



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

“PALM SUNDAY”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Reflection

One of the greatest ironies of the history of Christianity is that its leaders constantly gave in to the temptation of power even though they continued to speak in the name of Jesus, who did not cling to His divine power but emptied himself and became as we are.

-Henri Nouwen, *In the Name of Jesus*

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

From the church's earliest days, Lent was a time of preparation for Easter. The Resurrection of Christ was celebrated not only each week on Sunday, the Lord's Day, but also in a special festival of the Resurrection. As we look forward to the Resurrection, Lent is traditionally focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and lifestyles. The Christian life in its totality is a life of repentance. Beginning when we first commit our lives to Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, we are more and more turning away from sin and self-centeredness and more and more turning to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to experience true freedom and rest.

GOD SUMMONS US
AS HIS PEOPLE

*As we meet together
each week, we
recognize in the
preparation that God,
through his word and
Spirit, gathers us into
his presence and calls
us into his life and
mission.*

*Pick up a palm and gather outside as directed for the opening of
worship. We will process into the church together.*

Welcome

Opening Responsorial

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

All O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

from Psalm 118

Grace, mercy, and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

All And also with you.

God our Savior,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to
suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All Amen

Procession

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*The congregation processes into the sanctuary and to their seats.
Please remain standing until we are finished singing.*

Processional Song

Hail, Jesus, You're My King - Joseph Vogels

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Hail, Jesus, you're my King! (*echo each line*)

Your life frees me to sing.

I will praise you all of my days.

You're perfect in all your ways.

Hail, Jesus, you're my Lord!

I will obey your word.

I want to see your kingdom come;

not my will but yours be done.

Hail, hail, Lion of Judah!

How wonderful you are!

Hail, hail, Lion of Judah!

How powerful you are!

Opening Song

Come Light Our Hearts

Sandra McCracken

For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait, for you, O Lord, our
souls in still-ness wait, tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you.
O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your rad - iance shines on all who
O Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in you we find more than e -
look to you in the dark; Em - ma - nu - el, come, come light our hearts.
nough. We come as we are, O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

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Doxology

Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Confession of Sin

With the same lips that shout for joy,
we so quickly deny and betray you:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

With the same hearts that hail you as king,
we so readily trust in earthly powers:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

With the same minds that know your steadfast love,
we so easily return evil for evil:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

GOD SANCTIFIES US
TO HIMSELF

*Throughout Scripture,
when people find
themselves in God's
presence, they sense
how far short they fall
and become aware of
their own shame and
brokenness. In the
same way, we make
a confession of sin,
both as a community
and also silently as
individuals. In this,
we remember that
God is always ready,
by his mercy and
grace, to forgive us.*

Song of Praise and Adoration

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery, Vito Aiuto



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noin - ted, great Da - vid's grea - ter_ Son!
2. He comes in suc - cor spee - dy_ to those who suf - fer_ wrong;
3. He shall come down_ like sho - wers up - on the fruit - ful_ earth;
4. To him shall prayer_ un - ceas - ing_ and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in_ the time_ ap - poin - ted, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor_ and nee - dy,_ and bid the weak be strong;
love, joy, and hope,_ like flo - wers, spring in his path to birth.
his king - dom still_ in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end:



He comes to break_ op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
to give them songs_ for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to_ light,
Be - fore him, on_ the moun - tains, shall peace, the he - rald, go,
the tide of time_ shall ne - ver his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way_ trans - gres - sion and rule in e - qui - ty_
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
and right - eous - ness,_ in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
his name shall stand_ for - e - ver, his name to us is_ love.

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Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Word of God

Old Testament reading: Zechariah 9:9-13

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow;
I have made Ephraim its arrow.
I will arouse your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOD SPEAKS TO US
IN HIS WORD

*In the public reading
of the word of God
and its exposition
in the sermon, God
shares the story of
his saving mission in
Jesus, encouraging us
to join in that mission
and orienting us
again to his priorities.*

Gospel reading: Mark 11:1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“Palm Sunday” – Dr. Cyndi Parker

Offertory

He Comes - Kate Bluett, Paul Zach

He comes, the Lord's anointed One,
and we shall see his face
as clear as if the rising sun
poured out the light of grace.
He comes, and we shall hear his voice,
not as some distant sound,
but tones that make the heart rejoice
when love, long lost, is found.

He comes, not to the wise and great,
but to the bound and poor,
so low himself that potentates
must kneel to pass his door.
He comes with favor in his hands,
our empty souls to fill,
to make a highway through the sands
and bid the storms be still.

When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the
Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his
poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

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our worship together,
an opportunity
to participate in
the ministry of
Resurrection. If you
are visiting, please
don't feel obligated to
give— we're grateful
simply for your
presence here today.*



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*Having offered
ourselves up in faith
through the creed,
affirming the power
of God's redemption,
we lift up the
church, our world,
and other needs to
God in prayer for
his provision and
healing.*

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
and for those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
and for those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
and for those who,
weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at
this time, ending with,*

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our
Savior has taught us:

**All 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 and ever.
Amen.**

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

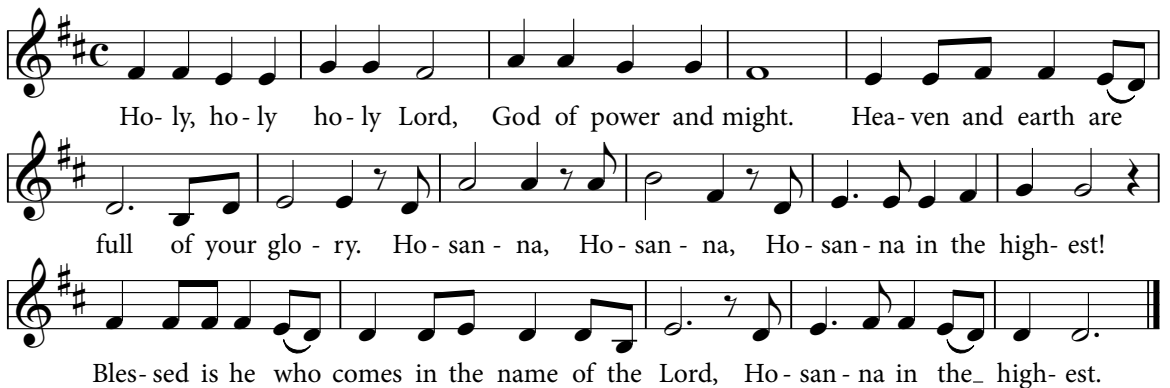
GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*Communion, also
called the Lord's
Supper, is the family
meal of Christians.
We invite all baptized
followers of Jesus
Christ to participate.
If you are not a
follower of Jesus or
are not prepared to
share in the meal,
we encourage you
to spend this time in
prayer. We hope this
time is helpful to you
as you consider your
relationship with
Jesus Christ and with
his people, the church.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
because, for our salvation,
Jesus was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the_ high - est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Reuben Morgan



1. Let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," let the
2. In-to the ri - ver I will wade; there my sins are washed a - way. From the
3. I will rise from wa-ters deep in-to the sa - ving arms of God. I will



blind say, "I can see; it's what the Lord has done in me."
hea - vens mer - cies stream of the Sa - vior's love for me.
sing sal - va - tion songs: Je - sus Christ has set me free.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to the Lamb that was slain. Ho -



-san - na, ho - san - na, Je - sus died and rose a - gain.

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Prayer after Communion

All Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life, and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans, John Mason Neale, Melchior Teschner



1. All glo - ry, laud, and ho - nor to thee, Re - dee - mer, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prai - ses; ac - cept the prayers we_ bring,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas_ ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da vid's roy - al_ Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of_ praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and ho - nor to thee, Re - dee - mer, King,



who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bles - sed One!
to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our me - lo - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those
who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Melissa Choi: voice

Abigail Sparrow: voice

Koof Ibi: trumpet

Sandy Eldred: bass

Mike Szekely: drums

Liturgist

Arlene Navarro

Scripture Reading

Laurel Garver

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

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CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit resurrectionphl.org/groups or scan the QR code at right.



FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl.org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrection-phl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News? If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl.org or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Explore Lent Resources Visit resurrectionphl.org/lent to check out a variety of resources to help you engage the season of Lent.

Holy Week at Resurrection

We hope you can join us to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We encourage you to invite neighbors and friends as well!

- **Good Friday**, March 29 at 7:00 pm
- **Easter Sunday**, March 31 at 9:30 am

Join in our Community Gift Through the Easter Sacrificial Offering Resurrection collects an Easter Sacrificial Offering every year as a special outpouring of love at the end of our Lenten fast. This year our deacons have chosen three recipients for our Easter Sacrificial Offering: Cada Madre Fund, through which Esperanza Health Center serves pregnant women with limited resources, Philly House, which serves men facing food and housing insecurity, and the Ukrainian Crisis Church Fund. We've heard from these organizations at our services over the last few weeks. You can give and see service opportunities shared by the organizations at resurrectionphl.org/eso.

West Philly Gathering Today, 4:30 pm All are welcome for a time of fellowship, singing, and communion, followed by a potluck dinner, at Woodland's Kirk Hall (42nd/Pine) today at 4:30 pm.

Reading Centering Discipleship? Join Book Discussion on April 7 As Chris shared in his letter at the beginning of the season, we're encouraging people to read Dr. Eun Strawser's book *Centering Discipleship* during Lent. We're hosting a book discussion over lunch after the service on Sunday, April 7. Please sign up under upcoming events so we can count you in the lunch order!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

24: Palm Sunday, Woodland Gathering + Potluck

29: Good Friday

31: Easter Sunday

April

7 : Centering Discipleship book discussion

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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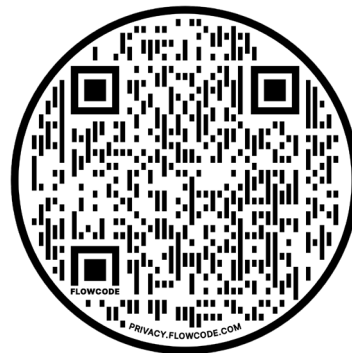
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: _____



Prayer Requests

Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.

Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.

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