

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

Prelude

Menuet Gothique

L. Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

All: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Hymn #89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Christ's name, we pray.

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

(Kyrie Eleison)



Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy on me.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old life has gone and a new life has begun.

All: **In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Kathleen Lifsey

Following the Children's Moment, children ages 4 and 5 are invited to participate in Worship Workshop in Room 1 on the ground floor next to the toddler playground. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to participate in Gateways to Worship in Room 101 on the main level between the Library and Chapel. All children 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Please see green pew card for more information.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 53

(pew Bible OT, p. 683)

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

(pew Bible OT, p. 565)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

"Oh God, Save Me!"

Chad McCain

Luke 19:28-40, 23:1-49

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn #301

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lift Up Your heads, O Ye Gates

W. Mathias

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

*Doxology

*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.*

Hymn #592

*Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*Benediction

*Hymn #97

Go to Dark Gethsemane

*Sharing the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Postlude

Postlude on Coronation

J. Longhurst

Palm/Passion Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, children enter waving palm branches, recalling when the people in Jerusalem were wanting to crown Jesus as king. "As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, (38) saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:37-38) We encourage you to take a cross as a physical reminder this week as we recall Jesus' life, death and, come next Sunday, his resurrection.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Coffee Café (Officers' Room)
9:15 a.m. Spiritual Growth Opportunities (Various Locations)
10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, April 15

10:00 a.m. PW Horizons Circle (Officers' Room)
10:00 a.m. PW Book Circle (Library)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Scout Room)

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Officers' Room)
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (Scout Room)

Wednesday, April 17

12:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service (Chapel)
12:30 p.m. AI-Anon (Martin-Gifford Room)

Thursday, April 18

7:00 a.m. Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study (Martin-Gifford)
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Bride's Room)
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 19

6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Pastor on Call: Chad McCain (617) 304-9802

Members Helping Members for April: Janice Berkley 384-6925 and Persis Tinsley 384-1547

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Nancy Martin Payne, by her family.

Lenten Prayer Services: A time of prayer and reflection. At noon each Wednesday during Lent (March 13 – April 17) in the Chapel. Sponsored by the Care and Nurture Committee.

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: On Thursday, April 18 @ 6:30 p.m., and Friday, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m., a series of services to remember and commemorate the events of Holy Week. All are encouraged to come together in worship. Nursery available Thursday & Friday for children up to 4 years of age.

Easter Sunday, April 21, Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. outdoors in the Columbarium (Chapel in case of inclement weather); Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. A Robust Coffee Café to be served following Sunrise Service and Worship. Nursery will be available for the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. services.

Easter Flowers: This Easter, the Chancel Guild of First Presbyterian Church is requesting memorial donations in lieu of the purchase of flowers. If you would like to make a contribution in memory of a loved one, a donation will be collected, and your gift will be noted in the bulletin on Easter. The Chancel Guild will use the monies to fund beautiful floral decorations in our church. The sign-up is on the front entry table, with envelopes for your contributions. Please make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Easter Flowers" in the memo. Contributions must be received by April 18 to appear in the bulletin.

Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open until May 30, please check out the registration link on our Web site at www.fpclly.org, or in FPCLY "Happenings," to register a child or to volunteer. Questions, please contact Kathleen Lifsey at kathleen@fpclly.org.

Memorial Gifts

In Honor of Paul & Rebecca Hensley, James Giles
In Memory of Peter Houck, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gallagher
In Honor of Betty Jo Hamner, Young & Not So Young Bible Study Group
In Memory of James Gravely, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Giles
In Memory of James Gravely, Mr. & Mrs. Jess Crumbley
In Memory of James Gravely, Mr. & Mrs. John Tinsley

Many events, programs, and meetings are occurring at FPC; we encourage you to view the church calendar on www.fpclly.org, the hallway bulletin board, and sign-up table just off the Foyer for all the upcoming activities.