

WHAT'S

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7



at *Calvary Presbyterian Church*
April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday

THIS MORNING we remember the celebratory arrival of Jesus and the disciples in Jerusalem in the days just before his arrest.

The people waved palms as Jesus entered the city as a sign of their joy and hope.

MAUNDY THURSDAY is a somber remembrance of the last Passover meal before the crucifixion. On this night, after washing the feet of the disciples in an act of humility, Jesus gave a new commandment to them to "...love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." The word *maundy* is taken from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "command."



Our service is Thursday, April 6 at 7pm



Burlington Entertainers: Come enjoy your favorite Broadway hits performed by our own Dave, Val, Lori, Colin, Mike, Yvette, Dyani. It's all happening on **April 14, 15 and 16**. Flyer has been emailed. See Diana for \$10 tickets.

If you have not yet given to One Great Hour of Sharing, please consider giving today. Thank you.

Partner Day at Urban Promise is Thursday, April 20.
The details have been emailed.

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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:00am

Welcome to this morning's service. *Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

My Savior's Love

C. Gabriel, arr. M. Parks

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

The Palms

J. B. Faure

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118:24-29

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

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

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

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.

* GATHERING HYMN

#204 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(St Ambrose of Milan) (unison)

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and it enjoy you, for Christ's sake. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:31-34

If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Communion with God

F. Ritter

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #809

Doxology

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 3:14-20

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 12:12-32

This is the Gospel of the Our Lord Jesus Christ

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“What Price Glory”

The Rev. Dr. James Kraft

COMMUNION HYMN

#788 *There's a Quiet Understanding*

~ THE LORD'S SUPPER ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHORAL ANTHEM

Comes the King

Carlson & Stone, arr. D. Williamson

- * CLOSING HYMN #205 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*
- * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL RESPONSE *Blessed Is He Who Comes* L. Shackley
- * THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.
(As you leave the sanctuary, share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)
- * POSTLUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* J. Zundel, arr. P. Benjamin

Many thanks to Rev. Dr. James Kraft for leading us in worship this morning.

The Rev. Dr. James Kraft

Prior to his call to the pastorate, Jim worked as a mechanical engineer, later as a consultant and instructor in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maryland. He was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in June 1972, becoming Pastor and Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Holly where he served for 31 years. Later, he was made Pastor Emeritus. After honorable retirement, Jim became Pastor of the International Church of Karachi, Pakistan. After 3 years, he returned from Pakistan to serve 8 years as Mission Pastor and then Interim Pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church in Medford. Since then, Jim has been filling pulpits as needed. Fran and Jim have been married for 63 years and have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren.



Prayers for: our President and all our elected officials, all world leaders, our men and women in uniform, peace in the world, victims of natural disasters, those endangered by war and violence; Calvary's mission and ministries; all our friends and members at Calvary, and in particular: the grieving family of Phyllis Johnson; Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; Jean Markovitz; Nathan Richards, friend of Bob Cornatzer; Barbara Turner, mother of Karen Gilbert; Ellen Hoag, mother of Rob Hoag; Christie, wife of Rob Hoag; Trevor, nephew of Dave & Janny McGrath; Phil Mesmer, husband of Kathy Mesmer; Jesse James, nephew of Terry Pahl; Chea and Roxanne, friends of Alyx Reinhardt; Steve Harker, husband of Cindy Harker; Doretta Freeman, our sister in Christ.

The chancel flowers this morning are dedicated by Calvary's Deacons in honor of all those celebrating birthdays during the month of April.

Happy Birthday!