

First Presbyterian Church

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 8:30am / CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 11:00am

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 9:30am in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00am

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

"Meditation on St. Christopher" – Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Leader: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,

People: We will enter and give thanks to the Lord!

Leader: We give you thanks for you have answered us;

People: You have become our salvation!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: God's faithful love endures forever.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

No. 88

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

God of mercy and hope, we gather today like the crowd that lined the streets to witness Your entry into Jerusalem. Yet we are not quite ready to proclaim Hosanna in the highest. You know what ails us, even when we cannot name it ourselves. Forgive us for doubting Your promises, for holding on to unrealistic expectations of what the world has to give us, rather than opening ourselves to all of the possibilities that derive from Your steadfast love. We pray for Your mercy in the name of Jesus, the Blessed One who came in Your name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Terri Reiner

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-2 (OT p565)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11 (NT p23)

SERMON

"Give Thanks to the Lord"

Rev. Robert Bronkema

*HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 89

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY	<i>"Hosanna, Hosanna!"</i> – Williams/Martin	Chancel Choir
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*HYMN	<i>"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"</i>	No. 101
*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE	<i>"Let There Be Peace on Earth"</i>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Postlude on Truro"</i> – Hopson	

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Hosanna, Praise is Rising
Forever Reign
This is Amazing Grace*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Terri Reiner

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Scripture Readings

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Sermon

Give Thanks to the Lord

*Offering/Closing Song

Mighty to Save

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday (April 13)

Communion & Foot Washing Service

7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Community Service (April 14)

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm in the our Sanctuary

Community Sunrise Service

Easter Sunday (April 16) at 6:30am

St. Michael's Lutheran Church Cemetery

Easter Services (April 16)

8:30 & 11:00am

NEXT WEEK

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Matthew 28:1-10

"The Day of Resurrection"