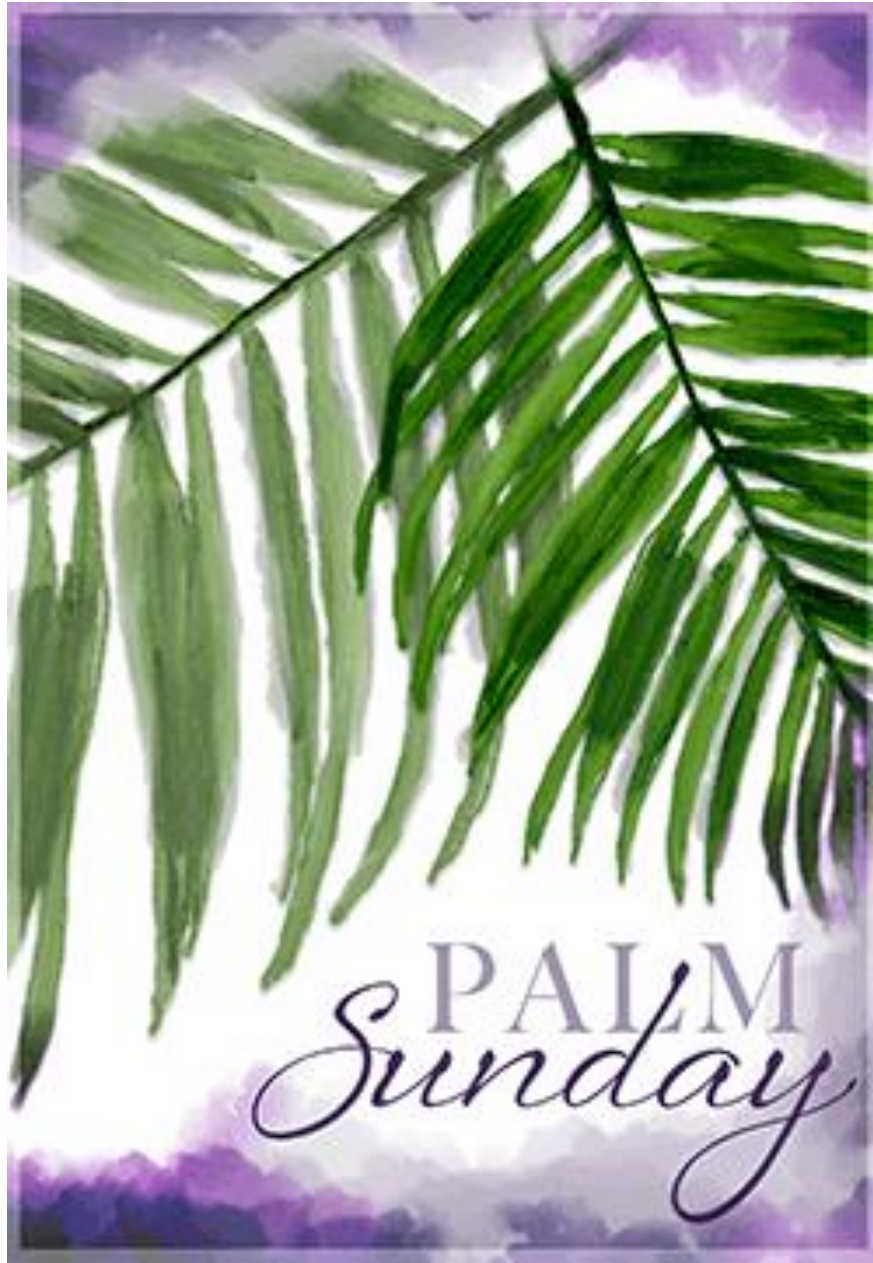


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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 24, 2024**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *BACHIANAS BRASILEIRAS* -Villa-Lobos

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Hosanna Savior, we wave our palms and sing our praise as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day giving us the strength to endure the journey, which is ahead. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTER OUR HEARTS OF WOURSHIP

OPENING HYMN: *HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA*

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CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Sing songs of loudest praise!

People: Hosanna!

Pastor: Sing songs that are unashamed.

People: Hosanna!

Pastor: Sing songs without being afraid.

People: Hosanna!

Pastor: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

People: Hosanna!

Pastor: Let us worship the One worthy to be praised.

REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:

Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel. However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song. Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.

Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE

Pastor: With Christ's help,

Unison: we will return to the garden.

Pastor: Through Christ's passion,

Unison: we will weep by the tree.

Pastor: For Christ's sake,

Unison: we will proclaim the good news:

Pastor: Nothing can separate us from Jesus Christ, our liberator.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *WALTZ IN A MINOR – Chopin*

SERMON: *A Walk Though Holy Week*

Introduction

The Triumphal Entry – Matthew 21:1 – 11

Jesus Cleansing the Temple – Luke 19:45 – 46

Judas Bargains with the Sanhedrin – Luke 22:1 – 6

Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet – John 13:1 – 17

HYMN: *JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE*

I am weak, but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long As I walk let me walk close to Thee. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

The Last Supper – Luke 22:7 – 20

In the Garden of Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36 – 50

HYMN: *GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE*

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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 prayer

Jesus' Trials – Luke 22:66 – 23:25

HYMN: *O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED*

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The Road to the Cross and Crucifixion – Luke 23:26 – 47

HYMN: *WHAT A WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What Wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this! That Christ should come in bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul.

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL AND WORK

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Pastor: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

People: who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

Pastor: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

People: who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.

Pastor: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

People: who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.

Pastor: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

People: so even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.

Pastor: Hosanna!

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Holy One, we are delighted with your arrival into our lives and the world! We join the crowds to sing your glory and praises. At the same time, although our hearts are close to true worship, our minds do not dwell upon real understanding. We fail to acknowledge and appreciate your humility. Sometimes, we are not motivated by your glory. It was our sins that took your life though you are our creator. Our betrayal provokes us to war, although you have always desired peace. Please help us to understand your glory and show faith in you from hereon.

(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)

Pastor: The day of the Lord is coming:

People: He abounds in steadfast love.

Pastor: Though we remember we are dust and to dust we shall return, we remember that we are your precious dust. In the faith, hope, and love of Christ, we pray,

Unison: Eternal Spirit,

Earth – maker, Pain – bearer, Life – giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the World!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptations and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For your reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen**

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING CHOIR ANTHEM: *REMEMBER ME*

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all
creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices
of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these
gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices
and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to
all people. Amen and Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN: *ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR* 216

*** BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

*** MEDITATION**

*Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry
your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every
face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the
tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart,
may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I,
be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups*

and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE: PACOCA – Machado**

**Would those who are able please stand.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: REMEMBER ME - Nygard

Remember me when you come into your kingdom, remember me when you're seated on your throne, for I am weak and so unworthy, and need your loving strength and tender mercy. Remember me, O Lord, remember me. Remember me when I fall into temptation, and rescue me from the evils yet unknown; When trials come and sin assails me, renew your loving grace that never fails me. Remember me, O Lord, remember me. Like the thief who died on Calvary, and repented his sinful ways, I confess my guilty life to thee and repeat those timeless words when he prayed: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom, remember me when you're seated on your throne." For I remember how your sacrifice redeemed us all and paid the price, and humbly now I pray to thee, "O Lord, remember me, O Lord, remember me!"

Welcome to Faith Church this Palm/Passion Sunday. We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads provided for you in the pews.

The altar flowers are presented by a Friend of Faith.

Please welcome and thank our guest musicians in today's service: Nora Suggs, flute, John Arnold, guitar and Carole Burkhardt, soloist.

Our Maundy Thursday Service is scheduled for this Thursday at 7:30 pm.

Join us next week for Easter Sunday Worship at 10:15 am.

Spring Bingo and Basket Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 28th! Tickets go on sale Tuesday, March 26th.

CALENDAR

Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9 am to 4 pm; Friday Closed

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| Today | - Palm Sunday
- 10:15 am Worship/Sunday School
- Choral Rehearsal following worship |
| Monday | - Sandy works remotely |
| Tuesday | - 2:00 pm Faith in Stitches |
| Thursday | - 9 pm BAMC Pastor
- 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service |
| Friday | - Office Closed/Pastor's Day Off |
| Sunday | - Easter Sunday
- 10:15 am Worship |

Thanks to our volunteers:

	March 24	March 31
Head Usher:	Kim Ritter	Kim Ritter
Ushers:	Donna Schoenberger Kim Ritter	Tim & Sara Hovis
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