

PALM



SUNDAY



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Tocatta In D Minor

J S Bach

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

Leader: We gather with followers from throughout the centuries, coming to welcome Jesus.

People: We join crowds from many different places, shouting with joy for the king who enters Jerusalem.

Leader: If we were silent, the stones would shout out.

People: Let us raise our voices with all who joyfully praise God for the powerful deeds we have seen.

All: Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest! Amen!

† **Processional Hymn with Palms**

#197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Call to Confession

† **Prayer of Confession**

God, gracious and forbearing: We remember with sorrow how people hailed and welcomed Your Son on the day we have come to call Palm Sunday, and how so many of the same people were there again, just a few days later, shouting "Crucify Him!" We confess that we feel a guilty, uneasy kinship with these people. Remind us, O God, of the courage of Jesus, who set His face steadfastly toward Jerusalem, even though He knew the fate that awaited him there. For His sake, grant us renewal through Your offer of mercy, unearned and undated. In His name we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#216 (2)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates

Sam Batt Owens

Lift up your heads, O Gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (NRSV)

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

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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.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 145

#42

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
in all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls
and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You.
By You their wants are all supplied;
Your open hand is bountiful
and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways,
and kind in everything You do;
forever near You stand to hear
and help all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord.
My soul shall bless Your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise,
from age to age the same.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 19:29–40 (NRSV)

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 Now as He was 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.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

The Word on the Street

✠ We Respond to God’s Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#221 (1,3)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Affirmation for Palm Sunday

We believe that God is continually at work in our lives and in our world to heal strife and discord, to comfort the lonely and grieving, to encourage the disheartened, to offer hope to those who despair. We believe that the same Jesus who rode into Jerusalem on a donkey enters our hearts today and triumphs

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might with the power of love. He shows the way of strength through weakness. He calls us His friends and family and invites us to share His life. We believe that the Spirit has been given to remind us of our identity in Christ, to empower us to take up the cross, enable us to abide in Christ's love and interpret for us the Word of God. To enliven us as resurrection people in a fallen world. This we believe so that we might joyfully share God's life and faithfully live as Christ's disciples. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering – CARES

† **Doxology**

#711 (3)

Lord of All Good

Father, whose bounty all creation shows,
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn of Communion**

#202 (1,2)

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those He loved until the end:
and His disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own: to share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.

✦ **The Lord's Supper** ✦

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(We will distribute the bread and cup to you in the pew. You may eat of the bread individually as your act of repentance to God. Please hold on to the cup so that we might receive this together.)

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

Choral Postlude

Chancel Choir

Lord Of All Most Holy

Lord of all most holy; How do we give thanks? How for a broken Lord of all most holy; how shall we give thanks? How for a crown of thorns? What thanks have we for such a crown? O Lord, what thanks have we? Yet if that body of Jesus be not broken; our broken lives will not know the joy of healing. If He, the Lord, the Most Holy be not mocked; our mocking words of the truth will not be barred. And so, we praise You. And if the Lord of all Life be not risen; Our mortal lives will not rise in fullest measure. If He not reign as the Lord of heaven and earth; Our fainting souls will not find eternal joy. Lord of all, most holy, hear our thankful praise. Hear our supplication. Lord of all most holy, thanks for Your life poured out, Thanks for Your broken body. We too would serve the world and praise Your name forevermore.

† Benediction

Following the Benediction, please exit the sanctuary in silence as we begin the Holy week experience.

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*

Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 92

General Offering: \$1,823.00

Clean Start: \$20.00

Easter Flowers: \$255.00

Online Offering: \$345.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$222.00

Total Offering: \$2,655.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 24

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m./Cancelled

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

EASTER JAM/Noon

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m./Cancelled

Monday, March 25: Empty Nest Angels, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26: Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27: Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 28: Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.; Maundy Thursday
Service, 7 p.m.

► MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will observe **Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m.** This service combines the Lord's Supper with a Service of Darkness leading us from the upper room to the burial of Jesus following His crucifixion and death.

► FLIP THROUGH PHILIPPIANS

Sunday Morning Study will not meet Palm or Easter Sunday. Please join us for a 4-week study April 7, 14, 21 & 28 as we "Flip Through Philippians" for a brief overview of the book. See you at 9:18 a.m. (*John Ferguson*)

► **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

This offering provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will receive this offering through March. Please note on the memo line of your check or a pew envelope: *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

► **TODAY IS THE DEADLINE FOR:**

- Donations for the Youth Service Center Food Pantry
- College Students Finals Care Packages
- Order Easter Towels
- Order Easter Flowers.



Saturday, April 13, 2024

**First Presbyterian Church,
Richmond, KY**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPRING GATHERING**

Celebrate how “Mother Earth provides food security” with keynote speaker, Jim Embry of Richmond, KY

Jim Embry is a nationally recognized for his work for local-healthy-just food systems; winner of the 2023 Leadership award from the James Beard Foundation; leading civil rights activist, eco-activist farmer, educator, and speaker; UK grad; co-founded the Good Foods Co-op in Lexington; and was very involved in the startup of Glean, KY.

Fellowship and coffee time begins at **9:30 a.m.**; and the Gathering will start at 10 in the sanctuary. After the program, there will be a box lunch at noon. **COME IN PERSON or ZOOM** with us (see Registration Flyer for details). We will then return to our churches (*hopefully*) on winged feet filled with enthusiasm for the work of women in our churches!

The cost is **\$15 per person**, which includes coffee and lunch. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION** is required by **April 5** to Emily Carroll, Treasurer, 409 Cheyenne Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324, including check (payable to “PW of Transylvania Presbytery”). No refunds after April 5.

Additionally, there will be a worship service, information about PW in Transylvania Presbytery activities, an opportunity to learn about and share mission projects of interest for women in our churches, plus fellowship with interesting women dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ!

If interested in joining via Zoom, please contact Bettie George Frye ASAP (606.831.8579).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending March 21, 2024

Family of David Hanbury (Cathy Wilson)

Jan & Charlie Holbrook

Sandra Johns (Pastor Bill)

Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)

Wilma Potter

(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

Family of Uma Swanson (Max Jackson)

Nessible Telamisova (Kim Whitman)

Week ending March 14, 2024

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Carol Sanderson

Week ending March 7, 2024

Deborah Dulen (online)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Oakmont Manor: Annie Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
 Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster, Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2023	2024	2025
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>TBD</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud & Kim Whitman</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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