



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE

March 24, 2024 – Palm/Passion Sunday

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE

***As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maundy Thursday: 6 pm Agape Meal and Devotional

Good Friday: Services noon- 3pm at St Paul UMC, Pastor Ann leads 2 pm service

Easter Worship at 10 am

We transition to 9:30 am worship on Sunday April 21. Worship at St John UCC will be at 11 am.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Ruth C. Duck, alt.

God of infinite power, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came riding into Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not through violence. Help us to learn the meaning of power and of glory through Christ as we begin this Holy Week.

PRELUDE

**THE HOLY CITY
BY STEPHEN ADAMS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP (a reading of Mark 11: 1-11)**

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna, Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

***HYMN 196**

**ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR
(wave those palms!)**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We get caught up in the excitement of a parade, but part of us holds back celebration, for we know the rest of the story. There was no one with Jesus who had courage enough to stay the course. The finger of denial, betrayer, desertion and fear points to us all. We do not like to turn the other cheek; we don't want to suffer or make sacrifices for the sake of Christ. We would rather justify ourselves than empty ourselves and follow Jesus on the Way. In our own troubles, we cry out, "Our God, why have you forsaken us!" when it is we who forsake your way, O Christ. We cannot live with the debt of our sin. You died because of us, and removed that debt. Have mercy on us and forgive us yet again.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Let us share that peace with one another.

***HYMN 437**

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY

HEAR

WeKIRK WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 14: 3-9

SERMON

**NOT THRONES OR CROWNS OF GOLD, BUT
DONKEYS AND OIL POINT TO THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

RESPOND

HYMN 201

**A PROPHET WOMAN BROKE A JAR
(STANZA'S 1 & 2)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

**VIA DOLOROSA
MIKE WINNERS**

OFFERING NOTE

We receive One Great Hour of Sharing this season. Use the envelope in the pew or in the bulletin for your gift.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you call us into community and command us to love our neighbor. May we seek and find real ways to embody justice and hope, reflecting your deep kindness for all you create and love. Bless our giving, that it might make a difference to our neighbors. We pray in Christ's compassionate name. Amen

A READING OF MARK 14: 1-2, 10-11

SCATTER TO SERVE

***HYMN 223**

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR BY MELCHIOR TESCHNER

**Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are able.*

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PLEASE PRAY FOR Evan Bates, Larry Bates, Joy Reid, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Nancy Black, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Sue D'Ambrosia (Nikki's mother-in-law), Marty & Deb Kennedy (Elaine), Nicole D'Ambrosia, Delilah Joy Clapp (home), Isaac (cancer; Aubrey's friend), Rita Gehring (Kristal's mother in law), Shelly (cancer; Kristal's cousin), Jeff (stage 5 kidney disorder; Kristal's cousin), Scotty (rehab, Kristal's brother-in-law), James Myers (Nikki's grandfather)