



**The “Red Door” Church
First United Presbyterian Church
381 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820
Passion / Palm Sunday
10:00 AM - April 13, 2025**

Jean Giuda, Guest Musician
Mike Jones, Director of Music and Organist
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Walton-Leavitt, Pastor / Liturgist

THE LITURGY

Order of Worship

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SENTENCES FOR MEDITATION

When Jesus tells the Pharisees that “even the stones” will cry out if his disciples fail to do so, it is a judgment on their attempt to stifle God’s work and silence his witness. The power of the passion evokes our tears and cries out for us to proclaim Jesus’ faithful witness to God’s saving love. *~from Whole People of God*

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Melchior Teschner

GATHERING

WELCOME, everyone, to this time of worship. We are delighted to have you with us this morning! We are here to praise God and to enjoy one another’s fellowship as we serve both God and our neighbor.

In-person worship is in the Sanctuary. Face masks available.

OR, join us online or by phone using Google Meet.

Every Sunday – Same Link: meet.google.com/viu-hpxa-mjg

By Phone: +1 301-857-2390 // PIN: 931 769 968#

As always – all are welcome. Invite a friend to join us!

See Calendar at end of the worship portion of this bulletin.

Let us now prepare our hearts for worship by listening to the Introit.

INTROIT (*Choir*)

My Song Is Love Unknown

Crossman/Ireland

PROCLAMATION: ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (*from Luke 19:29-40 NRSV*)

Liturgist: When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

Jesus: “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

Liturgist: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.
As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with
a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

People: “**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!**”

Liturgist: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,
“Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered,

Jesus: “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would cry out.”

* **GTG No. 196** (vs. 1 & 3) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Orleans/Teschner

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 in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. (*Refrain*)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

OPENING PRAYER Liturgist

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.

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.

In Jesus’ name we pray. And let all the people say: **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?

Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

WORD

Please join me in reading our Prayer of Illumination. [PAUSE] Let us pray...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*in unison*) Liturgist

**Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices,
that through the story of the passion and by the Holy Spirit’s power,
we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN: Holy Week and Easter stories

THE PASSION OF CHRIST as read from the Gospel of Luke

Source: The Voice New Testament: The Liberating King and His Church (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2008) 149ff.

Readers: Emma Kirsch and Jan Andrews (Narrators), Mike Jones (Jesus)
Bobbie Frazier, Larry Brown, Rebecca LaBarr and Linda Allen
(Disciples / Men Holding Jesus / Crowd / Authorities/Soldiers)
Fran Puffer (Sanhedrin / Cynical Criminal)
Jim Mullaney (Pilate / Believing Criminal)

Luke 22:1-26 -- The Last Supper

...Jesus: Instead, among you, the greatest must become like the youngest
and the leader must become a true servant...

Congregational Response (*GTG No. 220, vs. 1 - Please remain seated*)

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

Luke 22:39- 54 -- The Garden of Gethsemane

...Narrator Two: They grabbed Him at this point and took Him away
to the high priest's home.

Congregational Response (*GTG No. 220, vs. 2 - Please remain seated*)

**Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

Luke 22: 63b - 23:25 -- Jesus on Trial

...Narrator One: But the crowd would not relent and eventually Pilate capitulated...
and he handed Jesus over to them to do with as they desired.

Congregational Response (*GTG No. 220, vs. 3 - Please remain seated*)

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"Forgive them, God," he did cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Luke 23:26-46 -- Jesus Is Mocked on the Cross

...Jesus: Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!
Narrator Two: And with those words, He exhaled -- and breathed no more.

*** GTG No. 221 (vs. 1 & 2) O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** *Latin/Hassler*

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.**

THANKSGIVING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Health & wholeness: On-going: Teresa (*Dave & Sue's friend*); Scilla (*Linda's relative*); Debbie A; Rev. Ernie V; Jorah (*Yvie & Cuyle's son*); Tracy (*Elaine B's friend*); Alysa (*Larry's friend*); Annya W (*Vivian's daughter*); Brenda (*Nadine's relative*); Antoinette (*Barb's friend*); Stuart/Allen (*Brandie's relatives*); Emma (*Jan's friend*); Bobby/Alfred/Billy & Son/ Shirley/Michael (*Paul R's friends/ relatives*); Wyatt (*toddler*); Tim/Grady/Joe/ Peg/ Tina/Paul (*Jones' friends/ relatives*); Grace (*Goble's grandchild*)

Homebound/Rehab/Managed Care: Judy C (*and Dick, her primary caregiver*)

Grieving: Family and friends of Steve and John (*Mike & Karen Jones' friends*) and all those who are missing loved ones.

Traveling mercies for all those on the move this season – near and far.

In Presbytery: United Presbyterian Church, West Delhi; the Session

In our community and country:

Hate Speech: Change hearts of those who promote hate -- and comfort victims of it.

Gun Violence in our country: Pray for victims, perpetrators – and solutions.

In the World: Prayers for *shalom* – peace, justice, and healing in the world.

Lives torn apart by hostilities: Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and places in conflict.

Climate change concerns and disasters, past and pending...

World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) (*GTG page 35*)

[A time of silence may follow each intercession.]

Let us pray...

God in the highest,

you came to us in a human being who humbled himself like a slave.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

We pray for the nations that worship power and might;

may they be ruled by humility and peace.

The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may have the mind of Christ.

The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the victims of human tragedies and disasters of nature.

The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for those who are in prison -- the repentant and the unrepentant -- and those falsely accused.

The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for those who are ill or infirmed --

or are rejected because they are seen to be weak.
The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

God of compassion,
through Jesus Christ you have come to us and shared our common lot.
Mold us into people who show your mercy
and keep us obedient to him whose name is above
all other names Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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.



* **GLORIA PATRI** (GTG No. 581)

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**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.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

God has given us his only Child, Jesus Christ, as the way of our salvation.
Let us then give generously, as God has given to us.

OFFERTORY

Fall Slow Tears

Ruth Elain Schram

Tithe and Offering Options:

Sanctuary: Offering plates are near the exit doors.

- U.S. Post to FUPC at 2 Walling Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820
- QR Code (*Quick Response Code*): This is our unique code →
- Vanco Mobile Faith app can be downloaded on your Smartphone.
Type in "Oneonta" to find our church.
- Computer: Use this link to access our online giving portal without the Smartphone Vanco app: [FUPC Donation Page](#)
- Bill Pay: Use your bank's online bill pay system
- Electronic funds transfer: Set up from your savings or checking account



PRAYER of DEDICATION of our GIFTS

Let us pray...

Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done –
and continue to do.

Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. And let all the people say: **Amen.**

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You!

People: And also with you!

Leader: All are invited to exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.



- * **GTG No. 224 (vs. 1 & 4) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** *Watts/Mason*
**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

SENDING

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May you know the love of Christ -- the mercy of the Father -- and the fire of the Spirit
as you go with the One God who is Mother of us all.

Go in peace, trusting in Christ's promise that we will be with him in paradise.

* **POSTLUDE**

At the Ninth Hour

Franklin Ritter

TODAY

Lectionary: Palms: Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Passion: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

9:00 AM – Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

10 AM Morning Worship with reading of The Passion.

11:00 AM – Lenten Soup / Hospitality Time in social hall (*weekly*)

11:15 AM – Church School in classrooms (*weekly*)

2025 Easter Flowers: Gifts toward Easter flowers may be given in memory or honor of someone or a blessing in your life. Please return form by TODAY.

2:00 PM – Psalm Sing with Oneonta Reformed PC in the Upper Room. Enjoy the harmonization, fellowship, upgrades to the Upper Room, and light refreshments.

THIS WEEK

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM – Joint Service

with the Sacrament of Holy Communion at
First PC, 296 Main St, Oneonta OR via
Google Meet by phone 1-318-519-1281 –
PIN: 805 566 699# or online at

<https://meet.google.com/amt-owqt-xvy>

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM – FUPC

10:00 AM – ORPC

11:00 AM – Quakers

TUESDAYS 5:30 PM – ORPC Bible

7:00 PM – AA Big Book

FRIDAYS 6:30 PM AA (men's group)

Good Friday - 12:10 PM - Ecumenical Service of scripture, poems, and hymns at First
United Methodist, 66 Chestnut St., Oneonta OR online at <https://zoom.us/j/195736049>
OR by phone 1-646-558-8656 // Meeting ID: 195 736 049.

Choir rehearsal at 11:30 AM for all who wish to sing anthem.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th – Easter Sunday

Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43; Isa 65:17-25; Ps 118:1-2,14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; Lk 24:1-12; Jn 20:1-18

10 AM Morning Worship celebration of the Resurrection. Liturgist: Fran Puffer

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