

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

We answer Christ's call by:

Worshiping God

Welcoming All

Caring for Human Dignity

Serving in the World

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If God be our God, He will give us peace in trouble. When there is a storm without, He will make peace within. The world can create trouble in peace, but God can create peace in trouble.

~Thomas Watson

PRELUDE

Open the Gates of the Temple

Pat Singer

WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Donations for the Survivors of Spring Valley Fire

In the Germonds This Week email, you can find information about collecting clothes and household goods for the residents who lost their home to a fire this past week in Spring Valley.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year for OGHS the theme is "You shall be called Repairers of the Breach." We usually collect this special offering on Palm Sunday, but this year we will extend the deadline to Easter. Just add a note to your check or Zelle indicating OGHS.

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/page/oghs-covid19/>

Children's Resources

(Gracie the fish.. etc):

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/resource/gracie-and-fishing-net/>

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipPa-17YmSBn5DnLPCOi2o1YI8KXVx9OOBazS10hx9sQKMPFoHIHVnWlbF3kCJITZg?key=RVITZUZoUElPbVZFRlc1YXhiaEJfYnVBR2FGNTln>

Holy Week

Holy week will be here before we know it!

Palm Sunday Brunch - we will celebrate on Sunday, March 28th after worship with a virtual brunch. The full Zoom link is listed at the bottom of this bulletin or the short link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88215397859?pwd=UmV0aEY0Zmk2SncvWm50aWNCa0RqUT09>

Maundy Thursday - On Thursday, April 1st we will have a virtual service and communion.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81028469550?pwd=bXJnaDdQMVFReXhXYXkyeFhpY1pGQT09>

Good Friday - On Friday April 2nd a Good Friday service will be broadcasted at 7:30 p.m. You can also sign up for a time slot in the sanctuary on Good Friday if you would like to do some quiet reflection.

Easter Sunday - 10:30 service will be streamed online.

CHORAL INTROIT

Jubilate Deo

Joyful Noise Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeffrey Davidson

On Palm Sunday all those years ago, the people saw Jesus and some asked,
Who is this?

In worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

Jesus is a teacher and preacher.

Jesus is our light in the darkness.

Jesus is our source of love.
Jesus is our path in the wilderness.
So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.
Let us worship our Holy God.

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Jeffrey Davidson

Psalm 118:19-29

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.[a]

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.[b]

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.[c]

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeffrey Davidson

Gracious God, On Sunday the city of Jerusalem cheered for you. They laid down coats and palms for you. They shouted “Hosanna!” and called you king. But on Friday they abandoned you. On Friday they yelled “Crucify him!” On Friday, you were in the wilderness alone. God, we want to be Palm Sunday Christians, but we know all too well that we also are the Good Friday crowd. So today we ask for forgiveness. Forgive us for the moments when we deny you and your message of love. Forgive us for preventing the spread of your good news. Forgive us our sins.

Let us silently confess our sins to God.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. Our mistakes are forgiven, our sins are forgotten. Our God is a God of love.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-44

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” **32** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. **33** As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” **34** They said, “The Lord needs it.” **35** Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. **37** As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, **38** saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” **40** He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

41 As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, **42** saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

43 Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. **44** They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

MESSAGE	“No Palms”	Rev. Abbie Huff
ANTHEM	<i>Rejoice, the King is Coming!</i>	Joyful Noise Choir
BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Rejoice in the Lord</i>	Joyful Noise Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	Pat Singer

Topic: Palm Sunday Brunch

Time: Mar 28, 2021 11:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Abbie Huff abbiehuff@germondschurch.org is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Time: Apr 1, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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