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PALM SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.



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PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Michael Burkhardt

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Just as we carry these branches, may we follow Christ in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

CALL TO WORSHIP Zechariah 9:9

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Please remain seated as the children process. Stand to sing when indicated.

HYMN

Filled with Excitement

HOSANNA

Please be seated and sing the refrain when indicated.

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see,
there on a donkey comes the Savior Christ. *Refrain*



From ev-ery cor-ner a thou-sand voi-es sing praise to the One who comes



in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks forth in shouts of



praise, our tri-um-phant song of joy: "Ho - san-na,



ho - san-na to Christ! Ho - san-na, ho - san-na to Christ!"

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ,
to our Redeemer who still calls today,
asks us to follow with our love and faith. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The choir confesses our sins on our behalf.

For things that I do wrong, O Lord, for things I fail to do,
Forgive me, Lord, as I forgive others; I put my trust in you.

You are with me in my times of need, you guide me through each day.
When I cannot see what's best for me, you are there to show the way.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Please sing as indicated.

Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

All: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Choir: Put a new and right spirit within me;

All: Put a new and right spirit within me;

Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

**All: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart,
a clean heart.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Slade

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24:7-10

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

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads

Jody W. Lindh

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory shall come in.
Hosanna to the Son, to the Son of David. Hosanna, 'sanna, David's Son!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Who is the King of glory?
'Tis the Lord, the Lord, strong and mighty!
'Tis the Lord of Hosts! He is the King of glory!

Psalm 24:7-10 and Matthew 21:9

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:29-40

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

SERMON

Peace in Heaven, Conflict on Earth

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

* HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovingly be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?**

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

My Song Is Love Unknown

Michael Burkhardt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



Sending



* HYMN 90 (Stanzas 1-3) *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

THE KING'S MAJESTY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Linda Upton and Chris Argersinger. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Amanda and Ben Carlisle and Jane Hayes for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Jeff and Cyndy Colton and Prue and Dale Heikkinen for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Nicole Jolliet, Olivier Jolliet, Dean Gilchrist, Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, Chris Wahl, Angela Yang, Carol Smith, Kay Fuller, and Len Rezmierski.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after this worship service. Prayer team members are Sue Jeffers and Richard Lord. “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” – Alfred Lord Tennyson

Music leadership today comprises children, youth, and college students. Denali Gere is the soloist.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of James F. and Margaret P. Brinkerhoff by the Brinkerhoff-Sample family.

Pink rosebuds celebrate the births of:

Emmie Ye-A Black, born March 8, 2016, daughter of Mina Hong and Ariel Black. Emmie’s grandmother is Cheong-Hee Chang; and

Gabriella Rose Pappas, born February 29, 2016, daughter of Marcelo and Rachel Embree Pappas. Grandparents are Sandy and Tony Embree.

TODAY’S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM’s website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, Gail Grady, and Beth Johnson. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Russian Apple Cakes and Easter Cakes pre-ordered from the Russia Mission Team may be picked up during Coffee Hour today.**

Support the Youth Bake Sale in the Social Hall after the 9:30 a.m. service and in the Lounge after the 11:00 a.m. service. Funds generated support the Indiana Youth Mission Trip.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Mids** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

College Ministry Opportunities:

Lunch immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library for Bible discussion centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book is a window into the world of faith, doubt, and personal expression. Class members are presenters.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for Dr. Bradley Taylor's presentation "Inextinguishable: The Social Impact of the Heidelberg Project." All who are registered for the Heidelberg Project tour on March 31 will find this presentation of particular interest.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "To Do Justice." Today we explore themes of forgiveness and restorative justice as we screen segments from *Unlikely Friends*, a series of short video essays exploring the stories of victims of crimes who encounter their perpetrators. The presenter is Rev. Sanderford.

T2A2 Does Bible meets in the Founders Room at noon. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering will be accepted during worship on Easter Sunday. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Projects are currently underway in more than 100 countries. Please give generously next Sunday.

Struggling with mental illness in your family? First Pres staff and members facilitate a support group called Restore Hope for family members who have loved ones coping with mental illness. The group meets twice per month. We have parents, siblings, children, and extended family members of those with mental illness attending for mutual support, encouragement, and a safe place to talk. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome.

The Suds 'n Sheets Campaign was a success! Thanks to the generosity of many donors, 136 rolls of paper towels and 52 containers of laundry detergent were collected for Cass Community Social Services, a mission partner in Detroit.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday worship is March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others. All are welcome to worship with our older members at Glacier Hills. The evening service is intended for all ages.

Good Friday worship is March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

This reflective service is conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday worship is March 27 with four worship services.

Lent is over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach.

A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall will be led by Rev. Sanderford. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

Easter morning fellowship is in the Lounge on the 300 level before the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for Hot Cross Buns, fruit, and beverages.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillemonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

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