



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 20, 2016

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Epilogue on Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Eric H. Thiman

JOURNEY OF RENEWAL: WHERE AND HOW GOD WORKS

In this season of Lent we reflect on the meaning of our lives and on our journey of faith. The candles are burning now, but in the weeks to come the light will slowly fade to darkness. For in retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death, we find that God brings transformation and new possibility out of darkness. We walk with Christ to the cross; letting go of all that holds us back from new life.

As we extinguish this light, we let go of control. We let go of our assumptions, our own plans, our hopes, so that we can see Christ in our midst, transforming the world.

(a candle is extinguished)

Holy One, as we enter the coming days of darkness, remind us that you are the one who calls new life out of death, light out of darkness. Give us the strength to follow you to the cross. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Though Christ was in the form of God, Christ did not count equality with God as something to be exploited.

Let your mind and heart and attitude be in us, Christ Jesus!

In the form of being human, Christ was humble, servant of all, pouring it all out, even unto death on a cross.

Let your mind and heart and attitude be in us, Christ Jesus!

Therefore, God honored Christ and gave Christ a name above all names.

We lift our voices to praise You, O God. Hosanna in the highest!

So, now, all heaven and earth, the rocks and stones themselves, declare glory to Christ.

We lift our voices to praise You, O God. Hosanna in the highest!

*SONG OF PRAISE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

God of all, we have so many questions about where you are and how you work. Sometimes, we get so convinced of our own ideas of how you work that we miss seeing you where you are. Too often, we serve you with our lips instead of with our whole lives. We intend to follow you wherever you go, but we often do not. Steadfast God, please give to us the same spirit as Christ, so we might see where you are as you break into the world in unexpected ways and follow you wherever it is that you call us. Help us to love and embrace ourselves and others. Thank you for never giving up on the world or on us. Amen.

*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

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn 579

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Kirk Forthman

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118

Hal H. Hopson

(19-26)

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Refrain



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Luke 19:28-40

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	Into Jerusalem	Tracy L. Evans
ANTHEM	Hosanna	
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, p. 16
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	Intermezzo	Camil Van Hulse
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymn 592
DEDICATION PRAYER		

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG	Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! Verses 1-3	198
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! Verse 4	
*POSTLUDE	<i>The Royal Banners Forward Go</i>	<i>Wilbur Held</i>

*Those who are able may stand.

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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 March 27: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12.

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

Ushers for today's service are Linda Eckel and Ann Fayles .

KNOWN JOYS & CONCERNS

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As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week: **Myanmar, Thailand**

Give thanks for: Thailand's support for refugees from Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Those working on behalf of exploited children, particularly those in the sex trade. The Christian Conference of Asia. The Myanmar Council of Churches. Orchids and ching chops (a Thai instrument like brass finger cymbals), boat-shaped harps, gongs, bamboo flutes, colourful silks, graceful dancers and gentle spirits. Burmese marionettes, some with 60 different strings. Buddhist and Christian dialogue, which strives to break down old barriers and find common cause for hope and peace.

Please inform the church office of any necessary additions or changes to this prayer list.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for March is Soup. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Lenten Study with Tracy Evans. Concludes tomorrow night, **7pm-8pm**

Wednesday noon Lent Worship sponsored by **Norman Ministerial Fellowship** This week March 23rd, **Host Church: NorthHaven Church** 4600 36th Ave NW

Guest Pastor: Wade Smith, First Baptist Church of Norman.

Journey of Renewal Prayer Vigil The sanctuary will be open during Holy Week, March 20 through March 26, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Whether you stay five minutes or the full two hours, all are invited to spend time in quiet meditation of this journey to the Resurrection of the Lord. Prayer guides will be provided for those who wish to use them. Please use the west parking lot entrance.

If you would like to **donate wrapped candy for Sunday's Egg hunt** (small enough to fit in a plastic egg) please **bring it to the church by Wednesday.**

SUNDAY**March 20**

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School

10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

MONDAY**March 21**

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study

TUESDAY**March 22**

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

7:00 P.M. – Fellowship Meeting

WEDNESDAY**March 23**

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club

5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY**March 24**

10:30 A.M. – Bible Study

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

7:00 P.M. – Maundy Thursday Sunday

Friday**March 25**

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

Saturday**March 26**

6:00 P.M. – Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY**March 27**

9:45 A.M. – Breakfast Potluck / Easter Egg Hunt

10:55 A.M. – Worship Service