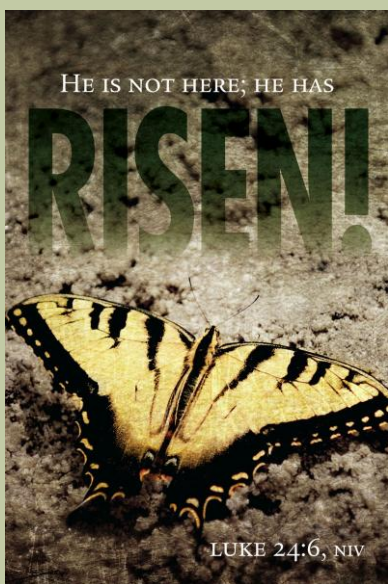


April 1, 2014

# Calvin Commentary

John Calvin Presbyterian Church



Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Hear Me saying *Peace, be still* to your restless heart. No matter what happens, *I will never leave you or forsake you.* Let this assurance soak into your mind and heart, until you overflow with Joy. *Though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, you need not fear!*

*I hold you by your right hand, and afterward I will take you into Glory.*

Happy Easter!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Maundy Thursday

#### Worship

**April 17  
7:00 p.m.**

In the Sanctuary

### Good Friday

**April 18**

Sanctuary open for  
**Prayer and Meditation**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meditation readings will be available.

### Palm Sunday Cantata

#### “The Victor”

by David T. Clydesdale

**10:30 a.m. Sunday April 13**  
Chancel Choir, Soloists and members  
of the Louisiana Philharmonic  
Orchestra

### Easter Sunday

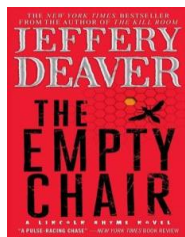
**April 20**

Easter Sermon

“Do Not Fear”  
The Reverend Harry Brown

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## JCPC BOOK CLUB



**April 24 at 7:00pm**  
**in the Church library**

## From the Pastor's Study

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy”.*  
(1 Peter 2:9-10)

To truly be a missional church we have to shift from an internal focus to an external focus. Reggie McNeil in his book Missional Renaissance declares that this means shifting our focus from a member culture to a missionary culture. A church that has a membership culture expects people to join the church and support it with the attendance, money, prayer and talent. The flow is toward the church which is always at the center of the action.

By way of contrast the missional church is made up of missionaries who are in the center of the action every day. The lives of people in a missional church are mission trips. On mission trips people focus on the work of God around them, alert to the Spirit’s leading and serving people in tangible ways that often involve sacrifice and discomfort. While the concerns of life, family, work, leisure, etc. are pursued they are integrated into the larger story of being missionaries where they are.

A membership culture views society as a series of domains; things like business, art, healthcare, education, politics, etc. all of which are separate spheres. In this view the church is one domain positioned among the others vying for attention and money. The member culture church focuses all its efforts on the spiritual domain and thus misses the breadth of God’s call.

The missional church views the church’s position in society differently. It understands that God has His people, His missionaries, deployed across every domain of culture. Since the mission is redemptive and the world is God’s target, it makes sense that God would use this approach. Such deployment is what God had in mind when he designated his people to be a kingdom of priests. This commission didn’t anticipate a bunch of people tied up doing church work, insulated from the culture that needs to hear from God’s priests. God had a mission in mind that everyone could participate in, and different than a member culture that gathers on Sunday to watch a few people exercise their gifts.

Moving from a member culture to a missionary culture means making heroes of Jesus followers who are using their life assignments as missionary posts to bless people. The idea is that in their daily life and routines, in their relationships and social networks, in their fields of influence, the people of God represent God to people and people to God. In a culture where many do not know the gospel this is essential work.

In Christ’s Service

Rev. Harry Brown



Easter Lilies

**LILY ORDER FORM**

**\$13.75 each**

**Order by April 15**

**To The Glory of God**

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**JCPC Easter Egg Hunt –Saturday April 12—10AM --Noon**



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00. Come enjoy snacks, crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny and an exciting Egg Hunt on the playground.

Candy donations to put in the Easter eggs would be much appreciated. A collection box is located by the church entrance. Individually wrapped candy and fruity-type candy works best because chocolate candy will melt on a hot day. Please no peanut candy because of allergies. Your generosity is appreciated as always.

**Music News**

How many programs begin with a resurrection within the first twenty-two seconds? David T. Clydesdale begins his Easter Cantata, “The Victor,” With Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In this “film-scorish” masterpiece, we are guided through the final days of Jesus’ earthly ministry by a man named Benjamin, played by Danny Cain. Benjamin (a fictitious character) is a Jewish religious leader, but curious and concerned about Jesus. “Could He possibly be the Messiah?”

The Chancel Choir, with soloists Sandy Cranfill, Sharon Fortin, Kelly Frost and guest tenor, David Bloom, dramatically present this very dramatic work. They will be assisted by members of the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of William R. Memmott, Organist and Choir Director.

The program will also include the offertory anthem, “Jesus Christ, the Lord,” by Jack Coleman and the unique settings (found in our hymnal) of the Gloria Patri and Doxology by Avery and Marsh. In keeping with the more contemporary style of the music for this day, Mr. Memmott has arranged for orchestra two works by the late organist/composer Richard Purvis: “Were You There?” (prelude) and “Kyrie Eleison” (postlude).

To conclude this festival day, the Presbyterian Women will be hosting the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

This is a special day in the life of our church that is not to be missed. Invite your family and friends.

***Soli Deo Gloria***

## Project Hope Offering

A special offering to support The Homeless Meal Program "Project Hope" was held during the month of March.

We are pleased to announce that due to your generous support of **\$2166**, the meal program is fully

funded for our weeks of service to the program.

Volunteers prepare the bag lunches on Tuesday and distribute them on Wednesdays. Please contact Richard Britson, 454-5954, if interested in helping with this project.

Thank you for your support!

## Evergreen Foundation Thank You Received

"We serve, provide for and champion individuals with disabilities."

Thank you for sharing the Love of God with individuals who live with developmental disabilities every day. Please express our appreciation to your congregation for their generous offering of \$355.00.

Your gift will help serve, provide for and champion 1300 people with intellectual disabilities to whom Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries is committed. On behalf of Evergreen, we say thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Garner, Executive Director

## Heifer International Update

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank all of you for your generous support of this project. **\$906** was collected and as we awaited the last of the donations, we were informed of a \$1.2 million matching gift challenge. Therefore, the money raised will provide double the benefits to the people of Cambodia who struggle to survive on under \$1.25 a day. Your generous support, with the matching funds, will help Heifer provide over 5,000 Cambodian families with pigs and chicks to make an immediate difference along with vegetable seeds and extensive training needed to become thriving farmers and small business owners. And these 5,000 families through **"Passing on the Gift"** will help an additional 15,000 families in just a few short years.



## Clothes and Pantry Items for the Homeless

JCPC is collecting seasonal clothes for the Project Hope during the month of April. Please bring clothes to the church office. Please no winter items.

**The JCPC Food Pantry is low in food items for the assistance program. We also need gas cards for the needy. Please drop items in church office.**

## John Calvin Presbyterian Church April 2014 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Live 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 8:30 AM Chapel Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:45 AM Children visit Hager House	7	8	9 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Live 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 PM Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal	11	12 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM EASTER EGG HUNT
13  PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM Chapel Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Cantata "The Victor" 12:00 PM Luncheon	14	15	16 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	17  12:00 PM PS Teacher In-Service Training 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship	18  Playschool Closed 18-25 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sanctuary Open for Meditation	19
20  EASTER SUNDAY One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 8:30 AM Chapel Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Traditional Worship	21 Church Office Closed Playschool Closed all week 7:00 PM SESSION MTG	22	23 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
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