

First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio

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April 10, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.



Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Joel Raney

*** Call to Worship**

Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

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.

*** Procession #196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will

Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Introit

Entrance into Jerusalem

Wes Cameron

Sanctuary Choir & Sanctuary Youth

*** Silent Prayer of Confession**

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

*** 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!

Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Scripture

Luke 19:28-44

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Renaissance Ringers

Arr. J. Honore

Sermon

Michael Isaacs

Anthem

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!
Sanctuary Choir & Sanctuary Youth

Mark Hayes

*** Affirmation of Faith**

from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

*** Hymn #198** *Ride on! Ride On in Majesty!* St. Drostane

*** Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Lani Smith

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading worship today: Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Janet Scott; Director/Pianist; Lara Moon, Director; Sanctuary Choir; Sanctuary Youth; Renaissance Ringers; Jim Harris, Sound Technician; Sharon Perkins, Barista.

Sanctuary Youth: Vivien Fields, Jessie Jenkins, Saige Ryan, Savannah Ryan, Madelyn Saunders, Parker Shablak, Ryder Wilson.

Renaissance Ringers: Marti Kelley, Parker Shablak, Sandi Templeton, Phil Thornbery, Sarah Thornbery, Lynne Wiley.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Myra Triick**, who died on April 1.

The flowers in the sanctuary were given in celebration of the 98th birthday of **Mary Sue Edwards**, given by Pat and Suzanne Edwards.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Sensory toys are available outside of the nursery for children who may wish to use them during worship.

Announcements

COVID-19 update for April: Please review these updated COVID-19 provisions and keep in mind as we gather for our worship and ministry:

- Masks are optional.
- Social distancing is enforced in the sanctuary by the use of alternating pews.
- Worship does not include the passing of any materials. (This will be reviewed again at our April Meeting.)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will meet on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. This week we are continuing our study of the Gospel According to Luke.

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt! Come to the Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard following worship today! Thank you to everyone who contributed candy donations for this fun-filled event!

Men's Monthly Meeting is an opportunity for the men of the church to get together and socialize over dinner. On **Tuesday, April 12**, the meeting will be at Wildwood Golf Club, 601 Aberdeen Dr. at **5:30 p.m.** Hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry

Nursery Care is available for infants and children up to 5 years old every Sunday, located next to Room 110. **Sunday School** (children ages 6-12) is offered most Sundays in the Godly Play Room. Leaders will escort children to Sunday School. When worship concludes, parents/guardians will need to come to the Godly Play Room to pick up their child(ren). In April, Sunday School will meet on April 10, 17, and 24. We especially want to include children and youth in special worship celebrations such as Communion, etc.

Graduates: Are you graduating? Or is someone in your household graduating? We'd like to lift up graduates in a time of prayer during worship and offer a small gift. Please call the church office or email sandy@fpcmiddletown.com with any names to include.

Easter Memorials: The Easter Memorials sponsored by the Music and Worship Ministry Team give us the opportunity to remember or honor that special loved one. The proceeds from the Easter Memorials will go to *The Women and Children's Center in Middletown*. Each memorial will cost \$10.00. The name of your loved one and the person who gave will be printed on a special page in the Easter bulletin.

*Please have your **order forms** in by this Wednesday. The Music and Worship Ministry Team appreciate your generosity for this very worthy cause.*

Easter Memorial order forms are available in the Narthex and the Gathering Area. You may place them in the offering plate or give them to Diana McVay in the Gathering Area after worship.

Out of the Shadows continues our faith journey with the very moving telling of the passion story through scripture and music. The Maundy Thursday Service will be presented by the combined choirs of First Presbyterian and St. Luke Presbyterian Churches. *The Maundy Thursday Service will be presented this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. The service is open to the public. Please invite your friends and family to take the Holy Week journey with you.*

Prayer list

Please submit any prayer requests for today's service to Michael before the worship service begins, the submitted requests will be included here next week.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

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

This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "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.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." 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,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."