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Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude in C Minor

T. Dubois

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who is the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present. *Refrain*

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson: Mark 11:1-11

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

Peter Thompson

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 heaven 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.

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

"Entrances Matter"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

H. Milman, J. Dykes

Marcia Thom-Kaley, soloist

Ride On! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments stowed.

Ride On! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die: O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride On! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

Invitation to Holy Week Remembrance

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALK WITH GOD will meet today at 4:30pm in the front parking lot. All are invited and encouraged to come be inspired with a brief devotional and friendly walk to the end of Peakland Place and back to the church.

Palm to Passion: Holy Week is Here! Holy Week begins today, Palm Sunday, as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, an entry that led to his last supper with the disciples and eventually his passionate death on the cross.

A Maundy Thursday Seder Meal will be celebrated this Thursday, April 1 (no fools) at 5:30 p.m. in the rear parking lot. No reservations necessary! This worship opportunity will include a modern embodiment of the last supper with traditional Mediterranean cuisine, hand washing celebration, and communion.

Good Friday will be a day of reflection guided by a time lapse video of artist Tyler Hutchison painting an interpretation of our Lenten journey. Please visit <u>www.fpcly.org</u> to access a link to the video.

CELEBRATING EASTER: Easter at FPCLY in 2021 will have 3 different opportunities to worship. A Sunrise Service will be hosted at 7:00am in the Columbarium with prayer, homily, and communion. The Chancel Choir accompanied by brass and timpani will be leading an Easter Lessons and Carols Service on Live Video and Radio at 10:30am. At 4:00pm, we will be hosting an outdoor worship at the foot of the cross in the front circle drive. This worship will include Easter music, an inspiring message, and communion. All are invited and encouraged to participate in these celebrations of worship.

Bible Sponsorship Program: Give the gift of God's word to the children and youth of this church community through our Bible Sponsorship Program. A full sponsorship is \$125 and provides a child/youth with six age-appropriate bibles from birth through high school graduation. This spring, if you give a full sponsorship, you will also receive three FPCLY masks free!

FPCLY Face Masks: For \$10, you can have your very own FPCLY face mask to sport around town. Contact <u>kathleen@fpcly.org</u> to get your mask! All proceeds from the mask sales will go to the Bible Sponsorship Program.

Pastoral Care and Prayers: If you have an emergency and need to talk with Peter, please call him directly. Members Helping Members are also available by phone.

Pastor on Call:

Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for March (phone only):

Brenda Sanzone (434) 384-0416 Persis Tinsley (434) 384-1547

"Rooted and Reaching" Capital Project Update:

- 1. We have now raised over \$2.62 Million in pledges to date! Just under \$400,000 shy of our goal \$3 Million to do everything outlined in the Campaign Focus. Booklets and Brochures with more information are available in the church office.
- 2. The Steeple Replacement project is underway led by Bill Perkins and Sutton Tinsley. Construction is scheduled to take place this April.
- 3. The Organ Renovation project has been affirmed by Session, contracted with Foley-Baker, and will be led by Rob Cleland and Cory Whittier. The initial stages of the renovation are scheduled to begin this summer with construction to start early in 2022. The construction phase will be 12 to 14 months from start to finish.
- 4. Other projects are in the planning stages with more information to come.

Annual Stewardship Campaign Status: We have now received 185 pledges totaling close to \$634,000 for our 2021 Operating Budget! Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge. Annual Stewardship packets and pledge cards were passed out concurrently with the Capital Projects Campaign visits, so if we have missed you in any way, please know that was not our intention and let us know. We want to include everyone. If you would like to initiate a date and time for a visit, we invite you to call the church office at 434-384-6231, or email at office@fpcly.org.

Office and Facility Update: On Tuesday, February 16 the Session approved an extension until March 20, to close the facility to group gatherings of session committees, classes, and circles, with the exception of the FPC Weekday School, Al Anon, Scouts, and the Facilities Committee (who have several projects to tend to at this time). Individual appointments are still welcomed with staff but check-in, temperature checks, masks and social distancing will still be enforced. This caution is being implemented due to the continual increase of Covid-19 cases in our local area. Session will continue to reassess and hopes to be able to lift restrictions of gatherings as soon as possible.