

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 9, 2017 Worship 11:00am

Palm/ Passion Sunday

+ All who are able may stand

Regular type, one speaks; bold type, everyone speaks.

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choral Introit

+Call to Worship (*Joanna Bailey*)

L: This is the day the Lord has made,

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

P: His steadfast love endures forever!

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

P: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

+Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: **We, like the people of Jerusalem, welcome you O Lord Jesus with loud hosannas. As we enter Jerusalem with you may we enter also into your death and resurrection through our worship and prayer, that we might be the body of Christ in the world. Amen**

Hymn

All Glory Laud and Honor

#88

Call to Reconciliation

Let us together confess our errant ways and seek the forgiveness of our Lord.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, today we shout Hosanna! Save us! for we want to follow Christ and receive his grace. But some days we cry “crucify him!” because we find it too difficult to follow him where he means to lead us. And so we flee, like the disciples, from the danger and difficulty of being your followers. Forgive us, O God, that we might find within ourselves the strength to carry on the ministry of Jesus. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Even though we fall short of God’s intention for our lives, God never forgets us or leaves us alone. Thanks be to God, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise

Come and Fill Our Hearts 2x

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Passing of the Peace

L: By offering the peace of Christ to one another, we recognize each other’s place in the family of God. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.

Anthem

Festival of Joy

Lantz

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts and minds today, teaching God, that we might hear and believe in your word. Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

#467

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Affirmation of Faith

Let us proclaim our faith using one of the oldest affirmations of Christianity:
Jesus is Lord!

The Service of Giving **Prayer of Dedication**

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

Give Thanks

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Celebration of Holy Communion
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

...Who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts. (2x)

The whole world is full of your glory. (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People, Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#101

+The Charge and Benediction

+ The Postlude