

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2020

Worship 10:30 AM

Palm Sunday

Gather

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus"
arr. Amy Potter

Announcements

Introit "Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing"
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Meditation Verse: "Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night...'" (Matthew 26:31a)

Praise

Call to Worship

Leader: Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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Prepare

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road. It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger. You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary. But weariness and fear overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you. Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion. As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel:

Through Christ we are set free to live fully as human beings.

People: Thanks be to God.

Listen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem "Cantad Hosanna!"
Joel Raney

Scripture Reading *Matthew 26:4-20, 31-35, 69-75; 27:3-5*
Sermon "Perception May Be 9/10's of Faith"

Respond

Silent Reflection
Invitation to rededicate all we are and all we have to God
Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" 630
Benediction
Choral Benediction "Jesus, Remember Me"
Sung by Our Musicians
Postlude "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Marrike Lee Connole

All hymns are from the "Glory to God" hymnal unless otherwise indicated.

Leaders in and for Worship

Preaching Today Michael Stanfield
Pianist Amanda Furtick
Director of Music Steve Yates
Scholarship students Anthony Blatter, Joseph Belmore, Dani Major, Michelle Peters
Audio/Video Technicians Michael Fues, Rob Humfeld, Bill Kennedy

Recent Prayer Requests:

Merle Buck (transferred to Lenoir REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation on Wed.)
The Family of John Fisher (John, Rob Dolliver's lifelong friend, died Tuesday evening, 3/31.)
Cathy Holder (back surgery 3/23; is now home)
Bob Leonard (heart valve replacement surgery 3/18; staying at his daughter Anne's)
Tex Lewis (Georgia Morehouse's brother, under hospice care)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that all planned events at the church have been cancelled or postponed to a later date.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING EASTER OFFERING: Donations to this special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) may be submitted by mail to the church office at any time. Please put "OGHS" on the memo line of your check. Each gift to the OGHS Offering helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three important ministries: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: We will have a live streaming Tenebrae service with communion this Thursday at 7:00 pm. You are asked to prepare some type of bread and grape juice (or red wine if you prefer) ahead of time for you and whoever else may be present with you as watch the service. Our pastor will officiate at the table and give instructions to everyone about when to take the bread and the cup. We hope everyone will join in on this very special service presented by Amanda Furtick and our scholarship singers.