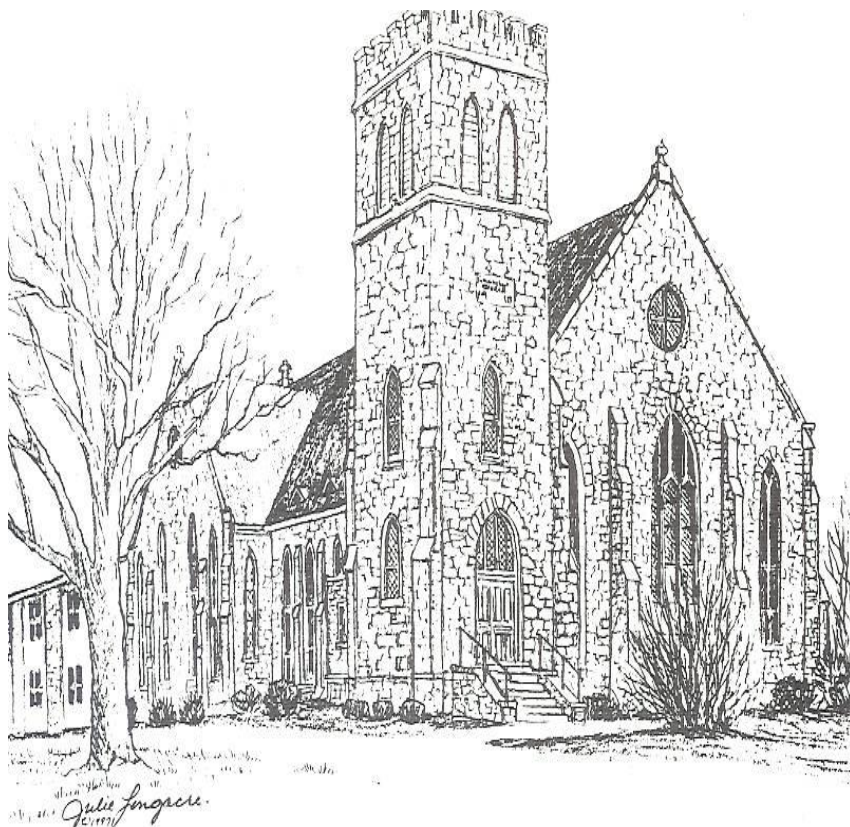


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PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Change Our Hearts

Prayer

Prelude

“The Palms”
(Ken Jacob; baritone)

Jean-Baptiste Faure

***Call to Worship**

(adapted from “A Journey to Hope”)

Jesus began to draw great multitudes wherever He went;
His reputation as a healer and teacher had grown throughout the land.

**After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the chief priests
began to plot to kill Him; for many of the Jews were believing
in Him.**

When Jesus and His chosen ones approached Jerusalem, many gathered
palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting;

**Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
and “Blessed is the King of Israel!”**

Senior Choir Anthem

“Ride On, King Jesus”
Traditional Spiritual

(from Joseph M. Martin’s cantata “A Journey to Hope”)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and
applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer
safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a
donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble
obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change
their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving
for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be
rejected or face a cross. We are not sure we really want to be
Christians. O God, help us. Amen.**

Time of Personal Confession

Senior Choir Anthem “Gethsemane”
 Incorporating “Mary Was the Queen of Galilee”
 (from Joseph M. Martin’s cantata “A Journey to Hope”)

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Luke 19:28 – 40 (NRSV p. 854; LP p. 1643)

Children’s Sermon

Children’s Church No Children’s Church

***Hymn #203** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Sermon “Shouting Stones”

Pastoral Prayer and the 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.**

Call to Offering

Offertory “The Holy City” Stephen Adams

***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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to your altar, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is the world’s salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessings and Distribution of Palms

***Hymn #204** “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

***Benediction**

Postlude “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” Robert Hughes

*All who are able, please stand.

The flowers are presented today in loving memory of Lenore Stauffer by Jeff and Luanne Stauffer.

The bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of Kenneth Wilson by the family.

Mission Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Our task is to proclaim the Living Word of God, which empowers us to care for and share with our community and the world.

Vision Statement of PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH:

Serving the glorious God, claimed by Jesus, and inspired by scripture, honoring our history, with renewed commitment we will reach out to our community and the world through worship, spirit enriching programs, and outreaching mission.

... Things of Interest to Our Palm Schwenkfelder Family ...

This week, please keep in your daily prayers:

The family of Debbie Staver, Ian Ross, Mary and Heinz Herrmann, Wanda Gentry, Beth Cleverly, Martha Wolford, Becky Kraig Kimmel, Marvin Zeisloft, Gladys Hoffman, Bud Johnston, Betsy Yoder, Devon Hawkins, Mary Steltz, Kerm Goda, Rev. Linda S. Gruber, Vern Weller, , Bryan Schwoyer, Donna Weller, Donald Long, Jean Gentry, Mary Hartman, Alice Davis, Jen Fries, Margaret Wallinger, Reverend Ed Winslow, Ernie Guldin, Betty Serff, Mary Jane Burianek, Dave Jaeger, Robert Margerum, Helen Miller, Rob Ziegler, John Hathaway, Betty Pope. Please also keep in your prayers the men and women serving in the United States Military. This month from our Schwenkfelder Prayer list we uplift Central Schwenkfelder Church.

Bible Study

David will be the topic this week, as the online Bible Study reflects on major characters in 1 Samuel, upon the death of Samuel at the beginning of Chapter 25. Help us find meaning by contacting Rick Jones or the Church Office.

What's for Lunch During Lent: Brown Bag Bible Study

During our 2016 Lenten schedule we are delighted to host a brown bag lunch Bible study which will be led by Sister Millicent Drake. This Scriptural study is framed upon the Joseph Martin Cantata, [A Journey to Hope](#), and invites us to explore the Biblical foundations of Lent, leading us through Holy Week and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. The Brown Bag Bible Study will take place every Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m., beginning February 10th and finishing March 23rd. Please feel free to join the study as your schedule allows.

Quilters

The quilters at Palm Church are looking for help. They would like to continue quilting, but they need someone to coordinate the job. Actual quilting by the new coordinator would not be necessary, but would be appreciated. If interested, please speak to Shirley Miller.

March Youth Birthdays

Happy Birthday... Brent Master (3/1), Andrew Kriebel (3/20),
Blake Master (3/30),
Happy 18th Birthday to Elias Gabel-Tripp (3/3).

Bible App for Kids – A Call to Action!

Help your kids connect each day and help them fall in love with God's Holy Word. Stories to read for this week:

The Big Picnic, Jesus feeds 5,000 (Mark 6:30-44)

Coming Home, A father and his two sons (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Teens & Adults ~ You Version Holy Bible App

Current Easter plans: Risen, Awed By Christ's Resurrection, 7 Words from the Cross, Seven Mile Miracle, The Story of Easter.

Teens ~ Current plans: Jonah Challenge, Samson Challenge, Parents, Friendship, Peer Pressure, Integrity, Depression, How to Pray.

Opening Devotions/Sunday School Theme

This month we learn of Paul's rebirth to Christianity and we proclaim Jesus by saying,

"He is indeed the Son of God" Acts 9:20

Lent Service Transportation

If anyone (kids or adults) is in need of carpooling to the community Lent services, Maundy Thursday service, or Good Friday walk and lunch, please contact Barb Master at 610-295-2190.

Maundy Thursday

Youth, be sure to join us 7:00pm this Thursday, March 24th, at Palm Church for the Maundy Thursday Service.

Good Friday Walk

All youth and adults, join us Friday, March 25th 12 noon for a spiritual walk to St. Mark's in Pennsburg where a community church service will be held. After the church service, everyone is invited for fellowship at McDonald's. All youth will be treated to a free meal.

Good Friday Lock-In

Youth from 5th grade and up are invited to join us at 6:00pm at Palm Church for a pizza dinner and a lock-in. Fellowship and fun with movies, games, and a casual candle-lit Lenten service.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunts

Teachers ~ Today after opening devotions, youth Sunday school teachers will participate in an egg hunt, eggs hidden by the youth. The winning classroom will win a Dunkin' Donut party for their class. All classes will be treated to munchkins. The donut date will be Sunday, April 10th. Good Luck!

Youth Egg Hunt ~ After the worship service **today**, all kids please meet in the adult Sunday school classroom (next to the church office) for snacks before we begin finding eggs. All youth ages are welcome!

Open Link Food Drive

During this week leading up to Easter Sunday, we are collecting items for Open Link's food pantry. There is a list of most needed items on the table in the Narthex which includes some non-food items. However, anything you donate will be a blessing. Thanks for your contributions.

"Change Our Hearts" Offering

In conjunction with the First Monday Community Meal that Palm hosted on March 7th, we are having a special change offering. This will continue each Sunday during the months of February and March to help offset the costs of this meal. So, during these months please remember to bring in all your extra change (or bills), for another successful meal!!

Ladies' Aid Easter Candy!!!!

Get your sweet tooth ready! The Ladies' Aid has made Easter candy again this year. There are chocolate covered peanut-butter eggs and coconut eggs, as well as a few other sweet surprises. The candy will be for sale **today!**

Relay for Life

Thank you to the many members of Palm's church family who contributed to the American Cancer Society's 2016 Relay for Life. Our Relay for Life Committee is deeply touched by your continued generosity and financial support. Through your efforts, our church has qualified as a "Presenting Sponsor" for this year's Relay to be held on May 14th, at Camelot Park in Upper Hanover Township.

Christian Exiles Are Fleeing Persecution

Let's help rescue some Exiles! The Deacons at Palm have arranged a partnership with Church World Service (CWS) that will allow all of us to play a role in solving the problem. We will begin by serving as a Hospitality Team for legal, Christian refugees arriving in our area. CWS is one of nine agencies certified by the US State Department to receive refugees. It is difficult not to be distracted by news reports, but it should be noted that it will be another two years before current Syrian exiles can be expected. Meanwhile, we seek to minister to a Brother or Sister from anywhere in the world who has made it through the process and arrives as a stranger in need. Please watch for announcements polling our congregation for specific needs. In the meantime, please include this mission in your prayers. Ask the Lord to guide us and ask how He wills each of us to participate.

Donations for the Migrant Hospitality Project

Offerings to support the Migrant Hospitality Project are welcomed. Please mark "Migrant" on your Envelope to direct your donation. Thank you.

Are You Free for Service Sometime in April?

It looks very likely that the Migrant Hospitality Project will be ready for our first client household very shortly. If you might be available, may we call you in case the arrival is on a day when our volunteer roster is thin? Please let our Deacons know. A few items can only be gathered when detail is known about who is arriving. Cash donations are still appreciated., and your prayers are still sought. Please include Thanks for His Blessings already evident for MHP.

Are You Ready for Spring Cleaning?

Consider volunteering for some spring cleaning at the church and meeting houses on Saturday, April 9th. Possible chores include picking up branches at the meeting houses, straightening tombstones on the church cemetery, and clearing out some of those areas at church that seem to accumulate stuff we never use. Watch the bulletin for more details. Or contact Kevin Master if you want to volunteer or have questions.

Annual Report Available to View

The Palm Schwenkfelder Church Annual Report for 2015 has been posted to the church website. It can be found at <http://bit.ly/1QfQGoZ>, or by going to www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com, rolling your mouse over the “About” tab, and then by selecting the “Present” page from the drop down menu.

Knotting Party

On April 5th, at 9:00 am, the Ladies’ Aid will be sponsoring a Knotting party. No experience needed. Come and help make blankets for the migrant ministry project. Bring a bag lunch and stay for the Ladies’ Aid monthly meeting at 1:00 pm.

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorships

There are several upcoming dates open for sponsorship of our Sunday flowers and bulletins. Dates available for flower sponsorship are:

August 7th & 14th; September 18th; October 2nd & 9th

We have openings for bulletin sponsorships on:

June 5th & 12th; July 31st; August 7th, 14th & 21st

The cost for flower sponsorship is \$50, and the cost for bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. Please sign up on the chart in the hallway outside of the office. And, thanks!

Address Changes/Updates

As a service to our members, any address changes that come through the office will now be listed in the bulletin. There will also be a section in the Palm Leaves that will list new addresses. If you have any information on members who have may have moved, or if any of the addresses listed appear to be incorrect, please call the office to let us know. Thank You.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 24th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Walk begins at 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship at McDonald's Following the Worship Service

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, March 27th
Palm Schwenkfelder Church at 7:00 a.m.

Covered-Dish Breakfast Following the Service

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Easter Sunday Communion Worship Service

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March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday Message from Rev. William P. Worley PSEC Conference Minister

There's a lot going on when Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It amazes me how he heads right into the belly of the beast. From his time in Gethsemane, we also know that he's not exactly thrilled about it. There's a deep pain there.

And, Jesus isn't just heading towards those who plot his death. He also goes to Jerusalem to fail his followers. He moves towards confrontation, pain, and the reality that he would let down those who had laid so many expectations upon him. He went anyway.

Brené Brown, in her book [Daring Greatly](#), writes about how creativity and living fully requires vulnerability. If we're going to do great things we need to be willing to dare to do great things. This demands us to bear risk: risking failure, disappointing others and disappointing ourselves.

Jesus is the icon of many great things, but he is the perfect image of a life lived without shame. Jesus does not begin with the sick assumption that he is not enough; that he needs more friends or more "likes" on Facebook.

If Jesus approached life like most of us, he'd be crushed—internally pulverized from all the rejection and persecution.

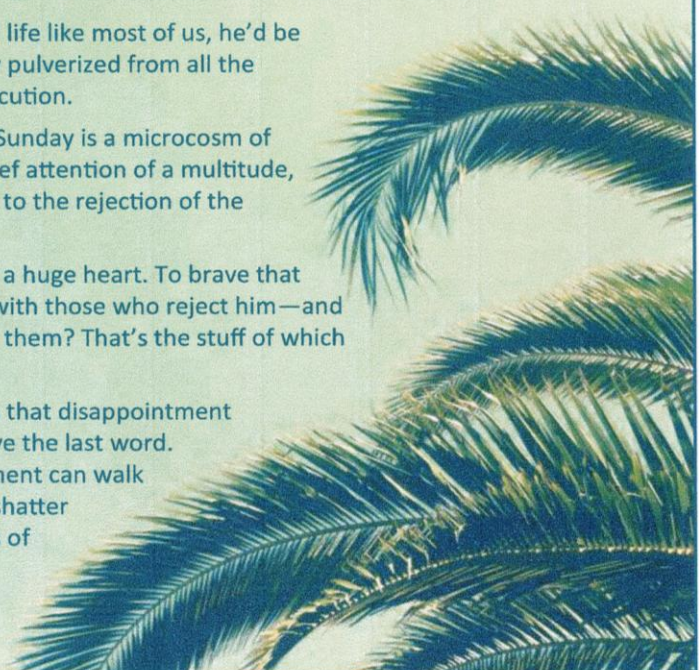
In this sense, Palm Sunday is a microcosm of his ministry: the brief attention of a multitude, which quickly leads to the rejection of the same multitude.

To brave that takes a huge heart. To brave that and still be in love with those who reject him—and be willing to die for them? That's the stuff of which miracles are made.

But, Jesus shows us that disappointment doesn't have to have the last word.

In fact, disappointment can walk out of a tomb and shatter the present powers of this world.

Jesus is enough.
And so are we.



Getting to Know :

Brownback's UCC

656 Ridge Road, Spring City PA 19475



The clarion call of the Reformation of the Church in the 16th century was that we find salvation by grace through our faith in Jesus Christ. At Brownback's UCC, we are faithful to our Reformed forebears in this belief, as we live out our faith in the 21st century, celebrating 275 years of ministry in 2018. As our mission we see ourselves as God's people, followers of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. We praise God's greatness through worship and

celebration; build a spiritual family on friendship, caring, and love; teach all to follow the Way of Christ; and serve Christ by offering hope and support to our neighbors in need. We welcome all to join us on our journey of faith.



In Spring/Summer of 2015 we began our Community Garden to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for the area's hungry. By autumn of 2015 we harvested more than 1,000 pounds of food to the Spring City Food Pantry and the Good Samaritan Shelter for Homeless Men in Phoenixville. Volunteers from our church have also worked with the homeless day shelter at Trinity Reformed UCC in Pottstown on Saturdays during the winter season. Our mission support includes Bethany Children's Home, the Good Samaritan Shelters, the Pottstown Cluster

of Churches, Samaritan's Purse, and area food banks.

Brownback's UCC is small enough to be friendly, yet large enough to provide a beautiful setting for worship, blending together liturgy and instrumental and choral music from our pipe organ, bell choirs, soloists, and Chancel Choir. The



sermons are not only "good news" but relate to modern life. Children are an important part of the life of Brownback's UCC - including our worship, participating in the children's sermon, then in worship play, a lectionary based age-appropriate discussions and activities. Our Youth Group recently combined with youth from two other UCC churches and meet twice monthly.

Brownback's UCC is a warm and welcoming community of faith. We are diverse in age and background, but share a common commitment to follow Christ together as we growth together in word and sacrament, Christian education, fellowship, and service.

Prayers are requested for Brownback's UCC in Spring City and Rev. Raymond J. Jachowski.



This Week at PALM SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, March 20

- 9:00am Teacher Easter Egg Hunt During Sunday School Hour
- 10:15am Palm Sunday Worship Service
- 11:30am Youth Easter Egg Hunt
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Luke 19:28 – 40)

Monday, March 21

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Psalm 118:1 – 2, 12 – 29)
- 7:00pm Board of Christian Education Meeting

Tuesday, March 22

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (Psalm 31:9 – 16)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Troop Meeting

Wednesday, March 23

- 11:30am Brown Bag Bible Study w/Sister Millicent
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(Philippians 2:1 – 11)
- 5:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Junior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Senior Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 13:1 – 20)
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts - Board of Review
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, March 25

- 12:00pm Good Friday Walk
- 12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(John 18:1 – 19:37)
- 1:00pm Good Friday Worship Service @ St. Mark's
- 2:00pm Fellowship @ McDonald's Following Worship Service
- 6:00pm Youth Lock-In Begins

Saturday, March 26

8:00am Youth Lock-In Ends

12:00pm Quincoces Baby Shower

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are
(John 19:38 – 42)

Sunday, March 27

7:00am Easter Dawn Worship Service

7:45am Covered Dish Breakfast Immediately Following Worship

9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Easter Sunday Worship Service

12:00pm Daily Time of Prayer Wherever You Are (John 20:1 – 18)



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The Rev. John C. Dorhauer will be formally installed as the United Church of Christ's ninth general minister and president during a [three-city worship service](#) in mid-April. So members of our conferences can participate in this "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity, the Pennsylvania Southeast and Penn Northeast Conferences have joined together to provide bus transportation to the service in New York City on April 15.

The bus will depart from the **Pennsylvania Southeast Conference office**, 1441 Laura Lane, Suite 100, Pottstown PA 19464 at **3:30 pm** and travel to **Jerusalem Western Salisbury UCC**, 3441 Devonshire Road in Allentown PA 18103. The bus will depart from Allentown at **4:15 pm**.

Fee for the bus is \$30 per person. ***Bring food to eat on the bus for dinner.***

[Register online by April 3.](#)

PNEC participants should direct questions to Rev. Homer Royer Jr. at RevRoyer@ptd.net.

PSEC participants should direct questions to Tammie Wisniewski at tammie@psec.org.

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