

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm/Passion Sunday
April 13, 2025
10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Ellacombe
Mary Jo Cox, organ

Lois R. Hill

WORDS OF GREETING

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

All: Hosanna in the highest!

WELCOME

*PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT AND THE WORD

HYMN No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

David Martin Stevens

One: They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus;
and after throwing their cloaks on the colt,
they set Jesus on it.

**All: As he rode along, people kept spreading
their cloaks on the road.**

One: As he was now 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, saying,

**All: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”**

One: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

All: “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

*HYMN No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
(Wave palm branches while singing)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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

ANTHEM

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

W. Glen Durst

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Luke 19:28-40 The Parade
What images or thoughts come to mind as Jesus enters
Jerusalem?

Luke 22:1-13 The Plot to Kill, Preparation for the Meal
What caught your attention from this part of the story?

Luke 22:14-30 The Lord's Supper and The Dispute of Greatness
Were there any familiar words that caught your attention from this part of the
reading?

Luke 22:31-38 Jesus' Prediction, Purse, Bag, and Sword
What did you learn from this part of the story?

Luke 22:39-46 Prayer and Agony on the Mount of Olives
What is your prayer for Holy Week?

Luke 22:47-71 The Betrayal and Arrest & Denial and Rejection
When have you betrayed, denied, and rejected Jesus?

Luke 23:1-12 Jesus Before Pilate & Jesus Before Herod
When have you had to answer questions from an authority figure?

Luke 23:13-25 Sentenced to Death
When have you gotten caught up going along with the crowd?

Luke 23:26-56 Crucifixion, Death, and Burial
What are your emotions as you hear the conclusion of this part of the story?

Question of the day: What does Jesus' passion narrative 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.**

*HYMN No. 227

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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(sing 3 times)

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

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 223. *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (verse 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.**

*POSTLUDE

Jesu Meine Freude

Don Freudenburg

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

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; David Martin Stevens; The Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

Gil and Elinor Rau Choral Scholars: Liam Cox; Lauren Geates; Lexi Galliers; Lorelei Wilburn

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

John Daniels, Jean Winther, Jennifer Miller Sheffield (Andrew Miller's sister), Kolton Hutson, 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, Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Verna Russell, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Frist Presbyterian, Crosswell, MI, Reformed Church in Hungary and the Commission on Aging.

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,



Save the Date:

Blood Drive, Saturday, May 31, 2025 from 9AM to 2PM.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



Palm Sunday

April 13, 10:30 AM

Donate your gently used coats for
the Palm Sunday Parade

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 7:30PM

Communion

In the Witherspoon Room

Good Friday

April 18, 7:30PM

Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday

April 20, 10:30AM

Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering