. They accused them of being rioters and provocateurs because they taught about the end of the world.
- C. Jesus commands both churches to "hold on to what you have" (3:11) and to "not be afraid" and "be faithful" (2:10).
 1. Smyrna will receive the "victor's crown" (2:10). The hill of Smyrna, with all its magnificent buildings caused it to be known as the city of crowns.
 2. Philadelphia will be "a pillar in the temple of God" (3:12). No earthquake will destroy it or cause them to leave. Their new name will bear the name of God Himself and His holy city.
 3. These are the two churches for whom God has only words of encouragement and nothing negative to declare.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply
Susan Sangster, Worship Leader
David Steel, Service Leader



Silent Preparation

The holiest week of the year begins today. But the world doesn't stop. Everything goes on – the regular TV programs, the regular work schedule, income tax . . . So, if I want this to be a "holy week" what do I do? I decide.

Catherine Haven

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths. -- Proverbs 3:5-6

*Congregation is requested to stand if able.
Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"The Holy City"
Maybrick/Weatherly

LEADER: Let us join in worshiping the Lord our God.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 118)

LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: With the Lord on our side, we do not fear. The Lord is on our side to help us. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. You are our God and we will give thanks and extol You.**

LEADER: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Come, let us worship our God!

***THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

"Because He Lives" (Refrain)
No. 213

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
No. 173

***THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (responsively)

LEADER: Blessed are You, God of all creation.

PEOPLE: **Through Your goodness we have these gifts to share.**

LEADER: Accept and use our offerings for Your glory and for the service of Your kingdom. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
No. 625

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 2:8-11; 3:7-13

THE MESSAGE

"Hold On To What You Have"
Pastor John King

***HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
No. 174

BLESSING AND SENDING

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"Lift High the Cross"
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Til all the world adore His sacred name.

POSTLUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" (reprise)

We invite you, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

Sermon Notes

APRIL 13, 2025

I. Hold On to What You Have

Revelation 2:8-11; 3:7-13

The Churches at Smyrna and Philadelphia

A. Two churches that were different in history and in culture, but alike in the Lord's eyes in regard to their faithfulness.

1. Smyrna was a rival to Ephesus in many ways. It had an active harbor, protected by its natural location at the head of a gulf and, as a result, it was a leading mercantile city, not as large or as influential as Ephesus, but, nevertheless, a famous city (think Baltimore).
 - a. It was known for its loyalty to Rome and was a free city.
 - b. It was an exceptionally beautiful city. Completely destroyed by the Lydians around 600 B.C., it was rebuilt from scratch in 200 B.C. as a carefully planned city.
 - c. It was situated on a hill, rising up from the harbor, with wide, stone-paved streets, magnificent buildings and temples, and topped off with the Street of Gold which had a temple of a famous god at each end.
 - d. Its people were just as impressive, with a reputation for learnedness as well as artistic and cultural accomplishments.
 - e. It had a significant population of Jews who were a cause of persecution and imprisonment to the church, many of whom came from their ranks.

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