

THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Thine Is the Glory Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP Including Psalm 118:1, 15–17

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the
righteous: 'The LORD's right hand has done mighty
things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the
LORD's right hand has done mighty things!' I will
not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD
has done. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

INVOCATION

*HYMN 277 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Our Father, we confess that at times we feel we are not making much progress in the Christian life. At times we feel as though we may even be moving backwards, wondering how you could love people as faithless as us. We thank you that the risen Lord Jesus is not finished with us yet, and that He seeks us in our failure to restore us by His grace. Restore and recommission us to your service today, we pray, as we look to the One who died and rose again, Jesus our Savior. For it is in His Name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 5:24

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23 (responsive, hymnal p. 791)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia! Shackley

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:24–21:14 (p. 907)

**HYMN 273 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

SERMON

DISCIPLES IN PROGRESS

John 21:15–19 (p. 907)

Dr. John Muhlfeld

*HYMN 286 Worship Christ, the Risen King!

*BENEDICTION

Postlude Toccata Widor

**Please stand if able*

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5–grade 1: Room 112; grades 2–3: Room 110)*

Kindly silence all electronic devices

Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

*Welcome to everyone worshiping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.
Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of welcome bread.*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders – Juan Estevez, Jim Nagy

Musicians – Adult Choir, Adult Bell Choir, Covenant Musicians, Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians – Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk, Greg Fisher

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Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! *Alleluia!*
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; *Alleluia!*
 thee we greet triumphant now; *Alleluia!*
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! *Alleluia!*

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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Go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead." Matt. 28:7

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ our heav'n - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross Al - - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Unison

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia!

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

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He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matt. 28:6

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone moved with power,
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murder, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonder, thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

Jack W. Hayford, 1986

REGENT SQUARE 8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 7,
Henry T. Smart, 1867

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us today. May the joy of Christ's resurrection fill your heart with peace as we worship God together! Following the worship service, please take home any lilies you have contributed or dishes from the breakfast.

Today is the last day to sign up in the narthex for the senior fellowship Easter lunch on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a presentation by Dr. Dick O'Hara. Please contact Don & Lynn Kluizenaar with questions.

This year's spring workday will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please bring a shovel, wheelbarrow, rake, and work gloves if you have them.

The spring clothing exchange will be from April 22–25 at Covenant. Gently used clothing for children and adults may be dropped off in the far narthex beginning April 19. Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer.

If you are interested in serving as a table host at the women's ministry's spring tea on Saturday, May 2, please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, April 12. Hosting a table will require decorating and providing a table setting for 6-8 guests. Tablecloths, food, and hot water for tea will be provided. Please contact Liana Potgieter with any questions.

The men's ministry is hosting a one-day spring retreat at Covenant on Saturday, May 9 from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The theme is "Everyday Evangelism." Please sign up in the narthex by May 3.

Join us to celebrate Helen Ro's 25th anniversary as director of Covenant's music ministry on Sunday, May 31 at 3:45 p.m. at Covenant. The evening will consist of special music and worship followed by a time of fellowship over light refreshments. Please check your church mailbox for your invitation and sign up in the narthex by Sunday, April 26. If you'd like to contribute a dish, please sign up in the narthex by Sunday, May 24. For any questions, please contact Kerstin Trapp at 215-740-0216 or kerstintrapp17@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 4/5	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday 4/6		Office Closed
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Tuesday 4/7	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 4/8		
Thursday 4/9	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Friday 4/10		
Saturday 4/11	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Henning's Market
	1:00 p.m.	Softball Practice at Upper Salford Park (until 3:00 p.m.)
Sunday 4/12	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit www.covpreschurch.org

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**CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Health Related

*Bill Moore
Glenda Childs*

Expecting

*Sade Lemoine (Due Apr 10)
Steph Balmer (Due June 21)
Sarah Walsh (Due Aug 30)
Colleen Iammatteo (Due Sept 14)*

Missions

Shibu Oommen and his wife Mary are serving with Evangelism Explosion International.

Although the weather has now begun to warm up, Shibu and others faithfully continued their outreach throughout the cold winter at Millersville and Kutztown Universities and Lancaster Central Market. One clearly divine appointment occurred on a windy and cold evening at Kutztown University. Three students were on their way to dinner when they stopped to accept some tracts from Shibu. He then asked if they were willing to answer some spiritual questions. They agreed and, after hearing the questions, all said they were not sure of eternal life. With their permission, Shibu shared the gospel clearly with illustrations.

At the end, he told them that they could all have the assurance of eternal life by receiving Christ as their personal savior. All three agreed for a commitment prayer and made professions of faith! Shibu gave them gospels of John and encouraged them to join the Christian group on campus.

Please pray for the following:

- that the seeds that were planted during their campus and market outreaches would bear fruit
- that the students who made professions of faith would grow in their spiritual walk
- for the upcoming Share Your Faith workshops and for more churches to be open for training

**SUNDAY MORNING
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26
Sunday School Nursery Room 120	Easter Breakfast	Nancy Hillman	George & Cathy Schmidt	Sarah Keating
Heart Hiders Room 110	Easter Breakfast	Diana Lowery Mary Slemmer	L. Barbadoro	Sarah Keating
Worship Service Infants Room 120	Cathy Nagy	Ella Clement	L. Gottschalk	E. Waltenbaugh
Worship Service 1s-2s Room 123	Kelly Little Amy Muhlfeld	Caroline Smith Heidi Moyer	Danielle Moyer Jesse Moyer	Jamie Ford Sydney Ford
Worship Service 3s-4s Room 122	Sarah Iannotti Luke Snyder	Sarah Iannotti D. Rutkowski	Abigail English Abbie Riggall	Julia Smith Lydia Moyer
Junior Church 5s – grade 1 Room 112	Jonathan & Ashley O'Hara	Jamie Ford	Kathy McHale	Sharon Muhlfeld
Junior Church Grades 2-3 Room 110	David & Joy Schmidt	Phil & Kerri Hoogenhuis	Jason Clement	Jason Clement
Welcome Bread Bakers	Debbie Schultz	Heidi Fisher	Jane Reagan	Pat Stoner
Greeters	Henry & Debbie Schultz	George & Cathy Schmidt	John & Melanie Medendorp	Paul & Marie Baldwin
Ushers	Byron Childs David Schmidt Charlie Burger Sam Kleeman Jim Lowery Bill Propsner D. Rutkowski	Dan Benoit Andy Ford D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Ed Wilson	Ken Markwalter George Schmidt Brandon Jones Kris Malysz Jeremy Riggall Henry Schultz Steve Rutkowski	Rick Castor George Schmidt G. Estevez Keating Jack Kane John Kane Bob McClurken Mark Kleeman

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is to help people know Christ,
grow together in the grace of Christ,
and advance the kingdom of Christ,
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*