



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

3.22.2020

WELCOME

Recognizing the wide welcome offered to all through Jesus Christ, Community Church opens its arms to all.

We offer Christ's wide welcome to all people of every creed, age, race, or sexual identity.

*We invite you to join our congregation in worship and in membership,
as we open our lives to be shaped by the loving outreach of Christ.*

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold text indicates congregational participation.*

Please refrain from applause during worship until invited.

Families are asked to check-in children Pre-K through 5th grade in Commotion prior to the start of worship to participate in Sunday school. Sunday school will take place at 10:00 a.m.. All children participating must be checked in and out of Commotion. Families are always welcome to worship together in the service.

Nursery care available during our 10:00 a.m. worship services.

Our service is live-streamed via internet, capturing the chancel & the congregation and may appear on social media.

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Offertoire in C Major from L'Organiste
César Franck

Jill A. Truax, organ

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Doug W. Johnson

COMMUNITY WORDS

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

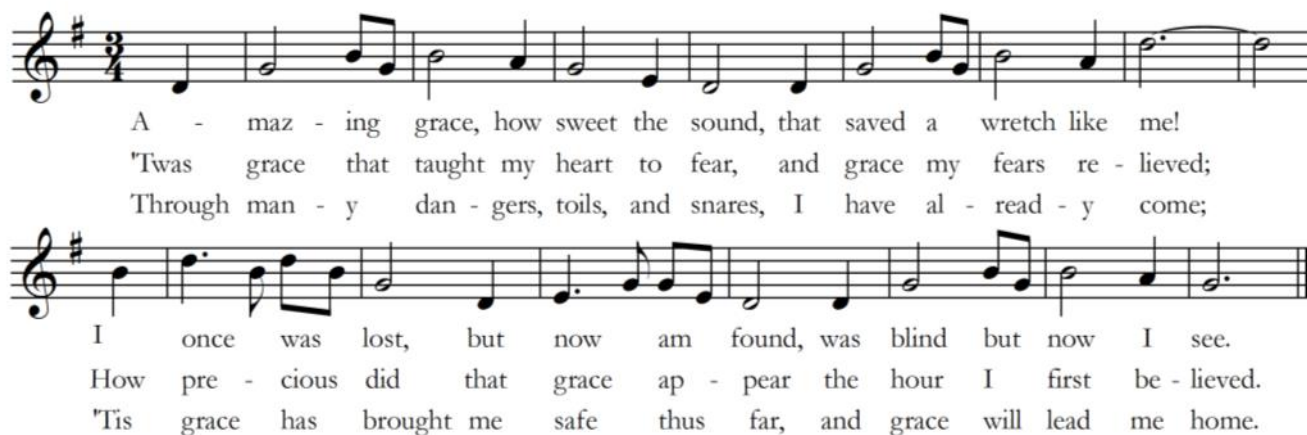
CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. David W. Johnson

*OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE



A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

*LENTEN LITANY

Betsy Sams

One: Lift up your hearts though they may be heavy.
All: **Open our eyes that we might see God all around.**
One: Reach out your hands to steady one another.
All: **Still our spirits that we might receive God's peace.**
One: We are fully present and truly blessed. Let us pray ...

*UNISON PRAYER

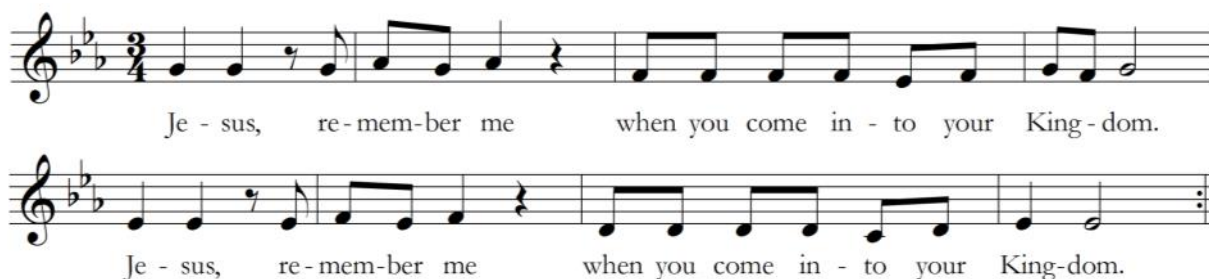
God, our good shepherd, gather our community together though we may be scattered this morning. Write your stories in our lives so we do not lose heart during these uncertain times. Teach us to see your kingdom and its grace in each moment and to live as faithful friends and disciples of Christ in the days ahead. Amen

*LIGHTING OF TWO DISCIPLES CANDLES

Each week of Lent we light two additional candles in remembrance of the twelve disciples who enthusiastically followed Jesus' call. On Maundy Thursday the same twelve disciples' candles will be extinguished to represent their desertion and betrayal. This week we especially remember the disciples, Thomas and Matthew.

*LENTEN PETITION

"Jesus, Remember Me"



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

ANTIPHONAL READING FROM THE PSALTER

Clergy, Cantor, and Congregation

Antiphon: Congregation may join the cantor in singing the antiphon.

Psalm 23

MICHEL GUIMONT



Cantor and Congregation

One: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Cantor and Congregation

One: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.

Cantor and Congregation

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Cantor and Congregation

RESPONSE

One: May God who commanded light to shine out of darkness enlighten our way today.

All: **Amen**

One: We read from a story we call the good news.

All: **We open our hearts to its message of love.**

John 9:1-12

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

*HYMN OF DEVOTION

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole. There is a
 balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. Some - times I feel dis -
 Don't___ ev - er feel dis -
 If you can - not preach like
 cour - aged, And___ think my work's in vain, But___ then the Ho - ly
 cour - aged, For___ Je - sus is your friend, And___ if you lack for
 Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul, You can tell the love of
 Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain._____
 knowl - edge He'll not re - fuse to lend._____
 Je - sus And say, "He died for all."_____

John 9:13-25

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

RESPONSE

One: May these words guide us on our Lenten journey.

All: **May all our wandering find the path of hope.**

SERMON

"Lens Cleaning"

Rev. David W. Johnson

"...One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." John 9:25b

ANTHEM

"Feet O' Jesus"

Rachel E. Carter, soprano

Florence B. Price

*At de feet o' Jesus, Sorrow like a sea.
Lordy let Yo' mercy come a drift-in' down on me,
Oh Lordy let Yo' mercy come a drift-in' down on me.*

*At de feet o' Jesus, At Yo' feet I stand.
O ma' little Jesus, please reach out Yo' hand,
O ma' little Jesus, please reach out Yo' hand.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UNISON CALL TO OFFERING

Betsy Sams

Holy God, we present this offering as a symbol of our gratitude for your abundance and our humble willingness to share a portion of what we have with others. Please bless these gifts and give guidance as they are used. Amen

OFFERTORY

Petites Musiques, mvt. IV Bercement
Florent Schmitt

Jill A. Truax and
Andrew R. Galuska, piano

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm
free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland

One: God be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

One: Let us pray. O God, open our hearts,

All: **And receive our silence and prayers.**

One: In this holy season of Lent,

All: **We seek to turn our lives around.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father which 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**

THE SENDING FORTH

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray — with one ac - cord;
Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair — your world re - lease,
for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;
that, re-deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
Show us how through care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. David W. Johnson

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “Westminster Abbey”

Andrew R. Galuska, organ



IN WORSHIP TODAY

DEACON: Betsy Sams

THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND GIVEN...

by Glenny, Selden, and their families in memory of their brother, Peter and Selden's husband, Kit.

by Helen Post in loving memory of her husband, Dick and sons, Johnny and Bob.

by Thomas M. Ritchie, Jr. in loving memory of his wife, Jeanie Ritchie, and his son, Thomas M. Ritchie, III.

by Tom Rhodes family in loving memory of Tom.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



March 12, 2020

Dear Community Church Members and Congregants,

We are closely monitoring the Coronavirus, and wanted you to be aware of what we are doing to keep ourselves safe during this time.

Keeping You Safe

The Moderator, Interim Senior Minister, Executive Committee, ministry team, and staff have collaboratively prepared ways to respond to the Coronavirus and to support safe worship, community, pastoral care, programming, mission, and outreach. As we gather new information, we may revise our protocols on a regular basis. However, here is a summary of our response at this time:

Cleaning Protocols

- Hand sanitizers have been placed throughout the Community Church of Vero Beach campus, including at the entrance and exit of all meeting spaces.
- Cleaning protocols have been revised, including use of a spray that traps bacteria, preventing transmission by touch from surfaces.

Worship

- For the next two months, we will offer communion on the first Sunday of each month in the Chapel at 11:15 for those who wish to receive it. We will suspend serving communion during the regularly scheduled worship services to avoid contact through the passing of communion trays.
- For the next two months, we invite you to prayerfully share your offering and pledges in specially marked baskets at the entrances of worship, rather than passing the plates during worship.
- You may participate in worship through live stream video, available at www.ccovb.org, Facebook or by calling the Church Office and asking for an easy to access link. You may call the Church Office at 772.562.3633 for help accessing worship as needed.

Community Care

- Hands folded and a slight bow may replace shaking hands.
- A touch on your upper arm may replace a hug.
- Information regarding prevention and care for those who may have been exposed to the virus is available through the Indian River Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on their website at www.ircs.com or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/IndianRiverEOC or through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov.

What can you do?

- Please wash your hands thoroughly for two minutes following physical contact with others.
- Use hand sanitizers.
- Recover at home when you have a cough or a fever. Contact one of our ministers or the Church if you need assistance or pastoral care.

While we are all grappling with the challenges and anxieties that this virus has presented, please remember, God is with us each and every day. We will continue to keep you apprised of our efforts to keep our entire Church community safe.

We know not what the future will bring, but we will continue to do our very best to respond to this outbreak in a thoughtful and appropriate way.

Gods Peace,

Stephen M. Higgins
Church Moderator

Anna V. Copeland
Interim Senior Minister

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

LIVE-STREAMING: To watch the our service on livestream, please do one of the following:

- Log into our web page at ccovb.org. On the home page, scroll down to the box titled 'Livestream Our Service here' and click on livestream in the image, or go to the top right, click on the small camera icon. This will take you to the livestream web site for The Community Church of Vero Beach.
- Go to our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/CCOVb.org>. Scroll down to where the service appears as a livestream
- Go to <https://livestream.com/watch>. In search box key in The Community Church of Vero Beach. Click on the drop down box for The Community Church of Vero Beach, the livestream page will come up.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH: The sermon "Inheritance" will be given by Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland by live - stream at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE: Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland invites you to visit her weekly Minister's Message blog which is updated each Wednesday afternoon and may be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/AnnaVCopelandBlog/>.

PRAYER REQUEST: Should you wish prayer for yourself or for someone you know, you may request a prayer online from our website at www.ccovb.org/pastoral-care or by emailing Rev. Holly Adams, our Minister of Pastoral Care at holly.adams@ccovb.org. You will receive a return call and a personal, private prayer in return.

PRAYER GROUP: We will continue to pray for the joys and concerns of God's people on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. During this time of social distancing, we'll gather by conference call. Email Holly at holly.adams@ccovb.org for the phone number so you can access the prayer gathering.

CARING AND SHARING: We will continue to gather Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., not in Room 113, but on a conference call. It works! From your own home, dial **605.313.5976**. Then enter the access code **157497#**. You'll join the conversation facilitated by Paige Sturgis and Judy Thompson just as if you were gathered around the big table as usual. Questions? Email Holly at holly.adams@ccovb.org.

SMALL GROUP FAMILY MINISTRY: The brand new Family Ministry Small Group will meet beginning March 29th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom call. We look forward to this opportunity, led by Drs. Anna and Ellis Copeland for singles or couples with children.

SACRED PAUSE: Sacred Pause has been suspended temporarily. We will let you know when it will resume.

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION: We ask that you please contact the Church Office if any of your contact information (mailing address, telephone number(s), email address) has changed during the recent past. Please telephone us at 772.562.3633 or email Suzanne Rice at suzanne.rice@ccovb.org. Your help in updating our records will be greatly appreciated.

LIFELONG FITNESS CLASSES: Lifelong fitness classes have been suspended temporarily. We will let you know when they will resume.

PERSONAL COUNSELING: Dr. Donald White has suspended personal counseling sessions temporarily. We will let you know as promptly as they resume.

ON-LINE OR TEXT GIVING: We appreciate your generosity as we seek to continue the work of God in Vero Beach. For your convenience, you can give either by texting or going online to our website. Your information is held securely by a SSL encrypted connection, will remain private, and is never given away to third parties, other than to process your scheduled contributions.

- **Text to Give:** You can text a dollar amount to 772.222.3393. You will be asked to set up an account. From then on, you will be able to text a designated amount any time you'd like, just by sending the dollar amount to the number.
- **Online Giving:** Visit our website at www.ccovb.org. Click on the "GIVE" tab and follow the instructions. You can give one time or set up recurring gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Carawan at shawna.carawan@ccovb.org or call 772.469.2330.

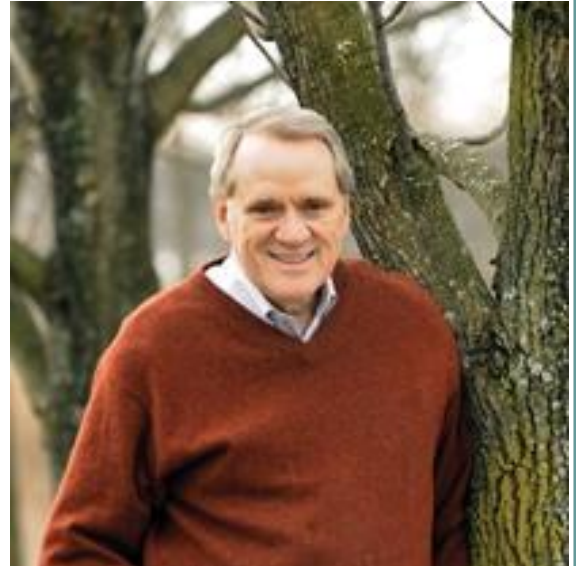
ANNOUNCEMENTS...

ADULT EDUCATION

COMMUNITY@COMMUNITY: Wednesday evening programming has been temporarily suspended. Please watch the Church website, Facebook page, or call the Church Office for updates.

ELLA DODD LECTURES: This year our Ella Dodd Lectures were going to be given by Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. Rev. Michaelson is the former General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America and a founding managing editor of *Sojourners* magazine. His talks will focus around his book, *Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century*; a look at how the winds of change blowing through global Christian faith are reshaping the practice of Christianity today. **Due to travel restrictions these lectures will be rescheduled.**

BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK: We may not be able to gather together, but we can still connect and immerse ourselves in the scriptures. Men's and Women's Bible Studies will be streamed via Zoom in the coming weeks. To participate live, you can log into Zoom on your laptop, ipad, or phone. This will allow you to see the instructor and to ask questions. You can also participate without video by calling in on your phone.



To participate on your laptop (or any computer that has a camera and microphone), you must first download Zoom. When you click the link on your invitation, it will take you to the Zoom site and begin the download automatically. You will need to give permission for Zoom to be installed. This youtube video shows you how. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ>.

To participate on your phone or tablet, you should download the Zoom app before clicking the link on the invitation. The invitation will also have a phone number if you simply want to call in and listen. Note: Zoom is free for participants and you do not need to create a Zoom account in order to participate in Church functions.

Email invitations will be sent to all who are currently in our Bible Study list. We will also post the invitation on our website.

Men's Bible Study will be held this week at noon on Tuesday. Women's Bible Study will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Please call the Church Office if you have difficulty joining the meeting. Both Bible Studies will be recorded and posted on our Church website so that they can be viewed later.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: There will be no confirmation class today. Beginning next week, there will be a video shared for our March 29th lesson (and the March 15th lesson) with videos going out each week until we resume our normal schedule. Watch for them.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: We are all working together to insure that we stay connected. Please keep an eye on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommotionYouth and watch for emails from us.

POST SCHOLARSHIP: Each year, the John J. and Robert D. Post Scholarship Fund awards members of Community Church's youth program who excel in Christian and community leadership. Throughout the years, several dozen CCOVB alumni have had the opportunity to receive recognition for their hard work with financial assistance towards their college education. Any high school senior who is interested in applying is encouraged to download the application from our website at www.ccovb.org, or they can contact Rev. Elizabeth Johnson at 772.469.2305 or Charlene Applegate at 772.469.2322. **The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 12th. Interviews will be Sunday, April 26th. Attendance is required at Graduation Sunday, May 17th to accept the award.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Organ Tour with Andrew Galuska and Jill Truax

Facebook Live
Wednesday, March 25
1:00PM
www.facebook.com/ccovb.org



Tune in for an exclusive peek behind the pipes of our Lively-Fulcher organ!

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

ORGAN TOUR: Join Andrew Galuska and Jill Truax on Facebook Live to enjoy a tour of our organ. The on - line tour will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m.

LENTEN ORGAN AND POETRY SERIES: In preparation for the Easter Season, join Andrew Galuska and poets by live - stream to hear the spoken word in poetry and organ repertoire. Our Lenten organ and poetry series will be on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. on March 26th and April 2nd. Sean Sexton from The Community Church of Vero Beach will be the presenting poet on March 26th.

Lenten Livestream
Organ and Poetry with Andrew Galuska and Sean Sexton
Thursday, March 26 @11:00 a.m.
The Poetry of Sean Sexton
To view the livestream, visit <https://livestream.com/accounts/14662093/events/4259898>
or find us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ccovb



Honoring or celebrating the memory of special people in our lives is a way to express our ongoing love during this Easter season. Easter Lilies are available again this year. The Lilies are also a lovely gift for the beautification of the Church at this special time of year. The Easter Lilies are \$22 per plant and may be purchased by completing this form. Please return your payment with this form to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate . **Deadline is Sunday, April 5th.**

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ (quantity) of Easter Lilies for the Church.

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

☐ In memory of or ☐ In honor of _____

There are Lenten Devotionals available on - line on our Church website.

Please join us for the following activities...

LENTEN ORGAN & POETRY SERIES

Live - Streamed Only

Thursdays, March 26th, and April 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

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**WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT OUR PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER WORSHIP BY WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, AND EMAIL.
YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, April 5th ~ Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland preaching

8:30 a.m. in Grace Chapel, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary, a traditional celebration

10:00 a.m. Community Hall, C² Service with Praise Band

(Child care will be available during our 10:00 a.m. worship services.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m. ~ Rev. David W. Johnson preaching

A service of Communion and Tenebrae

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

April 12th ~ Rev. Dr. Anna V. Copeland preaching

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Come celebrate a glorious Easter morning with the Chancel Choir and Tapestry Brass.

10:00 a.m. in Community Hall

C² service will celebrate with family members of all ages in an upbeat and joyful service featuring the Praise Band.

(Child care will be available during our 10:00 a.m. worship services.)