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March 24, 2024
10:00 AM

THE LORD'S DAY
Order of Worship

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

The Family of Believers Comes Together
Responding to Christ's Call

(Please silence your cell phones)

(This worship service is being recorded from Prelude through the Prayer of Dedication)

Prelude

Ringling of Church Bell

The Church in Action

Life in the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Braylen Gray

In lighting the Christ candle, we open our hearts and our ears to hear God's Word as it is read and proclaimed. We hope the Lord will fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect God's Word and know that he will speak to us today.

Call to Worship (Responsively)

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

(- Please stand as you are able)*

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Let us worship the living God!

***Processional Hymn** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Hymnal# 197

***Invitation to Confession**

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ’s work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

***Assurance of God’s Forgiveness (Responsively)**

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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***Congregational Response “Gloria Patri”**

Hymnal #581

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.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

P. 565

Choir Anthem

“Who Comes Riding?”

Green and Larson

Intergenerational Choir

Time with Young Disciples and Noisy Offering

***Hymn** “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” Hymnal #618

Gospel Reading

Mark 11: 1-11

P. 47

This is the promise of God to our ancestors and to us.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Blessed is the Coming Kingdom”

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) – *Confession of 1967*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering

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makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Invitation to the Offering

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the reign of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Whether you share your gifts today as the plates are passed, online, or through the mail, trust that the Lord needs you.

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

Hymnal #681

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Parting Greeting

--Wednesday, 7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal**

--Thursday, 6:00 PM **Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper, Communion, and Tenebrae Service** (7:00 PM). Supper and Communion in Netting Hall and then we transition to sanctuary for Tenebrae Service.

--Good Friday, 11:00 AM **Community Good Friday Worship** at Slateville Presbyterian Church, Delta, PA. A luncheon will follow.

--Saturday, 1:00 PM Memorial Service for **John DeRan** at American Legion Post in Whiteford.

--**Easter Sunday!!!** High-spirited worship followed by an Egg Hunt in our church cemetery following worship.

Benediction

Choral Benediction “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Postlude

*Various portions of our worship liturgy regularly come from - “Call to Worship: Lectionary Aids 2022, Year C,” & “Rev-o-lution Resources” by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell and The Rev. Teri McDowell Ott., The Presbyterian Outlook.

Thank You ~ to Braylen Gray and Martha Durand for serving as our Worship assistants this morning. Also, thank you Nancy Jones, Organist and Ian Fallon, Pianist for the wonderful music today ~all of our Worship is to the Glory of God!

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From the Deacons...

The Deacons are organizing a Meal Train page for Stu and Heidi Richardson and their family living with them. The Richardsons have been facing long-term health issues for some time, and a weekly meal would be helpful and much appreciated by them. Please use the link below to sign up if you would like to bless them by participating. If you have questions or need help delivering a meal, please contact Mary Beverly Gallagher at (410) 937-2500, or dartfrog999@gmail.com.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/R44V7L>

For those without access to a computer, please contact Koren Buehler at (410) 937-9172 to sign up. Maybe consider teaming up with someone else to make it easier!

****National Suicide Prevention Hotline –
1-800-273-8255** or Dial 988**

Please reach out if you or someone you know needs help.



Our Tithes and Offerings

You can now give to Highland electronically through our secure e-Giving option provided through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. You can set up a giving profile (which will save your giving information if you wish) to either give a one-time gift or to make regular giving easy.

Click “Give Now” above (also posted on Highland’s website) or you can scan the QR code at the bottom with your smart phone to set up your profile and begin giving electronically today!

As always, you may make your contribution to the Church via check. If you are giving to a certain fund, please designate on your check and/or giving envelope the amount given to each fund.

*Thank you for your prayers & continued financial support of
Highland Church!*



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Prayer List

+ Denotes New Addition

THANKSGIVING FOR:

HOLY WEEK arrives today!
Ruth Cobb Life Celebration
Spring is here!
Carolyn McCallum birthday!

INTERCESSIONS FOR:

+Marilyn Sams (Doss)
+Family of John DeRan(all DeRans)
+Joe & BobbiLynne Skidmore (Craig)
+Laurie Faulkner (Nancy Jones)
+Richard Sherrill (Adrienne)
+Eddie Testerman (McCallum's)
+Tom McKnight (McCallum's)
+Minnick family (Patrinicola's)
Family of Kathy Hart (Hollens)
Family of Cliff Brown (David D.)
Linda Zirkle (Zirkel's/Patrinicola's)
Michael Yarrington (Amos family)

LONG -TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:

+Dana Meute (Meutes)
Dave DeRan (Craig)
Lisa Deganhardt (Nancy Carver)
Jeannie Rainey (Donna Noble)
Andy Gallagher (Mary Beverly)
Deb Degan (Martha D.)
Paul (Ian)
Ruth Stewart (Patrinicola's)
Charlie and JoAnn Oliver
Margaret (sister of Elaine & Sandy)
Joe McPadden (Pastor Ray)
Gail Hartman (Lucy Hollens)
Connie Rutherford (Doss)

Anne Giordano (Nancy M.)
Frank Thayer & Janet Gilley (Dolly)
Sam Jones (Sarah DeBaugh)
Heidi and Stu Richardson
Ruth Noble (mother-in-law of Donna Noble)
Dorothy Shahan (Julie-Anna Flaherty)
Sharan Deinlein (Mary Thompson)
Jewel Sams (Doss)
Patrick Volker (Claudia)
Aunt Nancy & Uncle Felix (Wilson)
Leroy Gross (Jean Bullen)
Roger Woods (Norma T.)

MINISTRIES:

Presbytery of Baltimore - W. Virginia Adv.
Susquehanna Parish - Bethel Presbyterian
Church-All Leadership, HPC Legacy Bldg. Team
Local - All Outreach Ministries
Missions-Ihanktonwan Mission

OUR MILITARY:

Ryan Richardson, Navy Reserves
Peter Barndt, AD, USN
Cathy Durand Cantu, Coast Guard – AD, Alaska

COMMUNITY, NATION & WORLD

CONCERNS:

Healthy infrastructure
End to Ukraine/Russia war and Gaza/Israel war
Global Extreme Weather
U.S. Government
Harford County Government
Stability and safety for people of Haiti

♦ ♦ Please email **Carolyn Patrinicola** with all prayer-related **additions, changes & removals** by **Tuesday mornings 10:00 AM** to ensure that they will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. Names under Intercessions will be removed after 3 weeks unless otherwise instructed by email. Email for Carolyn Patrinicola is cwpat64@gmail.com.

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