

# First Church at Worship

## GATHERING

*This morning, worship will begin in the courtyard. The congregation is to gather outside. Palm branches will be distributed to the congregation. At the Procession of Palms, all will process into the sanctuary.*

## \*GREETING

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!*

## \*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*  
We praise and bless you, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which you redeem the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. This day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed king by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them may always proclaim Jesus Messiah by walking the way of his suffering and cross; that, dying and rising with him, we may enter your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

## \*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,<sup>30</sup> saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.’<sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it.’<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.<sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’<sup>34</sup> They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’<sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.<sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.<sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,<sup>38</sup> saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’<sup>40</sup> He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
*Hosanna in the highest!*

## \*THE PROCESSION OF PALMS

The congregation will begin to process into the sanctuary following the choirs. Please lift your palms waving them in praise of the Christ as the procession moves into the church.

## \*THE HYMN OF THE DAY No. 280

*St. Theodulph*

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our Redeemer,  
you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross;  
By your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your Word so, as the  
Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and  
won wholly to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

This is the word of God for the people of God  
*Thanks be to God.*

## ANTHEM

“Shout to the King Hosanna!”

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Mark Patterson

## THE PSALTER No. 764

Psalms 31:9-16 with Response 1

Martin Luther

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

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## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Dave the Donkey”

Rev. Kyle

## \*PASSION HYMN

“Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes”

*Beach Spring*

Verse 1. We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive; have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live, we are jealous, proud impatient, loving over much our things; may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.

Verse 2. We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need; and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed; we have wasted earths resources; want and suffering we’ve ignored; come and cleanse us, then restore us; make new hearts within us, Lord!

## PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE.

*The congregation takes the part of the crowd.*

Evangelist: Then the whole company of them arose, and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying,

Crowd: “We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king.”

Evangelist: And Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Evangelist: And he answered him,

Jesus: “You have said so.”

Evangelist: And Pilate said to the chief priests and the multitudes,

Pilate: “I find no crime in this man.”

Evangelist: But they were urgent, saying,

Crowd: “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

Evangelist: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length; but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him, then, arraying him in gorgeous apparel, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then brought together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them.

Pilate: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him; neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by him; I will therefore chastise him and release him.”

Evangelist: But they all cried out together,

Crowd: “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”—

Evangelist: a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus; but they shouted out,

Crowd: “Crucify, crucify him!”

Evangelist: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no crime deserving death. I will therefore chastise him and release him.”

Evangelist: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave three sentences that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, whom they asked for, but Jesus he delivered up to their will. And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said,

Jesus: “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!’ Then they will

Jesus: begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Evangelist: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said,

Jesus: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

Evangelist: And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying,

Crowd: “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!”

Evangelist: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying,

Crowd: “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

Evangelist: There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying,

Criminal: “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

Evangelist: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal: “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Evangelist: And he said,

Criminal: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Evangelist: And he said to him,

Jesus: “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Evangelist: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!”

Evangelist: And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, and said,

Centurion: “Certainly this man was innocent!”

Evangelist: And all the multitudes who assembled to see the sight, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY Gabriel Faure

“The Palms”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Craig Courtney

“He Was Wounded”

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

ANTHEM Stephen Caraccioli

“Jesus I Adore Thee”

\* BENEDICTION

ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of Sonny Stilley  
by his family, Bobby, Frank, Margo and Holly

Evening Service in the Hut  
Val Dunham, speaker

**Serving This Sunday, March 24**

**Lectors:** Kathleen McCracken, Ben Yenicek, Val Dunham, Nancy Randle,  
Charles Dusenbury

**Crucifer and Acolyte:** Graham Carter, Jacob Johnson, Collin Hucks,  
Avery Carter

**Altar Guild:** Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson

**Trustee Duty:** Jim Edwards

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Chairman), Brad Todd (Co-Chairman)

Jim Edwards, Chad Hardwick, Tommy Harper, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, William Goldfinch

**Nursery Volunteers:** Amanda and Ben Yenicek and Erin Todd

**Children’s Church:** Jenny and Mark Chanaca



# First United Methodist Church

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March 24, 2013  
11:00 a.m.

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## Welcome to First United Methodist Church

From shouts of praise to words of denial and cries for crucifixion, we are invited into the agony of our Lord on this Sunday that begins Holy Week. Walk this week with our Lord to the Cross, the tomb, and come to Easter with hearts ready to receive the good news of the Resurrection. The season of Lent has led us to this holy moment—embrace it.

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