

**First Reformed
United Church of Christ**

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



Holy Week

(*)Please stand as you are able
"BOLD" indicates congregational response

The Worship of God
From the Palms to the Passion:
The Story of Jesus' Last Days in Jerusalem
April 14, 2019
11:00AM

Prelude
*Chiming of the Hour
*Call to Worship Brian McKerlie
One: Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.
All: We now come near to the end of one story. Another will soon begin.
One: We have followed Jesus this far; today we remember how he faced betrayal, falseness, rejection, and torment.
All: And we witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey.

The Entry into Jerusalem

Scripture Reading Brian McKerlie
Matthew 21: 1-9
(Page #898 of Pew Bible)

The Procession of the Palms

* Hymn "Pave the Way with Branches"
1. Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches. Jesus is coming. Hosanna! (repeat)
Chorus: Hosanna. Jesus is coming, Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.
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2. Hope for the dwntrud. Pave the way with branches. Hope for the dwntrud. Hosanna! (repeat)
3. Release for the captives. Pave the way with branches. Release for the captives. Hosanna! (repeat)
4. The suffering servant. Pave the way with branches. The suffering servant. Hosanna! (repeat)
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*Invocation Elizabeth Horton
Words of Welcome
Giving Thanks for Boyce and Lib Sink Rev. Dr. Lee Jessup
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Elizabeth Horton
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

Anthem "Let Hosannas Ring" Patti Drennan
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Lift your voice and sing to the King!
To You, the King of Israel and David's honored Son, to You we lift palm branches, O King and Blessed One!
A multitude of followers praise You riding by. With outstretched hands and voices, in chorus, we reply.

Hosanna, sing hosanna! Exalt the King of kings! Hosanna, sing hosanna! Join now, let praises ring!
O fill the air with music. Praise God with joyous sound! Hosanna, sing hosanna! Let festive songs abound.
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! We sing hosanna to the King!
Ride on, Blessed Redeemer. Ride on in majesty! For You shall be exalted, and You will set us free!
We praise with joyful singing. We praise You and rejoice! O may we ever love You with heart and life and voice!
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Invitation to Receive Offerings Elizabeth Horton
*Offertory Hymn # 158 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
*Prayer of Dedication Brian McKerlie

The Passion According to St. Luke

(from Luke 22 & 23)
Elizabeth Horton, Jeremy Lovell, Brian McKerlie

THE PASSOVER

NARRATOR: ...The disciples asked,
DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to prepare the meal?"
JESUS: ..."When I sent you off without purse, traveling bag or sandals, were you in need of anything?"
DISCIPLES: "No, nothing! they replied.

Hymn: "Journey to Gethsemane" (verse 1)
Journey to Gethsemane, go and feel the tempter's power; Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch the anguish of this hour; Do not hide or turn away; Learn from Jesus how to pray.

JESUS PRAYING IN THE GARDEN

NARRATOR: ...Those who were around Jesus, realizing what was going to happen said,
DISCIPLES: "Rabbi, should we strike them with our swords?"
NARRATOR: ...They blindfolded and slapped him, and then taunted him.
SOLDIERS: "Play the prophet! Which one struck you?"
NARRATOR: ...Once they had brought Jesus before the council, they said,
INTERROGATORS: "Tell us, are you the Messiah?"
NARRATOR: ...Then all of them said,
INTERROGATORS: "So you are God's Own?"
NARRATOR: ...They said,
INTERROGATORS: "What need do we have of witnesses? We have heard it from his own mouth!"
Chorus: Hosanna, Jesus is coming, Hosanna to the Prince of Peace.

NARRATOR: ...They began to accuse Jesus by saying,
CROWD: "We found this one subverting our nation, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar and even claiming to be Messiah, a king."
NARRATOR: ...But they insisted,
CROWD: "He stirs up the people wherever he taches, through the whole of Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem.
NARRATOR: ...The whole crowd cried out as one,
CROWD: "Take him away! We want Barabbas!"
NARRATOR: ...But they shouted back,
CROWD: "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Hymn: "Journey to Gethsemane" (verse 2)
Follow then to Pilate's hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,
faithfully this pain sustained. Greater still than shame, or loss; Jesus now must face the cross.

NARRATOR: ...The rulers, however, jeered him and said,
LEADERS: "He saved others, let him save himself – if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!"

Hymn: "Journey to Gethsemane" (verse 3)
Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; See the Savior lifted high. Mark that miracle of time,
God's own Child is sacrificed; "It is finished!" Jesus cries; learn from Jesus how to die.

*Hymn

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

Alas and did my Savior bleed and did my sov'reign die?
Would God devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for crimes that I had done Christ groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Sending

*Benediction

*Postlude

Elizabeth Horton

We travel to the square with our palms to remember.

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

PRAYER CONCERNS:

To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews OR call the church office (336-248-2617).

OUR MEMBERS AT HOME:

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Tammy Rhodes, Lib Sink, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES:

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

Westchester Manor: James Everhart

OUR FRIENDS:

*George Urwick (Eulene Shepherd's neighbor),
*Sarah Stapler (Friend of Janette Neal), *Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter),
Jacob Little (Cynthia Crowell Little's son), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin)

Names with an * indicate newly added. **Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless the church office is notified.**

Anniversaries and Birthdays

April 14-20

ANNIVERSARIES

17th Mike & Laura Perry

BIRTHDAYS

15th Chris Fulton

Rita Tussey

20th Cynthia Little

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

LITURGIST: Brian McKerie **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Dave Fulton **GREETERS:** Buddy & Rita Lohr
USHER CHAIRPERSON: Jeff Hutchens **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Calvin Odom **NURSERY:** Rita Lohr & Patti Lovell
USHERS: John Gray (Captain)
Linda Sink Bonita Hooper
Bill Robbins

*A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom (through left door at the chancel.)
A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 14

9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

{Downstairs} Younger Children
Older Children
Teens

{Parlor} "Love Wins" Book Study

11:00AM WORSHIP {PALM/PASSION SUNDAY}

FOLLOWING WORSHIP...COMMUNITY PALM SUNDAY
SERVICE ON THE SQUARE

Monday, April 15

6:30PM Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

Tuesday, April 16

10:00AM Willing Weavers {Rm 3}

Wednesday, April 17

12:00PM Friendship Club {Yarborough's Restaurant}

7:00PM Choir {Chapel Annex}

Thursday, April 18

5:30PM Yoga {Dance Studio}

7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service

Holy Communion and Footwashing

Sunday, April 21

9:45AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Breakfast at 9:45 {FH}

EASTER EGG HUNT at 10:00 {meet in Fellowship Hall}

11:00AM WORSHIP {EASTER SUNDAY}

WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDASTAL

TODAY are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory Gilbert & Ethel Barbee; given by Dan Barbee and family.

HOLY WEEK – SUNDAY, APRIL 14 THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Thursday, April 18th

Maundy Thursday

Meal and Foot Washing at 6:00pm

Join us in the Church Fellowship Hall for a light supper followed by Holy Communion, and a Foot Washing service. This will be family-friendly and accommodating to people who have physical limitations. If you have never participated in a Foot Washing service before, please come. All ages can participate. Wear shoes or sandals that are easy to remove. A handwashing station will also be available. During this time, we do as our Lord and Savior has described in John 13, "On the evening he was betrayed, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet."

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Sunday



BRING FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION CROSS

9:45am Easter Breakfast --- 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt

All children through 5th grade are invited!

Middle and High Schoolers are needed to hide the eggs!

11:00 Worship Service

Join us as we celebrate in word and song the joy of the Resurrection and new life.

Send-A Kid-to-Camp

We have several children and teens who are planning to attend camp this summer. If you would like to contribute to the Send-A-Kid-to-Camp fund, please put a check in the offering plate and mark on the memo line "JRVC."

April 28th Earth Day Celebration

Instead of traditional Sunday School, Edgar Miller will speak at 9:45 on the topic of Environmental Justice and Creation Care, in areas of clean water and pollution.

Edgar is the Executive Director of Yadkin River Keeper, Inc., a non-profit that seeks to protect and improve the Yadkin River. Edgar earned two degrees from Duke University, a Bachelor's in Botany, and a Master's in Environmental Management.

Lunch & Learn Bible Study

"A Conversation on Race and Faith"

Collaborative Ministries will hold another **Lunch & Learn Bible Study EACH TUESDAY IN MAY** from 12:00-1:00pm in our church Parlor.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Jim Luck. This bible study is open to anyone who would like to attend. No special preparation is required.

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Lexington Community Palm Sunday Celebration

The Old Courthouse on the Square

April 14, 2019 — 12:15 PM

✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

GREETING

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Elizabeth Horton

☞ We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

**REFRAIN: All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Repeat Refrain

2 The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

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3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

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4 To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

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5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lee Zehmer

☞ Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

✠ ✠ WORD ✠ ✠

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

Lee Zehmer

HOMILY:

Arnetta Beverly

✠ ✠ SENDING ✠ ✠

PALM SUNDAY LITANY

Ray Howell

☞ Hosanna!

☞ **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

☞ The One we have long awaited, the Messiah, has come.

☞ **Hosanna!**

☞ Riding into Jerusalem on a young donkey,

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☞ The Prince of Peace has come, the one who heals our wounds.

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☞ Everything that was foretold, Christ has fulfilled.

☞ **We offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.**

☞ We set up a banquet, and pour costly perfume at His feet.

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