

Service of Divine Worship

Palm Sunday

April 17, 2011

Preparation for Worship

Prelude	First Reformed UCC Handbell Choir
"Were You There"	arr. Freeman
"At Calvary"	arr. Freeman

- *Chimes Sounding the Hour
- *Time of Greeting
- Announcements
- Choral Call to Worship
- Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

The Lighting of the Lenten Candle	Brian McKerlie and Mike Price
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Reader: Jesus wanted his disciples to live passionate, justice-seeking, God-centered lives. As we move closer to Good Friday, we feel the excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Reader: *(Lighting the sixth candle)* Dear God, we thank you for Jesus' faith, courage and love.

Reader: Jesus dared to live God's way in the presence of his enemies. We too are called to proclaim our faith bravely in the face of all opposition.

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

*Hymn	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"	No. 135
	(Children will process with palm branches during the first hymn)	

Invocation

Witness of Faith

The Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:1-11 (Page #898 of Pew Bible)
The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer <i>{we pray debts}</i>	

Palm Sunday Special Music

"The Cup"	Larson
"The Old Rugged Cross"	Bennard
"O Lamb of God"	Carter
	(Mike Price on Alto Saxophone)
"Jesus Paid It All"	Helvy

Response Through Dedication

- Invitation to Give
- Giving of Tithes and Offerings
- The Offertory
- *The Doxology
- *Offertory Prayer *{unison}*

God of all true power and glory, we thank you that Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem not with a sword to challenge the power of this world, but with love, recognizing your authority in human life. Enable your church to choose your ways, winning the victory over sin and death. Establish your righteous realm on earth. Use our gifts and our lives to your glory, through Jesus who comes in your name. Amen.

Preparation for Obedience in the World

"Because He Lives"	Gaither
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*The Benediction		
*Postlude	"Now Herald We the King"	Paxton

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

*Our service will continue as we march to the Old Court House for a few minutes of closing worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from participating churches.



NOTE: Ushers will provide palm branches and bulletins for this brief community service.

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers. **If visitors are interested in learning more about First Reformed UCC, please contact the church office at 248-2617 or church@frucc.org.**

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the First Reformed UCC Music Ministry: Paul Freeman, Director; Lee Ann Peele, Organist; Handbell Choir; and Chancel Choir, by Clifton and Harriette Murphy.

USHERS: Brad Biesecker, James Atkinson, Adena Wall, John Gray, Jeff Hutchens

PLATE ATTENDANT: Scott Frye

ACOLYTES: Holt Biesecker, Kalyssa Hutchens, Griff Smith

GREETERS: Carroll and Carolyn Spivey

NURSERY {BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN}: Kayla Leonard

PRAYER CONCERNS: Eddie Yates, Darren Barr, Sherry and Ernie Bonner, Paul Tuck, Mary Crouse, Holton Davis, John Rollins, Ronnie Durham, Betty Potts, Sadie Bailey, Willie Ruth Leonard, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Randy Carter (Wanda Daye's Son-in-law), Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), and Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 17	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {PALM SUNDAY SPECIAL MUSIC}
	11:50 a.m. ----- MARCH TO THE OLD COURTHOUSE WITH PALM BRANCHES
Monday, April 18	5:00 p.m. ----- Trustee Meeting {Parlor}
	7:00 p.m. ----- Genealogical Society Meeting {Fellowship Hall}
Tuesday, April 19	7:00 p.m. ----- Women's Life Fellowship Meeting {Parlor}
Wednesday, April 20	7:00 p.m. ----- Adult Choir Practice {Sanctuary}
Thursday, April 21	7:00 p.m. ----- Maundy Thursday Service {Fellowship Hall}
Sunday, April 24	9:45 a.m. ----- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR EVERYONE
	11:00 a.m. ----- WORSHIP SERVICE {REV. JUNE GRUBB AND SPECIAL MUSIC}

4/10/11 Attendance & Income	Needed Weekly	YTD Received	YTD Budget	Difference
125	\$7,133	\$5,414	\$81,210	(\$15,298)

CHURCH STAFF

Reverend June Grubb, Minister-On-Call (jgrubb3@triad.rr.com ; Home #248-5668; Cell #240-2503)	Paul Freeman, Choir Director
Cathy Waitman, Interim Director of Christian Ed	Paula Lopp, Administrative Asst
Lee Ann Peele, Organist	

First Reformed United Church of Christ

*Where People Discover - - -
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*



*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.*

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Following today's service First Reformed members along with members from all churches in Lexington are invited to participate in a Community Palm Sunday Celebration. The procession from our church will begin at 11:50 a.m. and end at the Old Courthouse where a brief service will be held. NOTE: Palm branches will be provided for our worshipers to wave during the procession. Please plan to participate in this inspirational service.



Palm Sunday

United Church of Christ congregations of the **Davidson/Forsyth District** will gather this evening at 7 p.m. at Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ for a Palm Sunday Service of Worship. The speaker for the evening is the Reverend Larry Walser, Interim Associate Conference Minister, Western North Carolina Association. Special music will be provided by Mount Tabor pianist, Danny Davis. There will be a reception following the evening's activities.

Easter Lily Order Form

White Easter Lilies are an ancient symbol of the resurrection and our sanctuary will be adorned with the beautiful cross of lilies on Easter Sunday morning. The cost of each plant is \$12.00. Lilies can be picked up immediately following the worship service. To purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone, fill in the appropriate spaces and place in the offering plate or call the church office at 248-2617. **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS TODAY.**



In Loving Memory of

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Roads to God Mission Project

The children are inviting the whole church to join them with their new mission project. We are collecting a certain food item each week for Crisis Ministries. Each family can bring their contribution and put it on the table in the narthex before the church service begins. On May 15th all of the food will be brought to the altar so we can all see the effects of our working together to assist a community agency. The dates and food requested are:

April 10 – 2 cans of soup

April 17 – 2 cans of fruit

April 24 – 2 cans of veggies

May 1 – 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese

May 8 – 2 boxes of rice

May 15 – 1 box of corn flakes



Winston-Salem Dash Baseball Game – Sunday, May 22nd



All ticket reservations and money are due TODAY. Cost is \$9.00 and includes the ticket, ball cap and program. See Cathy Waitman or call the church office if you need more details.

There is a **Group Workcamp** (400 youth from several states) scheduled to be held in Lexington this summer, June 19—25. We are seeking the capable assistance of First Reformed UCC members again! Women's Life members will have an ice cream social on Friday evening for the group. During the week many snack items are needed. Some suggested items to donate are: canned drinks, bottled water, and individually wrapped snacks (Little Debbie's, Chips, Pretzels, and Cracker Jacks). Donations can be brought to the church. Thank you for your help and support.

