

The Service for the Lord's Day



April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

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Please silence all devices

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Fantasia on *All Glory, Laud and Honor*”

J.S. Bach
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CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: We stand at the precipice between Lent and Holy Week. This day moves from shouting and praising to a time of crying and lament. The drama of the story of Jesus’ last week reads like the book of our lives. Feeling hopeful one moment, we plummet the next as we deal with disappointment, danger, and grief. God’s incarnation on earth was not immune from this roller-coaster we call life. We give thanks for God’s presence, which is indeed sufficient for us, at each high and each low.

RESPONSE

“Enough”



9 When we are weak, when we are wear-y, when we are bro-ken, God's grace is e-nough.

17 When there are sha-dows, when there is day-light, when there are fears, Christ's love is e-nough.

When we are thri-ving, when we are stri-ving, when we are seek-ing, God's spi-rit is e-nough.

Text: Emma Nickel, 2022; Music: Joseph Jackson, 2022

PRAYER OF THE DAY

based on Psalm 118

All: Holy One, God of Goodness, we call out to you at the Gates of Righteousness, sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress, sometimes both at once. We long to be in your house, preparing for your entrance with branches. Open us this day to your love in and through the webs of our relationships, and in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

*HYMN #265

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 760-821); tr. John Neale (1818-1866); Music: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During announcements, please record your attendance in the pew-rack Friendship pad, and pass it to others seated in your pew. Visitors are invited to share contact info so we may offer a more personal welcome.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Let us confess our sins to God, trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

All: **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—the one who is more than enough as our Savior, Teacher, and Friend.**

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Christ, we pray,

All: **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Know that already, God is freeing us from all that binds us and calling us into a community of love and welcome.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As forgiven people, let’s share signs of reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Share a no-contact sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart. Those at home are invited to text a message of peace to a friend or type a greeting of peace in the comments of the platform on which you are watching worship.

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION²

All: Gracious God, we are always asking what is enough. Open us to your word and help us to encounter in it: enough love, enough gratitude, enough challenge to sustain us in faith. This we pray by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

PSALM

"Psalm 118"

Hal H. Hopson

Please join in singing the refrain upon the Cantor's cue.

Choir (or cantor) Congregation

Fling wide the gates! Fling wide the gates!

Choir (or cantor) Congregation

Wel - come the king! Wel - come the king!

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"Let the doors of righteousness be opened; we will go in and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; it is opened for the righteous. We will give praise, for God has heard us and has come to save us.

REFRAIN

"The stone which the builders rejected as worthless has become the cornerstone. This is your work, O Lord, a marvel in our eyes. Lord you have made this day; let us rejoice and be glad."

REFRAIN

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

Pew Bible, NT pg. 85

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Festival Anthem on *Ellacombe*”

David Lantz III

~Chancel Choir

“Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang; to Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best. From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and angels rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait. Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice! Amen!”

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MEDITATION

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Weep, Children of Israel”

Bernhard Molique

~Dawson Trotman & Noah Rogers

“Weep, weep for Him, the Son of God, who died that we through Him might live, through death’s dark veil alone He trod, eternal life to us to give. His words refresh the weary heart, His love abounds in mercies rare, He will protect from the fiery dart, and lead to heavenly mansions fair. Remember His parting cry, His message sweet upon the tree, this day in Paradise on high, even thou shalt be with me. Yet we believe that He arose, and sits upon the heavenly throne, and longs to welcome even those whose hearts are sin-sick, safe at home. Weep, children of Israel, weep!”

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***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #34

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 31:9-16

Pew Bible, OT pg. 558

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

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PRAYER FOR A HOLY WEEK and THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #268**

“Ride On, Ride on in Majesty!”

Text: Henry Milman (1791-1868); Music: Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

***BLESSING FOR THE SEASON—adapted from “A Prayer for Hope amid Despair”**

Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (New York: Convergent, 2022), 224.

POSTLUDE:

“Voluntary on *The Royal Banner Forward Goes*”

Wilber Held

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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

1 Portions of today's liturgy are adapted and drawn from worship resources from Marcia McFee and the Worship Design Studio, 2022.

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**Join us in Kirkman Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee hour,
hosted by the Deacons.**

A Special Meeting of the Congregation has been called for **Sunday, April 10, 2022, immediately following the 10:30 service in Kirkman Fellowship Hall** for the purpose of authorizing the listing for sale of the Hendrie Blvd. parking lot (more formally described as part of Lot 70 Hendrie Boulevard Subdivision). The meeting will be held briefly, in conjunction with the Coffee Hour Fellowship.

Motion:

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, having met at a duly called meeting on April 10, 2022, authorizes undertaking the sale of real property consisting of that part of Lot 70, Hendrie Boulevard Subdivision that is the Hendrie Blvd. parking lot. Sale may be in single or multiple parcels and may be made directly to a purchaser or by listing with a real estate agent or broker. The congregation retains its authority to approve any agreement to sell the property as stated in Book of Order G-1.0503.

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Marilyn Sutton in memory of Mark Sutton with love from his family.

Lenten Reflection Services

There's still time to enjoy our short vespers services during Lent. This year's services are **online-only** and available on the church website.

Holy Week & Easter Services

- **April 14, Maundy Thursday worship with communion at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. Child care provided.
 - **April 15, Good Friday worship at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. Child care provided.
 - **April 17, Easter worship:**
 - **9 am simple outdoor service** on the Hendrie lawn; bring a lawn chair and a flower for the cross.
 - **10:30 am traditional service in the sanctuary with brass**
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Creation Care

Visit the display in Kirkman Fellowship Hall today to learn about ways to care for God's earth, hosted by the Christian Education Committee. Today's handout is "Faith Traditions on Caring for the Earth." You're encouraged to read a short article which makes climate change understandable and includes ideas for positive climate choices. Climate pledge postcards from Interfaith Power and Light will also be available.

Mission Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to provide lunch for South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless on **April 26 and May 24**. Lunches are served at Starr Presbyterian Church. If you are able to help on either date, or if you would like more information, contact Helen Dusenbury via email: hdusenbury@gmail.com or call 248-417-3044.

Flower Sale Fundraiser

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry's last fundraiser of the season is here. Order beautiful flowers to plant in your garden, as well as hanging baskets and tomato pots with cages. **Orders should be placed and paid for online (<https://tinyurl.com/2p87an35>) by April 19. Pick-up will be at Greenfield Presbyterian Church on May 21**, with more details to come. Thank you for your support throughout this year as the youth raise funds to go on their mission trip to Knoxville, Tennessee in July!

Sign Up Today for a Hands-On Mission Event!

After worship on **Sunday, May 22**, FPCRO is hosting a **Rise Against Hunger** event in Kirkman Fellowship Hall. Together, we will package an extraordinary number of meals that will be sent around the world. Use this link to sign up so that a space is reserved for you! <https://tinyurl.com/2p94mzd9> A simple lunch will be served immediately following worship for all volunteers with a suggested donation of \$5. If you have questions, contact Candace Rieck, member of the Mission & Benevolence Committee, or call the church office.