

Worship in March

MARCH 4

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship | Communion

10:00 A.M.

Rev. Damien J. Lake, Preacher
Name, Lay Leader
Music by the Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Supper

6:30 P.M.

Taizé Prayer Service

7:35 P.M.

MARCH 11

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship

10:00 A.M.

Rev. Damien J. Lake, Preacher
Bonnie Schmidt, Lay Leader
Music by the Chancel Choir & Carillon Bells

MARCH 18

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Worship

10:00 A.M.

Rev. Damien J. Lake, Preacher
Tom Coleman, Lay Leader
Music by the Chancel Choir & Tower Ringers

MARCH 25

PALM SUNDAY

Worship

10:00 A.M.

Craig Wood, Lay Leader
Music by the Chancel Choir,
Chapel Bells & Tower Ringers

MARCH 29

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship & Communion Service of Tenebrae

8:00 P.M.

Rev. Damien J. Lake, Preacher

MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY

Sanctuary open all morning for prayer

7:00 A.M.

From Damien J. Lake, *Interim Minister* *Pastor's Ponderings...*



Pastor's Pondering's

In the month of February we all saw how quickly life can change and that no neighborhood is safe from violence. We experienced this when a lone gunman, age 19 decided to go into a school and begin shooting students and staff in Parkland, Florida. Before this horrible incident there was Sandy Hook, when another young man walked into a school and started shooting. And yet again, in a small town in rural Texas when a man decided to kill innocent people gathered in a church on a Sunday morning. As these shootings continue to happen they make our communities wonder if we might be next. How do you look at a parent who has just lost their child to a senseless shooting and find words to comfort them? How do you find hope when you as a parent are worrying if your child will be the next victim of a shooting? I have come to realize that as people of faith we don't always have answers to these kinds of questions. For hundreds if not thousands of years people have been wondering why bad things happen to good people, but according to theologian, author, and professor Dr. Joanne Terrell she reframes the question to say, "Why do good people do bad things?" I feel that her insight and brilliance in reframing this question can help us to look deeper at these situations that

have caused us so much pain and struggle. In many of these shootings there is a person who is troubled, someone who needed help, a person that just wanted some love. Many people blame themselves when a family member does this. Many people dismiss the person who did the shooting as a lost individual. But there are others who have been asking the questions; did I hear them crying out for help and missed it? Did I read something they posted on social media and not take it seriously enough? Did I miss one of these signs, the withdrawn attitude, the angry tone towards others, the lack of empathy around the house? When we turn to the Bible for guidance we find many stories where Jesus provided love. He helped the man who was blind, the woman who was casted out of her village, the people who needed to be fed. He took time and listened to their needs and then took the action of love. We are living in a time of uncertainty, and we don't know what will happen next. I believe that we need to be reminded of the covenants that God created with the people, our ancestors and us. The covenants say to love your neighbor like yourself, which means to care for each other in the same way you want to be cared for. We are charged by God to visit the sick, both physically and mentally and to listen to what they have to say and offer help and guidance. We are

charged to be kind and loving to all people and to not judge the living or the dead. Our youth and are teachers are living in fear today, they are concerned about the future and the safety of the schools they attend. There is something we can do to help keep them safe and to help to make sure one of them doesn't turn on the others; we can offer up our ears to listen and provide them with the love that they need. Offering these things will take us a long way in a world that often seems to be lacking in compassion and love. May God be with all those who are struggling this day and help them to find the love they need...

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Damien



Week 3, March 4: Did you clothe me? "Empty your closets" of good clothes that can be donated to Integrity House (Newark and Secaucus). Many of the residents at Integrity House arrive with only the clothes on their backs, either from jail or prison, or from shelters or detox. Nothing makes one feel as good as a new set of clothes for confidence and self-respect. Drop off your softly worn excess clothing that will be blessed on Sunday March 11 and donated to Integrity House.

Week 4, March 11: Did you welcome me as a stranger? Letters to the editor and Facebook posts and Twitter feeds in support of immigrant rights or welcoming the stranger can be written. A reminder that we are all strangers here, that all of us are from somewhere else.

Week 5, March 18: Did you visit me when I was sick? During this week, write a card, make a call, stop to visit the sick friends who are housebound, in the hospital or otherwise sick. Remember them in their illness. We lift up their names at worship this morning.

Week 6 March 25 (Palm Sunday): Did you visit me when I was imprisoned? The difficulty of visiting the imprisoned cannot be overstressed. Instead, we can support work done to exonerate the innocent from the harshness and injustice of prison. Visit and support the Centurion Project, a Princeton based organization. Join the mailing list at centurion.org and keep abreast of their work to free the wrongly convicted. Act when led. Or sign up for the Central Atlantic Conference Justice & Witness Action Network for emails about justice issues. You can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CAC-JWAN>.

Week 7, April 1: Easter.
Hallelujah. He is Risen indeed!

From Thomas Mustachio,
Minister of Music



PALM SUNDAY 3/25

Carillon Bells, Tower Ringers and Chapel Bells will lead the great Procession with Palms into the Sanctuary at 10am. Special musical offerings by our Chancel Choir and Chapel Bells.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 3/29

Our Chancel Choir will sing many meditative selections as the lights slowly dim and we hear the Passion reading unfold at 8pm.

EASTER SUNDAY 4/1

Chancel Choir, Carillon Bells, Children's Choirs and instrumentalists will fill the sanctuary with music at 10am as we welcome back "Alleluia!" Anyone who would like to join in singing the *Hallelujah* Chorus from "Messiah" is welcome to join the choir in the loft toward the end of the service.

Glen Ridge Community Concerts

SILENT MOVIE



LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT

THOMAS MUSTACHIO, PIPE ORGAN
Glen Ridge Choral Society

FRI, MAR 23, 8 PM

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195 Ridgewood Ave, Glen Ridge, NJ

In 1927, working with one of the biggest budgets in Hollywood history, DeMille spun the life and Passion of Christ into a silent-era blockbuster. Featuring text drawn directly from the Bible, a cast of thousands, and the great showman's cinematic bag of tricks, *The King of Kings* is at once spectacular and deeply reverent – part Gospel, part Technicolor epic. Tickets on sale during Fellowship hours Sundays, March 4, 11 and 18.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:45am – We gather in Robinson Hall for the great procession.

10am – Worship Service

Chancel Choir, handbells, percussion

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

8pm – Communion and Service of Tenebrae

Chancel Choir

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Our sanctuary is open for prayer all morning, starting at 7am.

EASTER, APRIL 1

10am – Festival Worship Service

Chancel Choir, children's choirs, handbells, instrumentalists



Easter Flowers

for the service on April 1, 2018



We invite you to make a donation of Easter flowers for the sanctuary in memory or in honor of loved ones. Any amount is welcome.

Please send this completed form and your check, payable to the GRCC Flower Fund, to Norma Batastini, Flower Committee, 195 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, or drop it in her mailbox in the Church Office. If you have any questions, call Norma at 973-746-2936 or e-mail her at nlbatastini@verizon.net.

Deadline for the memorials is Thursday, March 22. The listing will be published as an insert to the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ and/or Phone _____

Flowers in memory/honor of: _____

Optional:

Many donors submit the same names at Easter and Christmas. For your convenience and to save paperwork, you may now submit your donation for both events at this time. You will receive an email or phone call in December as a reminder that it is done.

Check YES, if this is for both events.

Donation amount _____



Memorial Service for
Joseph Connolly

Saturday, March 24, 2018
1:00pm

Glen Ridge Congregational Church



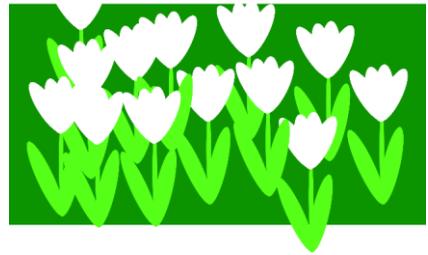
First
Wednesday

Food is provided.
All are welcome!

6:30pm Supper (Robinson Hall)
7:35pm Taizé Prayer Service



**Rummage
Sale**
Collection
Will begin on
March 11th



**Women's Association
Spring Brunch**

Saturday, March 3, 2018
10:00am-12:00pm

Fr. Lucey from St. Francis
will be our Guest Speaker

Hope you will join us!
Questions: Ann Bronneck:
abronneck@gmail.com



New Address for GRCC Website:
www.glenridgecong.church

Food of the Month



We support the MEND
pantry at the Church on
the Green. In March
please look in the bulletin
for items needed.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND IN OUR PRAYERS

AT HOME

Barbara Metro, Sylvia Caldwell, Phyllis Domenic, Fred Worth, Roger Nelson, Xavier Ross, Sue Watson.

IN EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

George Haug (Canturbury), Jean Bendell (Lincoln Park) Lucy Force (Sunrise, Woodcliff Lake), Irene Stevens Heun (Job Haines), Doris Hollander (The Villages, Duxbury, MA), and Jean Lancaster (Sunrise, Marlboro), Barbara Underwood (Van Dyk, Montclair), Theodora Wilcox (Van Dyk, Montclair)

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF OUR CHURCH

Mindy Lytle, Karen Marshall, Erika Lomaga, Peter Bartlett, Meghann Marturano, Jeff Domenic, Jean Sparks, Marie O'Grady, Cheryl Vivona, Becky Bodnar, Courtney Connolly, Grace Uliano, JC Egbert, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Andrea Row, George Boltnew, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Merrill Roberts, Joan Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Thomas Bright, Sr., Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Carolyn Pescatore, Bill Phillips, Brad Turner, Christina Hepp, LeWanda Pleasant, Margot Priest, Sally Calhoun, Pamela Jeffery, Dennis Sinclair, Cathy Rohling, Dorothy Lefkovits, Billy Martin.

March Birthdays.....

		16	Ione Bartlett
		18	Susan Hughes
		19	Chaz Burnett
		22	Mary Duus
		23	Beverly Curtis
		23	Anise Kilgen
		23	Victor Magnusson
		25	Sari Brown
		26	Linda Woodbury
		27	David Mitchell
		30	David Dik
		31	Bob Dunn
		31	Will Bartlett
3	Linda Potter		
6	Lillian Ashenfelter		
6	Bonnie Lowe		
6	Grace Travia		
7	Grace O'Grady		
8	Bart Brown		
8	Sam Dobbs		
8	Lilly Provost		
9	David Lefkovits		
10	Dave Kerr		
11	David Ellertson		
11	Michael Brown		
12	Ciaran Smyth		
13	Emiko Honma		
16	Sophie Harrison		

If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please let the office know