FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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PALM SUNDAY
April 2, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

"Palm Sunday" by Joel Schoon-Tanis

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a **large-print bulletin** to follow the service.

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As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

⁎ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Aria in Classical Style for Harp and Organ Marcel Grandjany
Margot Bingham, Harpist

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

After the congregation sings the refrain, the Children's Choir will sing:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!

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.

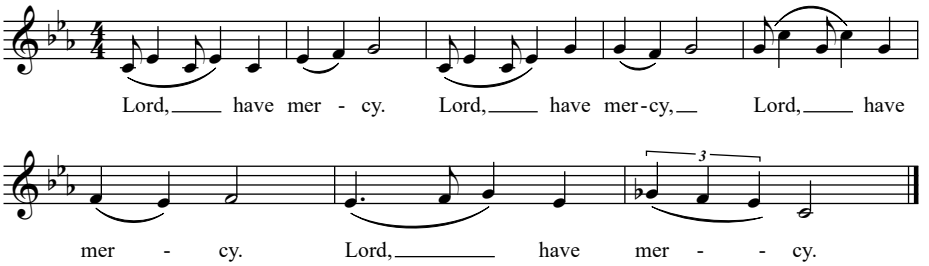
For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue,
have mercy on us.

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

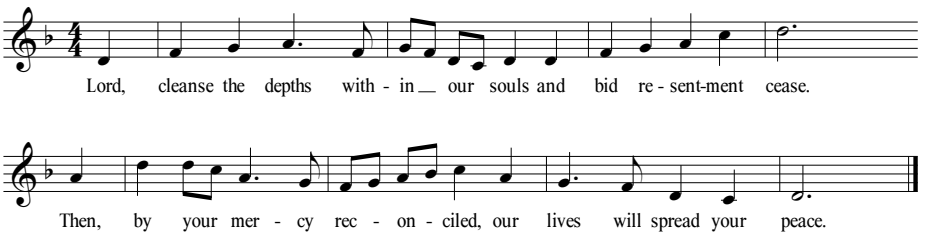


ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** 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.

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 20, All Things Bright and Beautiful, as the children come forward.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

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

SERMON *Royal Expectations*

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *A Passover Meal,* is found on page 272.

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week. This week's LAB focuses on Palm Sunday.

Ways to give:
Cash/Check
Place in the offering plate or in the mail

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

Online
https://bit.ly/FPCvanco

Vanco Mobile App

SCAN ME

RESPONDING & SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Hosanna! Blessed is He!* Gregor/arr. Hopson
Chancel Choir and Children's Choir

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes! Hosanna!
Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes,
He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song is ours.
We hail him our Redeemer, and sing with all our powers;
Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

* **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

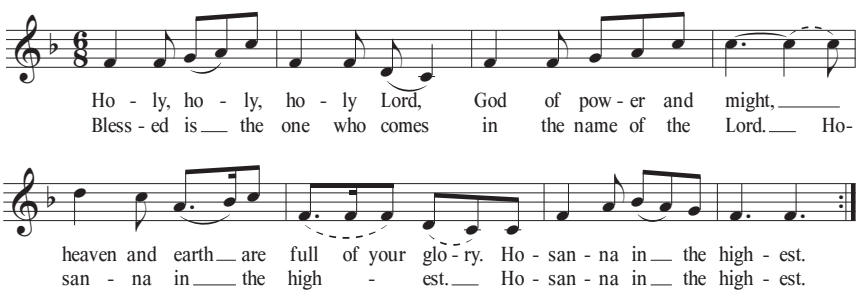
Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Prayer of the People and
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.

During the season of Lent we will say or sing various versions of the **Lord's Prayer**. Today's prayer is written by Yolanda Norton.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Alice Parker
Chancel Choir Ensemble and Harp

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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On the first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable food items for one of our food ministry partners. During the closing hymn, please pass to the center aisle any canned food items that will be donated to this month's partner, the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti.

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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, which 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, drop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partner is Meg Brown.

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 Pres, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them held during 9:30 a.m. worship. Children are dismissed after the Conversation with Young Disciples and return to the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes.

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Mark Mares

Liturgists
Megan Berry
David Prentice-Hyers
Hannah Lundberg

Conversations with Young Disciples
Melissa Anne Rogers

Lector
Keanu Heydari

Organist
David Hufford

Conductor
David VanderMeer

Chancel Choir

Children's Choir

Children's Choir Conductor
Shayla Powell

Accompanist
Brent Ivey

Ushers
Marolin Bellefleur
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Karla Olson-Bellfi
Dick Stuber
Elsa Stuber
Len Rezmierski

Greeters
Anne Andrus
Barbara Dobson

Welcome Center
Marlene and Victor Stoeffler
Sandy Herold

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given
in loving memory of Dr. Oscar and Viola M. Pan by their daughter Polly Pan;
in loving memory of Hal Rex by his wife Linda;
to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family.

Today at First

8:00 a.m.	Worship (Monteith Hall)
9:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship (Social Hall)
10:30 a.m.	Online Fellowship Hour (Zoom 1)
10:40 a.m.	Prayer Team (Hillegonds Chapel)
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) April is poetry month! All are invited to join us for our First Sunday, Poetry for Everyone interactive stations. We'll have several different opportunities to engage in both poetry crafting, imagining, writing, and enjoying.
11:00 a.m.	First Friends (Lewis Room)
11:00 a.m.	Kerygma Bible Study (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) Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

News & Events

Peeps & Pizza EGGstravaganza — Saturday, April 8 | 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Easter and party with your peeps on Saturday, April 8. Create your own marshmallow Peeps Bible story shoe box diorama. In addition, we will celebrate with an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds and a pizza lunch following. Reserve your pizza lunch so we know how much pizza to order. 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
During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection, and connects us with "those who have least." 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 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.