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## DELIVER US FROM EVIL: THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

Psalm 110 & Mark 12:18-44

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 3, 2024

10AM SERVICE

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude:** "Worthy of Worship" JeHae Kim-Bixby

## Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The Lord's Prayer concludes with "deliver us from evil," and this is what Jesus will accomplish in Mark 11-16. This final third of the Gospel of Mark is the final week of Jesus' pre-resurrection life, and includes his ultimate victory over sin and death. In this season of Lent, where do you need to experience deliverance from evil? What would it look like for you to partner with Jesus in this work of deliverance?

## Welcome

## Lighting of the Candles

**\*Call to Worship:** Mark 12:28-31

One of the scribes ... asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered,

**"The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'**

The second is this,

**'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."**

**\*Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 1,2,3) #366

**\*Call to Confession:** Mark 10:27

We have been guilty this week of not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. If we had, we would have loved God and neighbor as each deserved. Aware of our shortcomings, we make together this prayer of confession.

## \*Prayer of Confession:

**Jesus, we are a people desperate to be right. Our desire to be right far outstrips our desire to be righteous. But today we acknowledge that we are quite wrong.**

**We have acted wrongly, thought wrongly, and even wrongly tried to earn your love. We have wrongly sought human honor and wrongly kept back our wealth from your service. Forgive us, O Christ. Deliver us from evil without and within, in your holy name.**

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

**COVENANT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY** — Covenant out in the Community is a new CCPC group encouraging folks to enjoy community events together. Our inaugural event will be at 6:30pm TOMORROW at the UWSP Center for Civic Engagement in Wausau. We will hear from David Dennis Sr and David Dennis Jr who will speak about Freedom Summer and their book, "The Movement Made us". Come early for snacks and an interesting and educational night out in the community. Contact Terry Geurink with any questions ([terrygeurink@icloud.com](mailto:terrygeurink@icloud.com)).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — The women's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including THIS Tuesday, March 5.

**ADULT L.I.F.E.** — Adult L.I.F.E. continues THIS Wednesday, March 6 with our Sermon Discussion Group. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room to dig deeper into today's sermon.

## YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

**YOUTH GROUP** — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. **This week is "Volleyball Games!" We will be playing all kinds of volleyball games and no skills are required!**

**KIDS L.I.F.E.** — At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

**WORSHIP & WIGGLES** — Worship & Wiggles is for preschoolers during Sunday worship at 10am & 11am in the Nursery/Cry Room. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. They will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose."

**SAVE-THE-DATE - EGGSTRAVAGANZA!** — One of CCPC's biggest events returns on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30-11am. Join us for a wonderful morning including breakfast, crafts and games, a petting zoo, and TWO egg hunts at 9am and 10am. Sign up at [www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs](http://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs). Call Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you have any questions about the event or volunteering. You can also mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card.

## CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

<b>JANUARY OF 2024:</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25 ATTENDANCE:</b>
Budgeted Operating Revenues: <b>\$68,904</b>	10AM In-Person Total: <b>207</b>
Actual Operating Revenues: <b>\$71,095</b>	10AM Livestream Total: <b>108</b>
Budgeted Operating Expenses: <b>\$67,106</b>	11AM In-Person Total: <b>31</b>
Actual Operating Expenses: <b>\$57,965</b>	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE** — Our 9am I.D. hour and 10am Traditional Service stays the same, but you will notice that Sanctuary and hallway doors will remain closed. This is solely for the purpose of controlling volume between the two services. We continue to encourage 10am worshippers to stay and fellowship after service, but ask that you please do so in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall, not in the hallway outside of Bouldin Hall at the start of our 11am Praise Service.

**SAVE-THE-DATES: HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE** — We look forward to our Holy Week services coming up at the end of March! Palm Sunday services will take place on March 24 at 10am and 11am, followed by Maundy Thursday service on March 28 at 6pm, and Good Friday service on March 29 at 6pm. Easter Sunday services will be on March 31 at 8am and 10am, both being traditional services. As an added treat, our CCPC Praise Band will be playing in Bouldin Hall at the conclusion of the 10am service! Stop by with your family and enjoy some wonderful Easter worship music!

**CCPC 101** — Would you like to know more about CCPC, our beliefs, and our ministries? Thinking about making this your church home? Join us in the Bouldin Hall conference room immediately following the 11am worship (12pm) on Sunday, March 17. Food and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Jim Gates ([jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) or Raissa Dupuis ([raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org)).

## MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

**CCPC AUCTION 2024 - ITEM PICKUP TODAY & THANK YOU!** — A *HUGE* thank you to everyone who gave of their time and treasure for the CCPC Mission Auction that took place last night! It was another wonderful success. **Just a reminder that ALL auction items must be paid for and picked up by 1pm TODAY. Items not paid for and picked up at that time will become the property of CCPC, unless an arrangement has been made.**

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS** — We continue to look for new faces to join our volunteer teams for both services. If you are interested in greeting, security, video/ audio, or Kids Ministry roles in our nursery and Children's Church, please make your mark on today's Connection Card!

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**CCPC SMALL GROUPS** — Small groups are a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and grow in faith with brothers and sisters here at CCPC! Beginning in April, we want to provide this opportunity to those who are interested in committing to six meet-ups with your particular group. You can sign up at The Hub or contact Jim Gates ([jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org](mailto:jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org)) to let us know of your interest. We will follow up and put groups together based on any specific details like day, time, family needs, etc.

### \*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 12:36

Jesus promises us, using David's words, that all his enemies will be put by God under his feet. This means sin, death, our Enemy, and all our wrongness, will be vanquished by the one who is both Son of David and Son of God. Thanks be to him! **Amen!**

\*Congregational Response: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (vs. 3) #269

### Children's Message

### Period of Fellowship

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 110 Page 562

Special Music: "Remember Me" Covenant Singers

New Testament Reading: Mark 12:18-44 Page 49

Sermon: "Deliver Us From Evil: Theological Questions" Jim Gates

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Hymn: "The Lord is God" (vs. 1,2,4) #63

### The Sacrament of Communion

Ministry Celebration: CCPC Mission Auction

### Offering

Offertory Music: "He Hideth My Soul" JeHae Kim-Bixby

### \*Doxology

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 4) #366

Postlude: JeHae Kim-Bixby

## WELCOME TO COVENANT COMMUNITY!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk \*
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

### HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH

The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

### OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### THE APOSTLE'S 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 the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### 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.

## WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

**Worship Leader:** Stephanie Finamore

**Acolytes:** Lucas & Paige Mathies

**Elder Greeters:** Bob Gebauer  
& Julie Nelson

**Greeters:** Barb Smejkal  
& Cheryl Falkowski

**The Hub:** Joan Jackson

**Livestream:** Craig Spangler

**Slides:** Luke Coenen

**Usher Lead:** Jeff Kibler

**Gatekeeper:** Brandon Lamping

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

**Mary Zuidema**  
(Renaissance in  
Wisconsin Rapids)

**Dave Vachowiak**  
(Forest Park Village)

**Wynn Jones**

**Joyce Michna**  
(Fond du Lac)

**Howie Pries**  
(Pride TLC)

## THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL	6:30PM	COVENANT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY	3PM	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY	1PM	RETIRED SINGLES SMALL GROUP
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
						9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
						10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY

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