

# Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*As we enter this house of worship, O Lord, bless us with open minds to hear your words to us,  
and help us to go forth from this place and share your message. Amen*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

**"What Wondrous Love Is This?"**  
**"Prelude and Trumpetings"**

arr. Phillips  
Myron Roberts

WELCOME

Lynn Tieken

\*INTROIT #197

**"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

Threlfall, 1873

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all life,  
**Soaring music, falling rain,**  
Springtime joy, evening rest,  
**Children's laughter, loud hosannas.**

God of all life,  
**Our journey and our home,**  
Restless searching, gracious finding,  
**Lenten mysteries, Easter hopes.**

God of all life,  
**Your praise we sing and offer you our lives.**

\*HYMN #273

**"He Is King of Kings"**

Jones, 1961

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, all who are waving branches to welcome the Savior. When the light shines on us, we see the shadows we create. We sense our need for a faith more deeply grounded and love more fully committed. Let us confess our sins together first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have taken Christ's sacrifice too lightly. We see his suffering and death, and we do not want to follow the path that leads to the cross. We do not share Jesus' sorrow for our sin. Grant us your forgiveness and the courage to seek the same mind as Christ Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lamb of God has mercy on us all.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*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. Amen.**

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PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Proclaiming

SPECIAL MUSIC

**"The Holy City"**  
*Bert Lowe, soloist*

Weatherly/Adams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
The Word of the Lord  
Bibles, p.640/LG. p.833  
**Thanks be to God**

HYMN #286

**"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

Hatch, 1878

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11  
The Word of God, for the People of God  
Bibles, p.21/ LG. p.27  
**Thanks be to God**

SERMON

**"It Is Palm Sunday for You and Me"**

Rev. Kathy Collier

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that the church must together come to know the height and the breadth and the**

*depth of the love of Christ. We believe that together we are built up to the stature of Christ, the new humanity. We believe that we must together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ. We believe that we are called to admonish and comfort one another; to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; to pray together; and together serve God in this world. Amen.*

- Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY    ***“My God, My Portion”***    arr. Robert Powell

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN#507    ***“Come to the Table of Grace”***    Hamm, 2008

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

*Sending*

\*HYMN #533    ***“In the Singing”***    Murray, 1994

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #533    ***“In the Singing”***

POSTLUDE    ***“At the Lamb's High Feast”***    Paul Manz

(\*) Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week's prayers and concerns:** Robbie Brooks, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Thur. 04/13	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00pm
Fri. 04/14	Good Friday Service @ FUMC	6:30pm
Sun. 04/16	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00am
Sun. 04/16	Easter Breakfast	following Sunrise Service
Sun. 04/16	Easter Worship Service	11:00am