



# CONCORD LIBERTY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

To talk to someone about a particular area of ministry, please call the church office, (610) 358-2105 and Mary Ann, our church secretary, will direct your call to one of the Leaders, Directors, or Pastor below.

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply  
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*If you have any concerns or questions about our church please feel free to contact any of our session elders listed below.*

## CLPC Session

Marcia Bickley, Clerk of Session

Beth Berstecher	Worship
Tom Long	Property
Judy McCleary	Discipleship
Tom McGrail	Outreach, Communications, Missions
Frank Sangster	Finance
Marian Spor	Congregational Care
Brenda Wilson	Discipleship

## CLPC Deacons

Gary Cannon  
Betty Culver

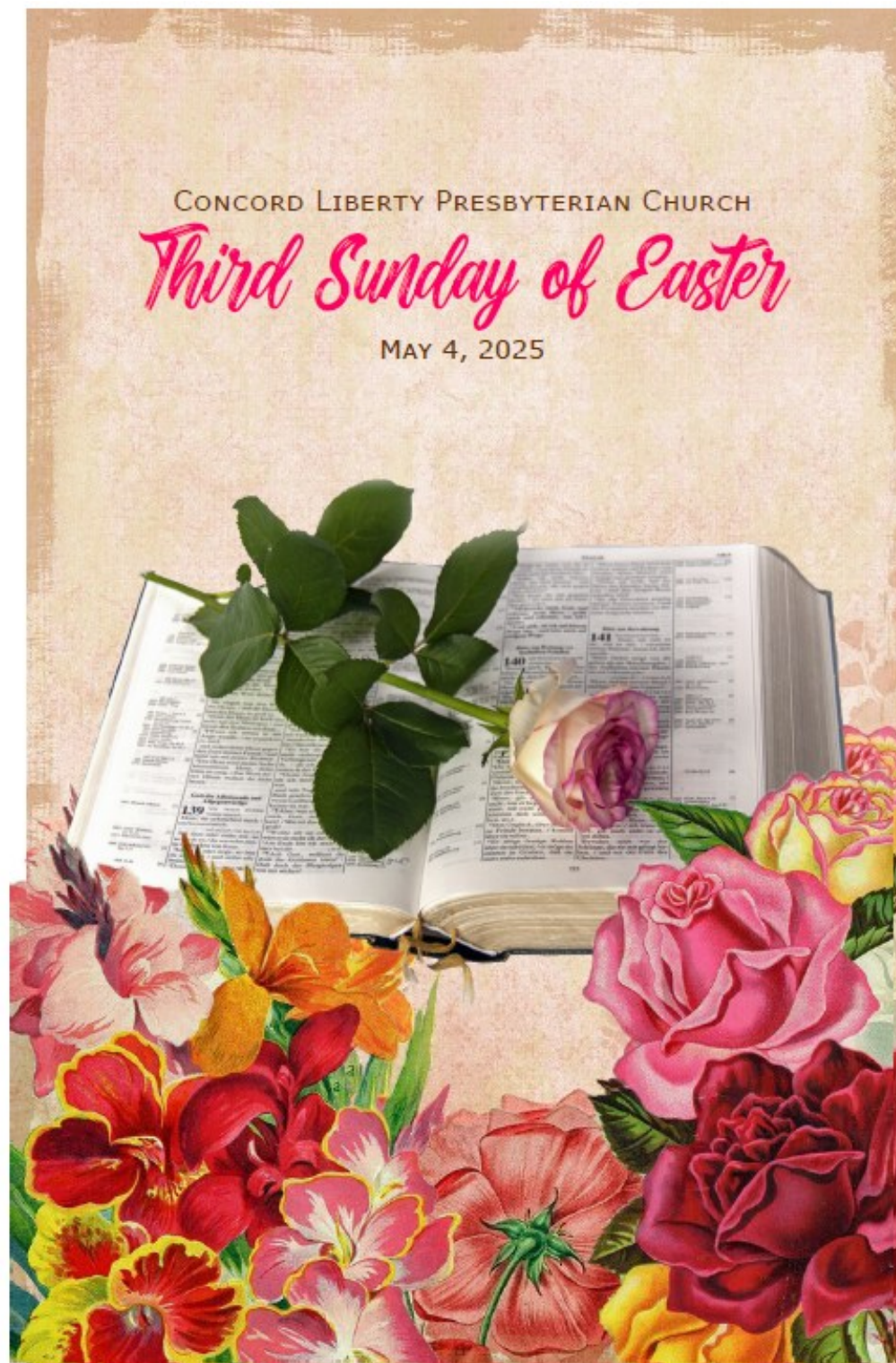
Denise Jingoian  
Dave Lengel

Kim Lengel  
Connie O'Donnell

## Pray for our missionaries:

Nate & Jenny Bacon  
InnerChange  
Skip and Carol Tobin, VMM  
Chester Eastside Inc.  
Carolyn & Dan Hennings,  
World Impact  
Michele Rickett — She is Safe  
David & Bethany Wilkinson,  
Chop Point

Ray Garcia, Philadelphia Project  
Jacob & Hosanna Thomas, VMM  
City Team - Chester  
Cornerstone Christian Academy  
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

May 4th

9:15 am Prayer Time. *All are welcome.*  
 10:00 am Worship Service, Communion  
 10:00 am First Fruits  
 10:00 am Nursery Care — Carol Keeler, Sandy Mueller

### MONDAY

May 5th

7:15 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Zoom)

### TUESDAY

May 6th

11:00 am Love and Learn Bible Class (Sanctuary until 1 pm)  
 4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (Library)  
 7:00 pm Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

### WEDNESDAY

May 7th

9:00 am Love and Learn Field Days (All Day)  
 1:00 pm Wednesday Afternoon Prayer Time, Sanctuary  
 6:00 pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Zoom)  
 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Library)

### THURSDAY

May 8th

9:00 am Love and Learn Field Days (All Day)  
 12:30 pm Women's Thursday Afternoon Bible Study, Sanctuary  
 7:15 pm Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study, (members' homes)

### FRIDAY

May 9th

9:00 am Love and Learn Field Days (All Day)

### SATURDAY

May 10th

10:00 am VBS Decorating (until 2 pm)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@concordliberty.org) at least a week in advance of the respective service date.



### DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY OUTREACH & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Do you have questions or suggestions for Charlie Jones? Just want to discuss something?

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**267-231-0824**

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### WEEKDAY PARKING AT THE WORSHIP CENTER



### WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

**REMINDER!** Love and Learn offers full-time and part-time preschool classes with dismissals of some classes on various days at noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. This means parents' cars will be lining up for pick-ups in advance of those times. If you will be at the worship center M-F before 3 pm, please avoid parking in the lot that is closest to the preschool double-glass doors. If you are unsure about this, please see Jim Bradenburg or Mary Ann Emely.

# Sermon Notes

MAY 4, 2025

## I. Do You Love Me?

John 21:1-19

### A. Hermeneutical Journeys.

1. One approach to this passage focuses on the relationship of Peter and Jesus.
  - a. It considers the restoration of Peter after his threefold denial prior to the crucifixion.
  - b. This approach zeroes in on the seeming play on words involving the verb "to love". Two Greek words are used. One, *philia*, refers to the love between friends. The other, *agape*, refers to God's love for humans, the highest form of love, one that is sacrificial and continues in all circumstances.
  - c. For years, I have focused on this interpretation (quite passionately!), but after study and reflection, I have concluded that it is probably not what John intended, despite the fact that it highlights some precious thoughts.
2. The other approach focuses on Peter's and the other apostles' call to ministry prior to Jesus' ascension.
  - a. In verses 1-3, seven of the apostles, including the four fishermen, back in their home region of Galilee, go out to fish. They catch nothing.
  - b. Jesus, who they don't immediately recognize, redirects them from the shore and they find themselves with an improbably large haul of fish.
  - c. In their initial call as Jesus' apostles, several of them experienced a similar moment (Luke 5:1-11) as Jesus called them away from their former lives and called them to become "fishers for people".

### B. The reaffirmation of the call.

1. After serving them breakfast, in the presence of the others, Jesus questions Peter and reaffirms his call to ministry.
2. He forces Peter to carefully focus upon his response and, vicariously, calls upon the others (as well as all of us) to do the same.
3. They are not to return to their prior occupations as fishermen, tax collectors, etc., but, instead, they are called to be shepherds in the kingdom community. "Feed my lambs" (v. 15). "Take care of my sheep" (v. 16). "Feed my sheep" (v. 17).
4. The stimulus for their call is rooted in their love for Jesus, a love that is so certain that they will respond to His call to, "Follow me!" This will be true even if it means leading Peter (and others of us) "where you do not want to go".

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

CONCORD LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday

May 4, 2025

10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. John King, Pulpit Supply  
Linda Ferrara, Worship Leader  
Dee Wilkinson, Pianist



### Silent Preparation

*I learned to think poetically about my work and myself. It allowed me to dig beneath all of the talk about budgets, personnel, the recruiting of Sunday School teachers, and who was mad at whom, as well as the more personal concerns about relationships and work, in order to enter the deeper realm where theology makes sense. Only then could I speak to the soul of the congregation about the real choices that make an eternity of difference. To my delight, I discovered that most people eventually become eager to listen with their souls, even if it takes some practice before they are accustomed to it.*

Craig Barnes in *The Pastor As Minor Poet*

\*Congregation is requested to stand if able.

Please adjust all electronic devices so as to not interrupt the service.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 30)

**LEADER:** Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name.

**PEOPLE:** **For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**LEADER:** You have turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy so that our souls may praise You and not be silent. O Lord our God, we will give thanks to You forever. Come, let us worship our God!

**\*THE HYMN OF ADORATION**

*"Because He Lives" (Refrain)*  
No. 213

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*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**

*"May Jesus Christ Be Praised" (vs. 1, 3, 6)*  
No. 87

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

**LEADER:** We give You, Lord, what is Your own.

**PEOPLE:** **All that we have, though different in each home and person, is a trust from Your gracious hand.**

**LEADER:** May we be faithful stewards as we share these blessings to be a blessing for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**SCRIPTURE**

John 21:1-19

**THE MESSAGE**

"Do You Love Me?"  
Pastor John King

**\*HYMN**

*"O, How He Loves You and Me"*  
No. 513

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Invitation to the Lord's Table  
The Prayer of Blessing  
The Lord's Prayer No. 426 (sung in unison)  
The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**LEADER:** Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom.

**PEOPLE:** **Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING AND SENDING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*"He Is Lord" (chorus)*  
*He is Lord, He is Lord!*  
*He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!*  
*Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess*  
*that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**POSTLUDE**