



First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship Palm/Passion Sunday – April 10, 2022

*All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

This is the day the Lord has made.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“The Palms”

Jean-Baptiste Faure

1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festive preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

2 His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more their freedom gain from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored the light.
[Refrain]

Refrain:

Join all and sing His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

3 Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]

LENTEN CANDLE RITUAL

REFLECTION & EXTINGUISHING OF THE SIXTH CANDLE

PRAYER

RESPONSE #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come with glad shouts of "Hosanna!" and joyful songs of praise, yet we still fall short of the glory of God as sin stains even our best intentions. With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes.
We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us.
Hosanna! Amen.** (silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy.
Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could never do for ourselves,
bringing us life and love forever and ever. This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE

"Hosanna, Hosanna"

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you: **and also with you.**
(For the safety of all, please share the peace with a smile or wave from your seat.)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 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.

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.
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.

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.

HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On, The Time is Right”

1 Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
the roadside crowds scream with delight;
Palm branches mark the pilgrim way
Where beggars squat and children play.

2 Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
intrigue and rumour circulate;
New lies abound in word and jest,
And trust becomes a suspect guest.

3 Ride on, ride on, while well aware
that those who shout and wave and stare,
Are mortals who, with common breath,
Can crave for life and lust for death

4 Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,
though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.
Your path is clear, though few can tell
Their garments pave the road to hell.

5 Ride on, ride on, the room is let,
the wine matured, the saw is whet;
And dice your death-throes shall attend
Though faith, not fate, dictates your end.

6 Ride on, ride on, God’s love demands.
Justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angels’ voices rhyme:
This is the man and this the time.

A READER’S THEATER PRESENTATION

written by Lisa Segedy

The Events of Jesus’ Palm Procession and Passion from the Gospel of Luke

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

RESPONSE #197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

1 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.

JESUS DRIVES THE MONEY CHANGERS FROM THE TEMPLE

RESPONSE

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.

JESUS TEACHES IN THE TEMPLE

RESPONSE #215

"What Wondrous Love"

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

THE BETRAYAL PLANNED

RESPONSE #206

"This is the Night"

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.

THE LAST SUPPER

RESPONSE #527

"Eat This Bread"

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst

JESUS BETRAYED & ARRESTED, PETER DENIES JESUS

RESPONSE #518

"Lamb of God"

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

THE "TRIAL"

RESPONSE #218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

JESUS CRUCIFIED

RESPONSE

"The Old Rugged Cross"

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

SHARING OF THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

***HYMN #223**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

1 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.

2 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.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

Elder Jim Segedy, liturgist | Elder Lisa Segedy, dramatist
Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist
The Sanctuary Choir | John Foster, videographer

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A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN SEVEN DAYS.

Welcome! Thanks be to God for allowing us to worship with you!

UPDATED IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES: Due to the CDC's updated version of tracking COVID community levels, Allegheny County is now Low. As a result, the Worship Committee has begun to slowly relax some of our guidelines for in-person worship:

- **Masks are now optional for all in attendance.** We will continue to have a supply of disposable masks at the entrances to the church for those who wish to wear one during services.
- **Please continue to social distance in the marked pews.**
- The choir will continue to mask during their hour-long rehearsal, but may choose to remove the mask during the performance of the anthem in worship.
- Out of respect for those who choose or need to continue wearing masks, our practice of passing the peace and sharing communion from our seats, as well as collecting the offering at the entrance to the sanctuary will not change.

We will continue to monitor cases and transmission levels and will relax or strengthen this guidance as health and safety protocols dictate. Thanks to all for their cooperation in keeping our church family healthy and safe.

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY: first, welcome! Please fill out a blue visitor's card found in the pew rack. If you are interested in being on our email or newsletter mailing lists, provide that information so we can keep in touch. We hope you consider joining us more often!

BOOK CLUB MEETS WEEKLY, discussing "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom, 10AM, Tuesdays at the home of Rhonda Apossos, 361 Maple Avenue, Edgewood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: 7:00PM at <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/6670286724>
No password is needed. Email Tim Hoffman at HoffmanTL@gmail.com with questions.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEDITATION GROUP meeting will take place on Saturday, April 23 at 2:00PM in the FPCE Lounge. No registration required, just show up. See the website for more details.

RECYCLE BINS are located in the last pew of the sanctuary and blue bin at the side transept entrance for bulletins, cups, (list of what is accepted is posted on bins).

JOIN US FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

April 14 – Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service, 7:00PM, Rev. Bob Ruefle preaching

April 17 – Easter Sunday with Communion, Rev. Michael Rucker preaching

April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter, Rev. Kellie Weekley-Mills preaching

May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter, Heather Henkel preaching

May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, Rev. Fairlight Collins Lower preaching

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

AH=Apessos Home, B=Basement Band Room, C=Choir Room,
GP=Gathering Place, L=Lounge, O=Office, PS=Pastor's Study,
S=Sanctuary, Sc=Scout Room, SL=Side Lawn, SR=Social Room

Monday, April 11

6:30PM Scouts (Sc/SR)
7:00PM Vocal Confluence (S)

Tuesday, April 12

10:00AM Book Club (AH)
7:00PM Edgewood Symphony Orchestra (S)

Wednesday, April 13

7:00PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Maundy Thursday, April 14

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
7:00PM Worship Service (S)
7:00PM Milepost6 (B)

Good Friday, April 15

5:00PM Flute Lesson (L)
8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Saturday, April 16

8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (SR)

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 17

9:30AM Choir Rehearsal (S)
11:00AM Worship (S)
Youth Sunday School (GP)
12:00PM Fellowship (GP)

How can you become involved?

As we reopen, working to rebuild and reimagine the ministries at FPCE, consider if you have a heart for:

- Encouraging our younger members
- Learning more about God & faith
- Praising God through music
- Serving senior citizens
- Working in publicity/advertising

...please contact a member of our FPCE Family listed below for more details on how to become involved!

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The Entire Congregation



First Presbyterian Church of
EDGEWOOD
The Community Church



*Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ,
our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to
love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.*

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