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Sunday Service
March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday – Blessed Is the One

5th Sunday of Lent – Depths of Love Worship Series



Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

**** P - Pastor. Bold - C: Congregation responds ****

P: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**C: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

P: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**C: We wave palm branches in anticipation;
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

P: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

C: Hosanna! Hosanna!

ALL: Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our
Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin

Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Opening Hymn –Hosannah, Loud Hosannah p. 278 UMH

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - (prayed in unison)

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass 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 - Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NIV)

L: ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

C: ² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

L: ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

C: ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

L: ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

C: ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

L: ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: ²⁴ The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and

be glad.

L: ²⁵ Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

C: ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

L: ²⁷ The Lord is God and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

C: ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

ALL: ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Hymn – All Glory, Laud, and Honor p. 280 UMH vs. 1, 4, & 5

Gospel Reading – Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰ “Blessed is

the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Sermon – Blessed Is the One

Closing Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty p. 64 UMH
vs. 1, 2, & 4

Benediction & Commission

And now, my friends, go forth,
To a week where transformation will meet you and guide you.
Do not hide when they recognize you,
Do not doubt when you see Christ,
Do not deny when you are confronted.
Do not stop until you are at the cross,
and there you will see the light and the burdens of your heart will
roll away.
Until then God be with you. Amen!

Announcements

- Wanda Needham gave a gift in memory of Patsy Beroth designated for Missions.
- At the beginning of the Worship Service today, we will place palm leaves on the Living Cross at the front of the sanctuary. After the service, the Living Cross will be placed just outside the entrance to the sanctuary.
- On Easter Sunday we will place live flowers on the Living Cross at the beginning of the Worship Service. After the service, the Living Cross will be placed just outside the entrance to the sanctuary.

- Easter lilies will be placed in the sanctuary for the Easter Worship Service. If you purchased a lily, please remember to take it home with you after the service.
- Please remember the **Seven Cans for Seven Sundays** project which will end on Easter Sunday.
- A Maundy Thursday service will be held at Wesley Chapel at 7:00 PM on March 28th.
- A Good Friday service will be held at Wesley Chapel at 7:00 PM on March 29th.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Today at 2:30 PM here at the church. Come on out and find those eggs with goodies inside. A special appearance by the Easter Bunny is expected to highlight the event. Kids, bring all your friends, parents, and baskets for a fun time.

Prayer List

Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Jenny Davis

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Marie Parrish

Barbara Perryman

Margaret Pilcher

Frances Sisk

Eleanor Thompson

Church Friend / Extended Family

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| Tommy Bost | Jeannette Lanier |
| Jane Bullin | Jenny McBride |
| Leisha Carpenter | Kevin McBride |
| Glenna Culler | Mary Ann McBride |
| Joe Dean | Kevin McDaniel |
| Randy DePew | Matt McKnight |
| Amanda Doub | Mark Megela |
| Ruby Driver | Dawn Proctor |
| Joanne Everhart | Jay D. Prevette |
| Mary & Francis File | Vivian Royal |
| Garry Harbin | Mary Ellen Smith |
| Kathy Harbin | Mark Wall |
| Gail Howard | Ann Wallace |
| Randy Hunter | Robert and Susan Warren |
| Amber Lambert | Savannah Wooten |

March Birthdays

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| Frances J. Gough | 1 | Elizabeth Mark | 11 |
| Mary Jane Disher | 2 | Nicki Pardue | 14 |
| Nyk Travis | 7 | Joshua Doub | 23 |
| Leroy Burton | 8 | Hank Disher | 23 |
| David Luck | 9 | John Kovach | 28 |
| Peter Hogg | 10 | Jimmy McBride | 30 |
| Silas Hogg | 10 | | |

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!