

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm/Passion Sunday
March 24, 2024
10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Paul Manz

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Christ died for our sins
but was raised for our justification.

All: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME

*PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

HYMN No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Fitzgerald

One: We claim God's salvation in Christ
our Savior with the word:

All: Hosanna, hosanna!

One: An unlikely king, he rides into Jerusalem
on the back of a donkey never before ridden

All: and still we recognize him:

One: we find God's majesty in this humble man
who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

**All: Let us worship Christ with thanksgiving
for his hope-filled entry into our lives.**

*HYMN No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(Wave palm branches while singing)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak
**You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.**

**When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!**

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you
worship here.

Congregation: Go in peace.

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Mark 11:1-11 The Parade

What images or thoughts come to mind as Jesus enters
Jerusalem with great fanfare?

Mark 14:1-11 The Plot to Kill, An Anointing, and The Beginning of the Betrayal
What caught your attention from this part of the reading?

Mark 14:12-31 The Preparation for the Meal, The Meal, and A Hymn
Were there any familiar words that caught your attention from this part of the
reading?

Mark 14: 32-52 A Time of Prayer in the Garden and The Betrayal
What did you learn from this part of the reading?

Mark 14: 53-72 The Council Hearing and The Denial
What is your denial story?

Mark 15: 1-16 The Trial
When have you gotten caught up going along with the crowd?

Mark 15:17-32 The Mocking, the Torture, and the Crucifixion
What are your emotions as you reflect on this part of the reading?

Mark 15:33-47 The Death and The Burial
What have you witnessed and heard from this part of the reading?

Question of the day: What does Holy Week mean for you?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* W. Glen Durst

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 have sinned 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.**

*HYMN No. 226 *There in God's Garden*
(Choir on verse 4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* John Dykes

*POSTLUDE *Love Divine* Anna Laura Page

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Tim Fitzgerald; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, First Presbyterian Church, Yale, MI, Christian Church in Luwuk Banggai, and Rosebush Manor.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant,

48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Sanctuary Ceiling Project: Restore the Glory

Here is an update on our sanctuary ceiling project. The best news - no more roof leaks! Therefore, we have scheduled the painting and repairs to begin Monday, April 15th, to be finished by Friday, April 19th. A big thank you to those who have contributed to the project. Session approved a project budget of \$20,000 for the ceiling painting and repairs, along with the installation of new trim lights over the Chancel. As of January 31st we have raised \$10,107. Please consider a donation to "Restore the Glory" of our sanctuary ceiling. More detailed information is available in the Narthex. Contact Kevin Love or Pastor Andrew with any questions.