

W CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude		Adam Ravain
Welcome		Brad Clayton
Introit	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i> arr. Allen Pote	Chancel Choir

Proclamation of Entrance Into Jerusalem *Matthew 21:1-11 (responsive)* Ava Beard

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and He sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Call to Worship Ava Beard

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven.

*Hymn No. 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Call to Confession

Logan Harris

Prayer of Confession

Logan Harris

Lord, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away.

We are quick to flock to You when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before You, afraid to proclaim Your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as You ride triumphantly into Jerusalem, singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by You as the crowd cries for Your crucifixion.

(silent prayer)

Merciful God,

Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive Your suffering and death, that we might stay beside You to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day.

Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Logan Harris

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation.

In Jesus our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand.

Hosanna! Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

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.

*The Passing of the Peace

Logan Harris

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Hosanna! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

May the peace of Christ fill you this day.

Hosanna! Christ is the source of our joy and gladness.

(During the Passing of the Peace, children are invited to come forward for the time with our young disciples.)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

(After the time with our children, kindergarteners through 2nd graders are invited to go with their leaders to Room 206 for Children's Worship. Parents are welcome to take 3-5 year olds to the playground for Children's Enrichment. Thank you for signing out your kids as they exit.)

Scripture Lesson Luke 19:28-40 (*pew Bible p. 854*) Brad Clayton
 The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon *Waving Palms* Brad Clayton

Response to the Word

*Hymn No. 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Offering *What Wondrous Love is This* Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*) Len Turner
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Doxology
 **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed Len Turner
 **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 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Len Turner

*Hymn No. 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Charge & Benediction Brad Clayton

*Congregational Response *Amen* Hymnal p. 601

Postlude Adam Ravain

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,
and Leave Everything Else to God*

Holy Week & Easter at Faith. Did you know that people who do not regularly attend church do usually visit a church at both Easter and Christmas? That means that this is a great time of year to invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker to Faith! Who will you invite? One easy way is to share the Faith Easter Event on Facebook on your own timeline.

Wednesday Night Alive! Join us at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for dinner (chicken, rice, baby butter beans w/ field peas, salad, cornbread, jello w/fruit). Dinner is \$3 for children and youth, \$5 for adults, with a \$20 family maximum.

Maundy Thursday Service. April 18, 7 p.m.

Join us for this moving Tennebrae service as we commemorate the Last Supper with scripture, hymns, and Holy Communion by intinction. To find out more about this service, tune in to the Faith Facebook page Monday at 2 p.m. as Brad Clayton goes live!

Easter Sunday. April 21

7 a.m. Sunrise Service @ the Saint Paul's United Methodist amphitheater on Lake Ella.

8:30 a.m. Early Worship @ Faith. This service will include Holy Communion by intinction, but no choir or brass. The nursery will be open.

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the deacons (casseroles, fruit, baked goods). If you can provide a dish or paper goods, please use this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa8a82ea75-easter>

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship @ Faith with Holy Communion, full choirs and brass. The nursery will be open.

Easter Flower Cross. Please bring cut flowers from your yards for the Easter Flower Cross next Sunday. Just add your flowers to the cross on the front steps of the sanctuary as you arrive for worship.

Easter Sunday Message. Next Sunday Brad Clayton's sermon will be *Risen*. The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. The disciples are afraid because Jesus is missing. But the empty tomb brings us incredible joy -- the joy of hope restored, the joy of captives freed, the joy of everlasting life.

Easter Special Offering. Next Sunday we will be observing the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This offering is our direct response to God's call in Isaiah 58. Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. There will be special offering envelopes in your bulletin next Sunday for this purpose.

Time and Talent Survey. The Stewardship Committee asks that all members please complete the Time and Talent Survey found on the church website under Resources (faithpcusa.org/Resources) by **April 15**.

Graduating? If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, we would love to include that information in our **May 19** Baccalaureate Service. Please send the following information to Shannon Guse, shannon@faithpcusa.org by **May 1**: name, parents' names, school attended, post-graduation plans, school awards and/or accomplishments, statement to the church, and a photo.

Vacation Bible School registration is open at faithpcusa.org/vbs. This year's VBS, *To Mars and Beyond*, is **June 17-21**, and we are in need of lots of volunteers. If you are interested in helping enrich the lives of children this summer, please see Jen McConnaughay, jen_mc@comcast.net, or Mary Steen, mary@faithpcusa.org.

Stewardship Update

Budget YTD: \$323,170
Received YTD: \$344,722
Spent YTD: \$300,623



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