

We Gather to Worship God

~ WE ENTER WITH THE PALMS ~

* GATHERING

This morning worship will begin in the courtyard.

* 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!**

* PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Hear from the Gospel according to Luke how our
Lord Jesus entered Jerusalem.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “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. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”³⁴They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As 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, ³⁸saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He 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

* PROCESSION TO DOORS OF THE SANCTUARY

Clergy enter the doors of the worship space and stand in the doorway. A lay leader stays on the other side, with the people.

* PSALM

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Lay Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
Lay Leader and People enter the space.

* PROCESSION INTO THE SANCTUARY

Lay Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes!

All: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* THE HYMN NO. 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dave the Donkey

Rev. Kyle

*Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

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

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

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

Evangelist: Pilate asked him,

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

Jesus: “You say so.”

Evangelist: Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: “I find this man not guilty.”

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 if 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 and 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 very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other. Pilate then called 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 him guilty of 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 sentence 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 the 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, the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!’ Then they will 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

Scribes:

“He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one.”

Narrator:

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

Soldiers: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator: 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!"

Narrator: 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."

Narrator: And he said,

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

Narrator: And he said to him,

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

Narrator: 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 your hands I commit my spirit."

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

Soldier: "Certainly, this man was innocent!"

Narrator: 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.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM *Via Dolorosa* Tom Fetteke

~ WE RESPOND TO THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL ~

CONFESSION OF SIN

We know how Jesus leads his followers, and where he leads.

Left Side facing Altar:

He leads crowds to marvel at your love.

Right Side facing Altar:

We lead crowds to marvel at our power.

Center & Balcony:

He proclaims good news to people who are sick, poor and outcast.

We proclaim good news to people who are well, wealthy and well-connected.

Choir:

His way does not flinch in the face of violence that may destroy him.

All:

Our way embraces violence to protect ourselves from destruction.

We have gone astray.

We seek your grace, to turn, cleanse, and forgive us our transgression.

Set us again to be led by love that springs from your throne

and makes all things new. Amen.

It is the sure and certain will and delight of our God that the mind which was in Christ Jesus be also in us. In the name of Jesus, receive God's forgiveness, cleansing and restoration.

In the name of Jesus, receive God's forgiveness, cleansing, and restoration. Hosanna in the highest. Amen

* RESPONSE NO. 482 *Lord, Have Mercy* *Kriewald Kyrie*

Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then by all

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OFFERTORY *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure
Kim Carey, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *See insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

ANTHEM *And No Bird Sang* Douglas Wagner

* BENEDICTION

* THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* LEAVE IN SILENCE

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of Sam Goldfinch for his 5th birthday lovingly given by his parents, William and Sallie.

VOICES OF THE PASSION

Evangelist: Jeanne Stewart

Pilate: Wink Prince

Jesus: Blake Hewitt

Crowd: Congregation

Soldier/Scribes: Men of the choir

Criminal: Ben Yenicek

Sunday, April 14

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship / Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal / Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.

Covered Dish Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 p.m.

CA Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 102

8:00 p.m.

AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

8:00 p.m.

Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, April 17

6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal & Orchestra / Sanctuary

Thursday, April 18

8:00 a.m.

Girl Scouts / FLC Kitchen

6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service / Sanctuary

Friday, April 19

Church Office is closed

10:00 a.m.

UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Room 101

6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service / The Hut Chapel

7:00 p.m.

CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt / Courtyard

6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service / Sanctuary

(The Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday.)

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Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019

10:30 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Today's worship begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The tone of the service changes as we meditate upon Jesus' passion and death. Because this story is so central to our faith, we gather to remember his offering for the life of the world, and to be fed by his life-giving mercy. This holy week will culminate in the celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Come and walk with Jesus this week as we worship.

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