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"Palm Sunday" by Joel Schoon-Tanis

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Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold.**
* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY ***Allemande in G*** J. S. Bach

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day of triumph for our Savior!
Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross.

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs.
Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

*** HYMN 196** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. **We confess that we have not hailed you as King, or gone before you in the world with praise.**

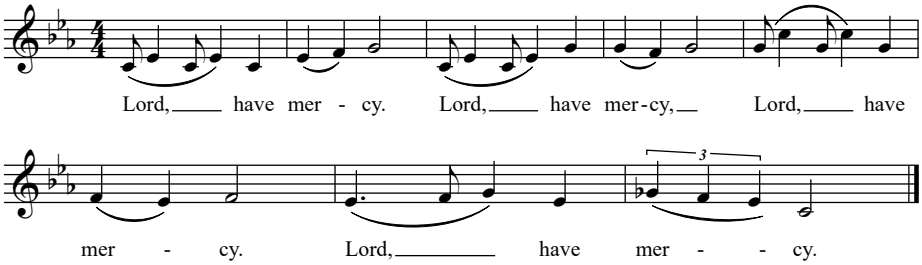
For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue,
have mercy on us.

Silent prayer

For the prayers we confess in our hearts,
have mercy on us.

Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every place we find our journey takes us, we may live for your justice and tell of your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

KYRIE GHANA

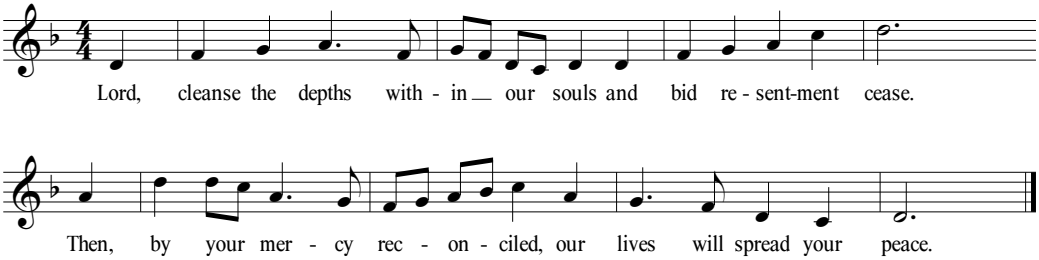


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** DETROIT



PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON *Royal Expectations*

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Sarabande in G* J. S. Bach

* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *Please refer to the Communion Card.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER Yolanda Norton

Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us,
we call upon your names.
Your wisdom come.
Your will be done, in all the spaces
in which you dwell.
Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.
Remind us of our limits as we give grace to
the limits of others.
Separate us from the temptation of empire,
and deliver us into community.
For you are the dwelling place within us,
the empowerment around us, and
the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

*** HYMN 198** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* ST. DROSTANE

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Gigue in G* J. S. Bach

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We are glad you are here!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Mark Mares
Liturgist	Jay Sanderford
Lector	Diane Knibbs
Pianist	Josh Marzan
Usher	Cheryl Gulbranson
Communion	Felicity Williams
	Michele Derr

WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523.

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Today at First

8:00 a.m.	Worship (Monteith Hall)
9:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship (Social Hall)
10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir (Lemon Chapel)
11:00 a.m.	Board of Deacons (Monteith Hall, Zoom 4)
11:00 a.m.	Faith Formation: First Sunday Event (Social Hall)
11:00 a.m.	Faith Formation: Youth (Room LL4)
11:00 a.m.	First Friends (Lewis Room)
11:00 a.m.	Kerygma (Vance Room)
11:00 a.m.	The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom 4)
12:00 p.m.	UKirk@UMich College Lunch
6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Youth Room)
7:00 p.m.	Caregivers Support (Zoom 2)
7:00 p.m.	T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom 4)

News & Events

Peeps & Pizza EGGstravaganza — Saturday, April 8 | 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Easter and party with your peeps on Saturday, April 8, with an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds and a pizza lunch following. Lunch is a suggested $5 per person donation. **Register: firstpresbyterian.org**

Easter Flowers — Give Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Your flowers will be used to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Sunday, April 9. Following Easter worship, flowers will be delivered by our Deacons to those in need of extra cheer. Flowers are $20 each and may be ordered up until noon on Monday, April 4. **Order online at firstpresbyterian.org.**

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering — Sundays, April 2 & 9
One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Please give generously on April 2 and 9. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks, or you may **give online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute.**

What Is God Calling Us to Do?
Finding Our Place in the Movement for Justice — Sunday, April 30
In this Dismantling Racism Workshop, guest speaker Rev. Lindsey Anderson will lead us to examine the ways race and other identity markers are used in our society to divide and disempower people in marginalized communities. We will explore an intersectional approach to understanding our own resources, roles, and power to answer God's call to do justice in our time and place.

CELEBRATE

EASTER

Worship with us during this holy season

April 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY
8:00 & 9:30 A.M. Worship

April 6, 2023
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship

April 7, 2023
GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship

April 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY

7 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE
Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE
Sanctuary
livestream at 9:30 a.m.