



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Passion/Palm Sunday

April 13, 2014

*Let all who enter enjoy the fellowship of friends until the bells call us to worship.
Let us then, in oneness of spirit, turn our reverent attention to the worship of God.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Filled with Excitement

Rubén Ruíz Ávila

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

SUNG RESPONSE **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

SUNG RESPONSE **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

SUNG RESPONSE **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

let the faithful come and worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE

Filled with Excitement

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

O Lamb of God

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*O Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world; Have mercy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2:5-11

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hosanna!

MESSAGE

All Our Journeys

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Healey Willan

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION

Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal;

Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms;

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For He is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*SENDING SONG

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

*POSTLUDE

Fuga cromatica
from Sonata no. 4 in A minor, op. 98

Josef Rheinberger

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for April 20: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10.

The Urban Mission item of the April is **dried or canned beans**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Ann Fayles and Loreen Upton.

The final Norman Ministerial Fellowship **Lenten service** and lunch of 2014 will be at First Christian Church at noon on Wednesday. Guest preacher Fr. Alan Sutherland of St. Michael's Episcopal Church will speak on the topic of Good Friday.

Our **Maundy Thursday service** will be a time to commemorate and reflect on Jesus' Last Supper, trial, and execution. Please join us for this contemplative service at 7:00 P.M.

Next Sunday at 9:30 A.M. we will enjoy a **potluck breakfast** and an **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for those planning to bring breakfast foods.

Our **spring clean-up** day will be Saturday, April 26, starting bright and early at 8:00 A.M. Please join us as we spruce up the church inside and out.

SUNDAY**April 13**

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:00 P.M. – M. Y. Group
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study at First Presbyterian

MONDAY**April 14**

- 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship & Hospitality meeting

WEDNESDAY**April 16**

- 12:00 P.M. – Lenten Service at First Christian
- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

THURSDAY**April 17**

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible study in library
- 7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday Service
- 8:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY**April 20**

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