

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, eleven o'clock

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 17, 2011

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bob Armistead

SOUNDING OF THE HOUR

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

PRELUDE

Fanfare

C.S. Lang

READING:

Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: Hear now the story;

People: The story of our salvation!

Leader: Hear now the beginning of the Passion of our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold your king comes! Humble, yet mighty; exalted of God!

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Leader: Look, people of Zion! Your King comes! The Christ of your salvation is with you!

People: And also with you! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 91

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

ST. DROSTANE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING

Psalms 47

ANTHEM

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Melchior Teschner

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

*DOXOLOGY

"All Glory to Our Lord and God"

DEO GRACIAS

All Glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forever more.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Eggs and Ashes

**We believe in God, who made the sun and the sky,
the stars and the sea, who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human, who healed the sick,
who talked to children, who made friends with sinners.**

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who inspires the scriptures and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community,

**committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone old and young,
rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice,
brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.**

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN # 98

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PASSION CHORALE

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

READING

Matthew 21:12-17

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

READING

Matthew 21:23-27

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER

READING

Matthew 21:33-46

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, you entered Jerusalem to cheers of 'Hosanna' and left with your cross to cries of 'Crucify'. We remember the times we have made you in our image, the times when we have called our own aspirations yours, the times when we have misunderstood the way of the cross and have deceived ourselves and others. Give us strength to journey with you and grace to discern the way that is yours.
Lord of the cross,

All: Forgive us and heal us.

Leader: Lord, you overturned the tables of the Temple money-changers. You said, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'. We remember the times when we have failed to make connections between our lives and our faith, the times when we have remained complacent and inert in the face of injustice and have violated your bodily temple by

our selfishness and greed. Inspire us to work for justice and fill us with the desire to build an integrated community of faith.

Lord of the cross,

All: Forgive us and heal us.

Leader: Lord, you were anointed by an unknown woman in preparation for burial. We remember the times when we have been too busy to love you, the times when we have failed to recognize your needs in others, the times when we have made ordinary that which is special and dismissed that which is precious. Impassion us with the love of an unknown woman, that we may serve you in friend and stranger.

Lord of the cross,

All: Forgive us and heal us.

Leader: Lord, you humbly took a towel and washed the feet of your friends. We remember the times when we have fought for prominence, the times when we have desired power and have forgotten those without a voice, the times when we have pursued our own freedom and enslaved others. Give us courage to embrace your service freely, to take up your cross and follow you.

Lord of the cross,

All: Forgive us and heal us.

Leader: Lord, you knew that Peter, who called you the Christ, would deny you three times. We remember the times when we have denied you and have been afraid to speak the truth, the times when we have followed the path of safety and have ignored the path of risk. Empower us to change, to become the rock on which you build your Church, that we may go forth to proclaim your kingdom and build up the body of Christ.

Lord of the cross,

All: Forgive us and heal us and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in humility. Amen.

(from let justice roll down, written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas)

PASSION ANTHEM

“O Most Merciful”

Anon. 1677

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN # 93

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

READING

Matthew 26:1-5

*POSTLUDE

Fugue on the “Kyrie”

Francois Couperin

(For some, the Postlude serves as festive music to accompany their going back out into the world. Others prefer to remain seated and listen. Those departing can help those who listen by holding their joyful greeting of others until they reach the narthex.)

*For those who are able, please stand.

**Gateway to Worship is our worship program for 4-year olds through first graders. The Gateway leader will take the children to their classroom in the Fellowship Hall during the second hymn.

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Hearing devices and large-print Hymnals are available in the back of the sanctuary; and a limited number of large-print bulletins are on the table in the Narthex.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join with us in service to Christ.

Please join us in the library immediately after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Please note: There will be NO WNL this week.

Easter Lilies

Today is the last day to order lilies. If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary for Easter, please complete the enclosed order form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plate. Note “Easter Lily” on your check made to *Covenant Presbyterian Church*. Easter lilies are \$12/each.

Holy Week Schedule:

(A nursery will be available for all events.)

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.

As Jesus’ disciples today, we will gather together at for a light supper, worship and the sacrament of communion.

Good Friday, April 22, 6:00 p.m.

A dramatic service of readings, silence and music of the Taizé community, recounting the Passion of Jesus. As the light of Jesus’ life is extinguished, the light in the sanctuary is slowly extinguished as well.

Easter Sunday, April 24:

Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.

This year, the Youth of Covenant will be leading us in our Sunrise Worship Service. Please join us in the courtyard for this special and intimate celebration of the living Christ.

Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.

Potluck Breakfast

Following the Easter Sunrise service, please plan on joining us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall where we’ll continue the early morning festivities. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

Today at Covenant:

Morning Greeter:

Jim Starr

Liturgist:

Fred Dulin

Children’s Choir Director:

Anne Smith

Acolytes:

Philip Hagelberg & Sean Madden

Chimer:

Julia Hagelberg

Gateway:

Karen Mabe

Nursery:

Andrea Sutter

Coffee Hosts:

The Madden Family

Covenant Children’s Choir
Covenant Chime Choir

People in our Prayers

Barbara & Jerry Ladich, Bob Maletich, Julia Trifiletti, Clint Simon (Tina's nephew), Fern Kemp (Evelyn's mother), Roger Hecht, Jack Fletcher, Marie Britt, Hazel Rowe, Jim Crandall, Catie Cheek, Ted Bair (Lynnea Fisher's father), Chris Adler Hillhouse, Arlene Wilkinson, Lattie Collins, Rose Willis, Hazel Hinkle (John Merriss' sister-in-law), Patricia Chafin (former member of Covenant), John Brumit (Betsy Moakler's brother), Max Wilson, Pat Adams, Vi Block, Elva McCartt, Patsy Young (Butch Carr's cousin), Arthur "Bud" & Eileen Kelsey; Joyce Ford; Tim Jones; Bill Gose, and Dr. Joe Walton (friends of Butch & Harriette Carr), Corrine Broyles

If you know of other reasons for rejoicing or concerns you would like to share with others please complete a prayer card with your requests.

This Week at Covenant:

Today, April 17

EASTER LILY ORDER DEADLINE

9:00a

Chime Choir Practice

Monday, April 18

MAY'S COURIER DEADLINE

6:00p

Way of Discernment Small Group Study

Tuesday, April 19

7:00p

Property Committee Meeting

7:30p

AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 20

7:15p

Choir Practice

Thursday, April 21 – Maundy Thursday

8:00a

Men's Bible Study

9:30a

Women's Bible Study Group

Noon

AI-Anon Meeting

6:00p

Maundy Thursday Supper & Service

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday

6:00p

Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 23

9:00a

Confirmand Breakfast & Exam

Church Staff:

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