

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Pastor Joan DeVries
Mar. 25, 2018

Welcome to Fellowship Church this Palm Sunday. This is a day on which we recall Jesus' triumphal ride as people welcomed him into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. It seems people were expecting great things, hailing Jesus as a conquering king. The rest of the week, however, turned out very differently than that day's celebration. We are continuing our series on Living Water with a focus on our need to be cleansed by water as we consider Jesus stooping to wash the feet of his followers at the Passover meal.

After the service today there will be an extended time of fellowship as this is Pastor Joan's last Sunday with us. She will be here to lead the Good Friday service yet as well.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit...

Opening Prayer (in song) **"Open the Eyes of Our Hearts, Lord" LU 537**

God's Greeting

Call to Worship

Song of Praise: **"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"**

Please be seated...

Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. St. James Food Basket (yellow envelope)

Children's Message - Palm Sunday

Palm Procession Song: **"Hosanna in the Highest"**

Prayers of the People & Prayer for Illumination

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND

Scripture: John 13:1-17 (page 1066-1067)

Message: *Living Water: Water for Cleansing*

Prayer of Application

Please rise in body or spirit...

Song of Response: **"Meekness and Majesty" LU 157**

WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

Blessing

Closing Song: **"Go My Children with My Blessing" LU 946 vs. 1 & 3**

Easter Weekend Services

Good Friday Service, March 30, 7:00 p.m. (Communion- come forward)

Easter Sunrise Community Service – Sunday, April 1, 6:59 a.m. Centennial Hill

This year's Easter Sunrise Community Service will be the 49th annual gathering.

The trumpet will sound at 6:59 a.m. sharp! Join us as we gather

with other churches of the Etobicoke West Ministerial on the top of Centennial Park Hill.

(The walk up from the east parking lot is shorter; the walk up from the west parking lot is gentler.)

Easter Service at Fellowship – Sunday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mornings

OFFERINGS	Today:	1. Church Fund (white env.)
		2. St. James Food Basket (yellow env.)
	Good Friday	(no collection)
	April 1	2. Resonate Global Mission

March 25 – St. James Food Basket

Our second collection today is for St. James Food Basket in Etobicoke. Each Wednesday volunteers set up the St. James Food Basket in the St. James United Church Fellowship Hall. Working with the Daily Bread Food Bank, Second Harvest and local suppliers, they provide perishable and non-perishable food items and sundries to individuals and families in need. They serve senior citizens, new Canadians, individuals receiving social assistance, the homeless and families that are simply down on their luck. St. James Food Basket seeks to provide a positive, relaxed environment providing an opportunity for participants to sit, chat and share a cup of coffee, bowl of soup or whatever we have on hand. For more information please go to <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/foodbasket>

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR APRIL will be included in next Sunday's, April 1, bulletin. Please contact the church office by noon on **Wednesday** if you have an event you would like included.

COFFEE BREAK - This coming Wednesday we will celebrate Easter by having an Easter brunch followed by a short program. Come at 9:30am and join us for the brunch at 9:45am. All ladies from our church are invited to join us. On Wednesday, April 4, we will begin a 6-week study on "The Power of Forgiveness." You are invited to join us.

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP - Earth Day gives us an opportunity to get out with our neighbours and practice Creation Care. On Sunday, April 22, from noon to 2pm, we will be cleaning nearby Bloordale Park (1 block east of our building), starting at the Burnhamthorpe Plaza and heading south along the creek. This is registered with the City of Toronto as an official Earth Day Community Cleanup, and we are inviting our neighbours to join us on EventBrite, snapd and toronto.com. Please register, using the link that has been created for you on the "Events" page of our new church website. www.fellowshiptobicoke.com

SPRING CLEANUP: As previously announced, the Spring cleanup of our church property will be this **Tuesday afternoon starting at 1pm**. The work will be mostly cleaning, inside and out, with light painting. Please bring gloves and cleaning supplies. If you have daytime hours to give, let's get our building ready for Easter!

Council & Committee News

FROM THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR: *Lent* is a traditional time of preparation for Easter, privately and as a confessing church. Some of the ways we can prepare together for Easter include:

- **In Prayer:** Every Tuesday at 10 a.m. we will gather at the church to intercede for the neighbourhood. Can you come?
- **In Sharing:** Invitations have gone out to the neighbours for our Easter service. Is there someone you can invite?
- **In Service:** On the afternoon of **Tuesday, March 27th, at 1 p.m.** we're planning a **Workday** to get the building ready for Easter. Can you help?

Prayerfully consider how God is prompting you to respond as we journey toward Easter together. I am in the church office most weekday afternoons.
(mark_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org)

Community Events

“AGING: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES” is the theme of a one day event planned for April 21, 2018. How we deal with the many issues we face in “the third third” of our life as individual believers, as well as the response of the Christian community, will be dealt with by keynote speaker and four well qualified workshop leaders.

Aspects such as our faith life, our ability or inability to live independently, ending up parenting our parents, our interpersonal relationships and changes in our mental capabilities will all come under scrutiny. The help we can give involves all of us at some time. The question of the assistance we need and of what might be available faces many of us even **to-day!**

Disability Concerns sponsors this conference in Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock. To register online go to <https://www.crcna.org/disability>. Groups of three or more can still get the discount rate of \$35.

ALL ONTARIO YOUTH CONVENTION 2018 - High school students and adult leaders can now register online at allontario.com/register or visit facebook.com/allontario for more information.

COMBINED PALM PASSION EVENING SERVICE: On March 25, several Christian Reformed congregations and ministries will gather for a combined Palm-Passion Sunday evening service. The gathering will take place at 1st CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). It will begin with refreshments and fellowship at 5 PM, and the service will begin at 6 PM. The theme will be: “Joy in God Empowering Justice for All,” and it will culminate in a beautiful sharing of the Lord’s Supper together. This will be our fourth annual combined service, and everyone is welcome. You will feel glad you participated.

HAMILTON PLACE CONCERT – March 31, 2018, Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir. Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert at FirstOntario Concert Hall (formerly called Hamilton Place) on Saturday, March 31 at 7:30pm. Tickets can be obtained through a choir member, or online at www.hosanna-choir.org

“LEARNING HOW TO GROW RESTORATIVE CHURCHES”: Conflicts within churches are real but we can deal with them in a way that deepens relationship, strengthens community, and builds our faith. Join us for a three day hands-on training, including support afterwards, on **“Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches”**. The training is offered through *Shalem Mental Health Network* and will be in Ajax, ON on April 27, 28 and May 12, 2018. If you attend a CAP church, you are eligible for a 10% discount on the training fee. For more information and to register for the training, visit: <http://shalemnetwork.org>, or call 905.528.0353 or toll free 866.347.0041

THE LIGHTHOUSE celebrates 50 years in 2018. On Sunday April 22, 2018, at 6:30p.m. the Lighthouse will host a celebration service at First CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). You are invited to come and celebrate with The Lighthouse its first 50 years. There will be a time for reflection and sharing as well as a time of giving thanks and praise. For more information, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 | 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca

Guest and Member Information

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR is in the office most weekdays from 9a.m. to noon p.m. **The bulletin deadline this week is noon on Wednesday.** Church email: rehofellowcrc@bellnet.ca. OR 416-622-9647.

ALLERGIES: Some of our members are highly allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, e.g. cashews, almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, etc. Please don't bring peanuts, tree nuts or anything containing these items to the church. Thank you. (For the benefit and peace of mind of those with allergies or food sensitivities please label any homemade item you bring to church.)

ANY CONCERNS WITH THE CHURCH BUILDING: Contact any member of the Committee of Administration.

CHILDREN: Kids Bulletins are available. **Nursery** is provided.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: for guests (or members who may have forgotten theirs) are available at the entrance beside the guest book.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available. They are located on the shelf in the church office.

IF YOU ARE AWAY FROM CHURCH due to illness, vacation, etc. and you wish to have the bulletin emailed to you, please advise the Administrative Coordinator.

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JOB OPENINGS:

-The Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a full-time opening for a Volunteer and Communications Specialist in our Burlington, offices. Visit crcna.org/jobs for a detailed description or to apply by March 28, 2018.

-Disability Concerns and Safe Church ministry have a 30-hour-per-week position open at the Burlington office to assist Christian Reformed Churches in Canada in becoming safer communities where everybody belongs and everybody serves. Find full job description and application information at bit.ly/DCSCjob.

LIGHTHOUSE NEEDS: We are always in need of egg cartons (cardboard only) and plastic bags to pack fresh foods for our food bank clients. It is a fun and easy way to help out our neighbours in need. Drop off your egg cartons and plastic bags today!

www.crcna.org/Canada - The website for the Christian Reformed Church Ministry in Canada.

If you want to understand and be resourced for ministry in Canada, check out www.crcna.org/Canada. Join The Network (www.crcna.org/Network) to find blogs, discussion topics, ministry Q&A, church jobs, and much more!?

*Jesus, my feet are dirty.
Come even as a slave to me,
pour water into your bowl,
come and wash my feet.*

*In asking such a thing I know I am overbold,
but I dread what was threatened when you said,
“If I do not wash your feet I have no fellowship with you.”*

Wash my feet then, because I long for your companionship.

Origen (c. 185-254)