

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

## With Love | Week 6



### Prayer *Breath Prayer*



A short, ancient, contemplative prayer which is said by inhaling and exhaling for one breath. It often begins with a biblical name of God that is meaningful to you and followed with a word or phrase expressing your deep God-given hope or desire.

**Step 1 |** Find a quiet place.

**Step 2 |** Decide on a simple two part phrase to say silently or out loud.

- Jesus, Son of David...have mercy on me, a sinner
- Abba, Father...I belong to you
- Be still and know...that I am God
- Not my will...but yours be done

**Step 3 |** Practice the breath prayer, inhaling on the first part and exhaling as you say the second part, repeating the prayer for 2-5 minutes. For example...

- (inhale as you say...) Abba, Father...(exhale as you say) I belong to you

### Fasting *A Simple Practice for Fasting*



**Discern |** Prayerfully discern the appetite that you will relinquish - a meal, social media, technology, etc.

**Design |** Make a plan for your fast - when, how long, people who need to know about it, etc.

**Delight |** Discern how you will actively turn toward God with joy and delight during your fast.

### Mercy *Visit The Prisoner*



Write a note of encouragement to an imprisoned person through the Calvin Prison Initiative the week of Sunday, April 2.

#### *Additional one-time & ongoing opportunities*

Join a team with Bob Ellis to become an associate chaplain at Ottawa County Jail through mission partner Reaching the Forgotten Jail Ministry (formerly Forgotten Man Ministries).

Use the QR code for more in-depth information on this week's prayer, fasting, and mercy practices.



### NAVIGATING GRIEF

Are you experiencing grief or finding yourself in a season of loss? Licensed professional counselor and ordained minister, Rev. Kate Meyer, will guide you through a 4-week course focused on allowing God to accompany you through grief and eventually into hope. Classes will meet on Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26, and Thursday, May 4 from 6:30pm-8pm. To register, please call the church office or email Pat Vorpagel: [pvorpagel@fellowshipreformed.org](mailto:pvorpagel@fellowshipreformed.org).

### DISCOVER FELLOWSHIP CLASS

If you would like to learn more about Fellowship, connect with others, and potentially become a member, we invite you to join us for our Discover Fellowship Class. The spring class will be on Sunday, April 23 from 10:30am-2pm. It will include lunch and participation in the Congregational Meeting. Use the QR code to sign up!



## CONSISTORY SINGLE SLATE

The following people were selected by lot and approved by the consistory to serve on the Ministry Leadership Council or the Care Leadership Council starting on July 1. Thank you to Doug DeLeeuw for leading this process.

#### MLC-ELDER

Steve VanderHill

#### CLC-DEACON

Steve Buck

#### CLC-ELDER

Aaron Anderson

#### MLC-DEACON

Robyn Hofmeyer

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# Passion That Teaches



## Lord. Savior. Teacher. Friend.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY | APRIL 2 | 9 & 10:30AM

**Prelude**

**Processional:** *Teach Us Your Ways\**

**Call to Worship**

*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)\**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!\**

**Breath Prayer**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God\**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Welcome & Announcements**

(10:30am service ONLY: children 3 yrs - 1st grade are dismissed to Children & Worship)

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-17

**Sermon:** "Who Is This?"

**Holy Communion**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord [part of liturgy]\**

*Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)\**

*Hosanna\**

**Benediction:** *Doxology\**

**Postlude**

*\*indicates congregational song*

**Leading in the Service**

**Preaching:** Rev. Nate Schipper | **Liturgists:** Rev. Tierra Marshall, Jess Mix

**Musicians:** James & Steve Braunius, Darrin Duistermars, Beka Folkert, Jim McFarland, Skylar McNeely, Lori Maatman, Marcia Meoli Smith

**Audio & Video Tech Team:** Jeremy & Ryan Dalman, Karen Donker, Sophia Mix, Mary Moore, Duane & Ginger VandenBrink, Bryce Vander Stelt

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Join us in person or online this Friday, April 7 @ 6:30pm as we immerse ourselves in the story of Jesus' passion: his betrayal, suffering, humiliation, crucifixion, and death. Through song, Scripture, prayer, video, and visual art, we will learn from the example of our Teacher in the way he suffered and died, and offer ourselves anew to be saved by his work and transformed into his image.

**EGG-CELLENT EASTER EVENT**

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us on Saturday, April 8 from 10:30am-12pm for donut holes, the Easter resurrection story, and a candy scramble outside. The Critter Barn will also be there with chickens, a rooster, ducks, rabbits, and pygmy goats! Kids 5th grade and younger.



**EASTER SUNDAY**

One of the most celebratory days of the Christian year! Get this: they put Jesus dead in a tomb, but he didn't stay there! Join us online or in person next Sunday, April 9 @ 9am or 10:30am as we joyfully participate in the story of Jesus' resurrection with song, prayer, Scripture, preaching, and bursts of colorful spring flowers.

**Easter Flowers**

We invite you to order a potted Easter flower in honor or in memory of a loved one to be placed in our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Flowers are \$10 per pot, and will be available to take home after the 10:30am service on Easter Sunday. Use the QR code to order by tomorrow, April 3.



**Easter Choir**

Calling all singers! If you'd like to help lead worship in the Easter choir, we'd love to have more voices. We'll have one rehearsal on Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:30pm. Please let Jess Mix know if you are interested: [jmix@fellowshipreformed.org](mailto:jmix@fellowshipreformed.org)

As an **ALL BELONG** church, Fellowship welcomes all individuals and families living with disabilities. Please inquire at the Welcome Center for assistance and/or additional information.

**Passion That Teaches**

**Matthew 21:1-19 | April 2**

Journal it. Ask a friend. Discuss it in a group.

**Reflect** | Think about the last time you were either disappointed or surprised. What did you expect? What actually happened that led to your disappointment or surprise? How did you react?

**Excavate** | What is the significance of Jesus riding in on a donkey (Zechariah 9)? What is the significance of palm branches?

**Interpret** | What kind of king are the people expecting? How are their expectations either surprised or disappointed? In what ways is Jesus' cursing of the fig tree a metaphor for Jesus' prophetic critique of the religious leaders?

**Examine** | Thinking back over your own life, how have God's ways and purposes surprised you (exceeded your expectations)? How have God's ways and purposes left you disappointed (shattered or changed your expectations)? How have both the surprises and disappointments brought about fruitfulness in your heart, life, and faith? What still feels barren, incomplete, or in need of God's healing and hope?

**Apply** | Jesus' cleansing of the Temple brings disappointment to some but healing to others. Where is God inviting you to relinquish expectations so that he can bring about healing in or through you this week?

**Invite** | When the opportunity arises, share the story of a time God surprised you or a time of God's transformation in a situation when your expectations weren't met with a family member, friend, colleague, or neighbor.

**Please note:** The Questions & Conversations reflection questions above are in line with the current week's sermon, instead of looking ahead to the next. If you would like to look ahead to next week, please use the QR code!

