

WYCKOFF REFORMED CHURCH

Worshiping God, Making Disciples of Jesus, Living Missionally

> Palm Sunday April 2, 2023

Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to The Wyckoff Reformed Church!

HOSPITALITY NOTES

These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides. To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

Restrooms are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.

A quiet room with a changing table, kids' toys and seating is available through the left-hand door.

Our classrooms are: Nursery (Birth-3), Kids (ages 4-9), and Students (ages 10-13). Nursery-aged children may be dropped off in the blue room of the Education Building before worship starts. Kids and Students will start the service with their family and be dismissed to their lessons after the Godspell Medley. Since today is a Communion Sunday, children in third grade and older will remain in the sanctuary to worship with their family. Guardians: please check in your children on the iPad.

Thank you.

Bold sections will be read aloud together.

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

Want to get connected, learn more, or grow in your faith? Fill out the connection card at www.wyckoffreformed.org/connect.

GATHERED BY GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

"HOSANNA"

WELCOME

"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth, Amen."

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Jesus Christ
is the Light of the World.
The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

LUKE 19:35-40

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

SONG OF PRAISE

"ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR" #146 VV1,3-5

SPECIAL MUSIC

"GODSPELL" MEDLEY

As we enter Jerusalem for the last week of Jesus' life, we remember where we have been. We remember the life of Jesus, the call to follow him, and all that he has taught us along the way.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Jesus, our Lord and King, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny and betray you. And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you often turn complicit to the ways of the world. Remembering the events of this next week, help us see ourselves for who we are: sinners in need of a Savior.

O Christ, you are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

Save us, Lord.

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

Save us, Lord.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

PROMISE OF GRACE

The triumphant king—worthy of all glory, all laud, all honor—has established peace between us and God through the blood of his cross. In him we can approach the throne of God to receive mercy and grace—for it is Christ who stands before us and lives to intercede for us.

***SONG OF GRACE**

"BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE"

*SHARING CHRIST'S WELCOME

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING

Giving our offerings is an important action that symbolizes the gift of our whole lives to Christ in gratitude for all He has given us. We give cheerfully and joyously, not out of guilt or shame. You may give your offering by placing it in the plate as you receive it from your neighbor and pass it down your row. You may also give online at www.wyckoffreformed.org/give, or text an amount to 201-849-1436. If you give electronically, consider placing an electronic giving card in the plate as a symbol of your gift!

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him, above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LUKE 23:1-25

SERMON "THE GOSPEL OF LUKE"

SERMON NOTES

RESPONDING TO GOD

*APOSTLES' CREED

We join our voices together with Christians throughout the ages to proclaim these words: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion is served this morning by intinction and with prepackaged elements. Two stations in the center aisle will be intinction, the station to the side will have pre-packaged and gluten-free elements. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please ask an usher. If you are joining us from home, please feel free to join in communion as well! This is the table of Christ, and he welcomes ALL who are trusting in him for their salvation.

Come, drink deeply and eat heartily, the body and blood of Jesus Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SONG OF SENDING "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA" #147 V. 3

NUMBERS 6:24-26

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please join us after worship in Heneveld Hall for coffee, bagels and fellowship.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patti Geffinger, Dottie Morreale, John, Jan and Ridge Cooper, Amy Bowers Dill, Shelton Platt, Norma Leonhard, Trudie Zegel, Joyce Wolff, Eileen Black, Rich Lynch, Susan Fox, Cathy and Art DelColliano, Erika Bach, Janette Daehnke, Bruce Monroe, Roz Brickman, Jeannie Tamaroglio, Chuck Austin, Brad Ritter, Donna, Cheryl, Larry, Rick, Melissa, Mike, David Murdock, Neal Schlendorf, Frank, Pam Ritter, Lauren, George, Jack Broderick, Donald Moore

Join us in praying for Nancy Boye, after the passing of her daughter, Melinda, on March 20, 2023.

WEEKLY EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY, Wednesdays at 9:00 am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91413616383?pwd=QmVKd3djNU5mdVYyQlNwQ 3crbTNvQT09

"GODSPELL" MEDLEY SOLOISTS

"PREPARE YE (THE WAY OF THE LORD)"

Jessica Scalise (vocals), Isabella Cortina (vocals), Abigail Scalise (triangle), Aurora Ward (rainstick), Julia Grogan (flute), Dayna Lam (flute), Colin Weichmann (sax)

"O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL"

Lyla Kennedy (vocals), Gillian Flynn (vocals), Colin Weichmann (sax)

"DAY BY DAY"

Lyla Kennedy (vocals), Jessica Scalise (vocals), Julia Grogan (flute), Dayna Lam (flute)

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD" Douglas Lam, Isabella and Lilliana Cortina, Beau Kennedy, Frankie Castellvi

"TURN BACK, O MAN"
Gillian Flynn (vocals), Colin Weichmann (sax)

"WE BESEECH THEE"

EASTER SCHEDULE

KEEPING WATCH: TAKING EVERY HOUR CAPTIVE
How do we adequately mark the time Jesus spent in the grave? The time
between Christ's death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday
is a holy time. While it is often filled with all sorts of busy preparations for
Easter, it is also a solemn time of Jesus' rest in the tomb which has historically
been observed with silence, fasting, and prayer. This year we invite you to
mark these days by observing regular moments of prayer. We have created a
devotional resource that offers set prayers and Scripture readings to pause
morning, noon, evening, and night from Noon on Good Friday as Jesus is
hung on the cross until Easter Sunday when the grave is found empty. The
guide will walk us together through the story of God's salvation as we Keep
Watch with Jesus and offer this Holy Weekend back to him.

HOLY WEEK STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross started as a practice of pilgrims who walked the final steps of Jesus in Jerusalem and was eventually brought home for those who couldn't make the journey. The practice invites us to contemplate Jesus' death and resurrection more deeply and intimately. We invite the congregation and community to stop by the church at any point during Holy Week (3/31--4/16) to walk our outdoor Stations of the Cross installation from artist Scott Erickson. Start in front of the Education Building and follow the stations in order along the brick pathway to the sanctuary and back to the parking lot along the sidewalk. Take your time and pray as you go.

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7:30PM at Abundant Life Reformed Church

Good Friday 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Sunrise Service Easter Morning 6:30 AM outside the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Service 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

FAMILY MINISTRY

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT, today from 12-1pm

Journey towards the cross during our community egg hunt! This event is for families and children. Swing by the WRC parking lot anytime between 12-1pm to pick up your information. Then, journey to 5 different homes to collect eggs and discover more about Jesus! Invite your friends and neighbors!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is at Friends to Friends Community Church in Ridgewood, NJ tonight. See Sara's email for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WRCW RUMMAGE SALE

The WRC Women's Club will be sponsoring a Spring rummage sale on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, with Friends and Family night on Thursday, April 13 from 5:00-7:00pm.

- ~Receiving Days are Monday April 10 through Thursday, April 13 from 10:00am-3:00pm.
- ~All clean items must be brought into Heneveld Hall. Please do not leave any items on the curb.
- ~We cannot accept books, furniture or computers.
- ~NO EASTER SUNDAY RECEIVING PLEASE.

The Nursery School is not in session so we have no restrictions for entering the building. Please save any extra food tote bags for the sale!

Come and join us for some fellowship and help raise money for the church.

TEAM UP TO TIDY UP

Individuals and families of all ages are invited to participate in the Annual Wyckoff Team Up to Tidy Up Day on Saturday, 4/22. We would like to get a group together from Wyckoff Reformed Church to participate and we'd love for you to be a part of it! Please contact either Sara Christie at sara@wyckoffreformed.org or Karen Riether at kriether@gmail.com and tell us you'd love to participate! We will meet at the Wyckoff Community Park, 475 Wyckoff Ave at 9:30 by the snack stand. Together we can help serve the community and enjoy fellowship together! Hope to hear from you!

WALK-IN DINNER

The next walk-in dinner that Wyckoff Reformed Church will prepare and serve is scheduled for Saturday, April 29. Sign-ups for this dinner will be after Easter. Through your support, we are able to continue this much needed ministry. At least 15 people are needed each time for the food pickup, the food preparation and the delivering & serving of the meal. WRC served 131 people in February. Family Promise says they are now serving about 180 people each day. We are increasing our food to keep up with the need. Pray for the people we serve; their needs are great. If you want any information about the walk-in dinners, please contact kriether@gmail.com or 201-788-5674.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2
9:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship
10:30 AM Fellowship Hour
12:00PM Community Egg Hunt
5:30PM Youth Group in Ridgewood

Monday, April 3

7:00PM Personnel Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

All Day Blue Moon Fundraiser 5:30PM Confirmation Class

7:15PM Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir Practice

Friday, April 7

Office Closed

7:30PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 9

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Hour

12:00PM Egg Hunt

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