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April 2, 2023
Palm and Passion Sunday

WE GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church.

- Please use the QR code in your bulletin to record your attendance and prayer concerns today. You can even use this code to check in if you are watching online. If you have no idea what that means, don't worry about it, we've got you covered!
- We mark this Holy Week with special services. On Maundy Thursday, we explore the instructions that Jesus gave his disciples as they shared supper in the upper room. On Good Friday, we remember the hard truth of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and death. Both services are at 7:30 p.m., here in our sanctuary and online. Join us at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday for a sunrise service in the memorial garden. Our 10:00 a.m. worship later that same morning includes special celebration and music.
- Please refer to additional announcements in the bulletin.

We are a reconciling community within the United Methodist tradition, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, while inviting others to journey with us as we seek to **belong** in community, **become** followers of Christ, and **believe** the Good News of the Gospel. As we are transformed, we are called to **be love**.

Since the beginning of this year, we have been on a journey, exploring what it means to belong in community and to become followers of Jesus.

Today, we enter Holy Week, the week of Jesus' death; but we enter with loud shouts of hosanna and praise. We can't leave the story there – we can't go from the parade of palms to an empty tomb, because doing so robs us of the work it takes to really begin to believe the Good News of the Gospel.

So, we are here today to bear witness and remember. To encounter fear and death so that we might fully embrace eternal life in new ways.

If you are a first-time visitor here at Faith or if you have been hanging around for months or decades, whether you are here in our sanctuary or joining us online, your presence with us is a gift as we learn and remember and grow and become together.

Welcome to Faith. Let's continue this story together.

CENTERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Composer: J. Wayne Kerr, b. 1958

Yeri So, Organist

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

Composer: John Baptiste Calkin, 1827-1905

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Matthew 21:1-11

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ONE: Hosanna to the Son of David

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

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

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

*HYMN #280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (verses 1-3)

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th century; Trans.: John Mason Neale, 1851

(Matthew 21:8-9; Mark 11:8-10; Luke 19:36-38; John 12:12-13)

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1615; Harm.: W. H. Monk, 1861

Chancel Choir; Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

OPENING PRAYER

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

ONE: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

ALL: **Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

ONE: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

ALL: **This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

ONE: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

ALL: **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: **Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!**

ONE: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

ALL: **The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

ONE: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

ALL: **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*HYMN #280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (verses 4-5)

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, 8-9th century; Trans.: John Mason Neale, 1851

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Music: Melchior Teschner, 1615; Harm.: W. H. Monk, 1861

Chancel Choir; Congregation
Yeri So, Pianist

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

UMH #281: Passion/Palm Sunday

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

Words: *The Lutheran Book of Worship*; Alt.: Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987

SCRIPTURE

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

Isaiah 50:4-9a

SCRIPTURE

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

Psalm 31:1-16; UMH #764

ONE: A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness, deliver me!

**ALL: Incline your ear to me,
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

ONE: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

**ALL: take me out of the net which is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

ONE: Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**ALL: I hate those who pay regard to vain idols;
but I trust in the Lord.**

ONE: I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love,
because you have seen my affliction,
and have taken heed of my adversities.

**ALL: You have not delivered me into the hands of the enemy;
you have set my feet in a broad place.**

ONE: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief,
my soul and body also.

**ALL: For my life is spent with sorrow,
any my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.**

ONE: I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

**ALL: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.**

ONE: For I hear the whispering of many-
terror all around!
As they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

**ALL: But I trust in you, O lord,
I say, "You are my God."**

ONE: My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**ALL: Let your face shine on your servant;
save me through your steadfast love!**

SCRIPTURE

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture
Philippians 2:5-11

SUNG INTERLUDE

God So Loved the World (The Crucifixion)

Composer: John Stainer, 1840-1901; Text: John 3:16-17

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

A GOSPEL ACCOUNT OF THE PASSION

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

Matthew 26:14-29

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist and Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

ALL: We confess that we are not so different

from those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with shouts of praise

nor from those who sputtered, "Surely not I."

We are not so different

from those who later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.

Jesus Christ, our King of glory,

we have not been outspoken for you.

We have not called for your death,

but neither have we shouted of your greatness,

nor expressed delight in the promise of eternal life you give us.

Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you

that we may become more faithful, and more joyful servants of the Kin-dom.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR LATER IN LENT

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor and Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

*HYMN #618

Let Us Break Bread Together

Words: Afro-American Spiritual (Acts 2:42)

Music: Afro-American Spiritual; Adapt. and Arr.: William Farley Smith, 1986

Chancel Choir; Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

For all that God has done, will do, is doing

We offer praise and thanksgiving

Through our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kristen Wayne, Liturgist

A GOSPEL ACCOUNT OF THE PASSION

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

Matthew 27:11-54

ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept

Composer: William Billings, 1746-1800

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

WE RESPOND

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

FROM PALMS TO PASSION: WE WERE THERE

Nancy Kuhn, Liturgist

ONE: Were you there when Jesus entered Jerusalem?

ALL: Yes! We were there. We waived our palms and shouted Hosanna!

ONE: Were you there when he turned the tables at the temple?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We were shocked and speechless.

ONE: Were you there when he taught about brothers against brothers and fathers against sons?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We were scared and worried.

ONE: Were you there when he said the temple would be destroyed?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We were disgusted and dismayed.

ONE: Were you there when he broke the bread and shared the cup?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We ate and drank afraid of what was to come.

ONE: Were you there when he named a traitor?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We were ashamed and angry.

ONE: Were you there when he woke us from our sleep?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We were tired and couldn't stay awake.

ONE: Were you there when they led him through the streets?

ALL: Yes. We were there. We hid amongst the people hoping no one would notice us.

ONE: Were you there when Pilate asked?

ALL: **Yes. We were there. We shouted with the crowds: "Crucify Him!"**

ONE: Were you there when he carried the cross?

ALL: **Yes. We were there. We looked on in silence and spat at his feet.**

ONE: Were you there when they hung him on the cross?

ALL: **Yes. We were there. We were there.**

*HYMN #286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Words: Anonymous Latin; Trans.: Paul Gerhardt, 1656; James W. Alexander, 1830

Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; Harm.: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729; altered

Chancel Choir; Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

POSTLUDE

We Sit Down in Tears, St. Matthew Passion BWV 244

Arr.: Robert Gower, 1952

Yeri So, Organist

SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: William Hahs and Hannah Coppersmith

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Liturgists: Nancy Kuhn and Kristen Wayne

Nursery Staff: Gary Clark and Tessa Ricketts

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Welcome Team: Bill and Lloydie Zaiser

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Hank and Teresa Meadows in honor of Carole Clem and Kip Ingram, Montgomery Hospice grief counselors.

Please note that the 2023 schedule for altar flowers is now available in the Narthex. Sign your name next to your chosen date and complete the pink request form with \$50 payment via check or online at the Faith website. Either drop the form in the Offering chest or send to the office.

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