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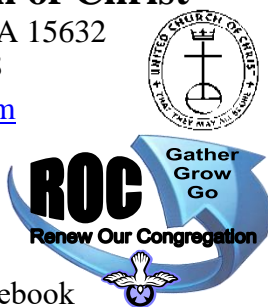
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Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

Preparation Music

(Please be seated and prepare yourself for worship)

The Entrance of the Light

Welcome

Moments of Concerns and Announcements

**\*Gathering Music-Please stand and join the choir in singing**

**Hymn #198, verse 1**

**All: (Refrain): Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;**

**Let all adore and praise that sacred name.**

**Choir: Come Christians, follow where our Savior trod,**

*The Lamb victorious, Christ the Child of God.*

**All: (Refrain): Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;**

**Let all adore and praise that sacred name.**

\*Opening Prayer

**\*Palm Procession and Hymn: #216 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"**

Call to Reconciliation

Reconciliation Prayer

**All: We are conflicted, O God. We welcome the King of the Jews with shouts of joy, and then we crucify him days later. Forgive our fickle relationships with you, with each other and with others in our lives. Help us make the difficult choice to stand with Jesus in all circumstances, even when the crowds push against us. Give us the strength to be the faithful Christians that you call us to be. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

**All: Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

\*Act of Praise..... #760

(Please stand)

**All: Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)**

**Amen we praise your name, O God! (Sing Amen)**

**Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen!**

**Amen we praise your name, O God!**

\*The Passing of the Peace

**Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

Please share a greeting of Christian love with those sitting around you.

Children's Time: "Palm Sunday"

Anthem: "Hosanna on the Street"

(Children in Kindergarten and younger may go to the nursery)

Call to the Offering

Offering Music

\*Offertory Response "We Are Giving in the Light of God" (526)

**All: We are giving in the light of God,**

**We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)**

**We are giving, giving, we are giving, Oo,**

**We are giving in the light of God (Repeat previous 2 lines)**

Prayer of Dedication

The Passion According to the Gospel of Luke

Participants are: Bonnie Malovitz     Scott Hartung  
                                  Don McIlvaine     Brad Cherep  
                                  Dave Conner     Justin Cherep  
                                  Rob Driscoll     Claire Hartung  
                                  Myrt Driscoll     Dan Walk  
                                  Maddie Driscoll

Prayer of Our Savior (sung)

**All: 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**

\*The Benediction

**\*Benediction Response #547**

**“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Verse 1**

\*Postlude

The Congregation.....Disciples of Christ  
 Rev. Meredith Ann Hutchison.....Pastor  
 Irina Thomas.....Organist and Keyboard  
 Rheba Salac.....Administrative Assistant  
 Wade Anderson.....Sexton

**In case of bad weather** and cancellation of worship, we will be listed on WPXI (Channel 11) TV or at [www.wpxi.com](http://www.wpxi.com) as well as on the WPXI Weather App.

**Did you know that our One Great Hour Sharing Banks** can be brought in this Thursday, March 24? We will dedicate them at the Maundy Thursday Service. We hope that you have enjoyed using the calendar which was provided for you to learn about the needs of

people in our own neighborhoods and around the world. Half of your donations through these banks will be given to the Westmoreland Churches Committee for Emergency Aid to help people locally. The other half will go to assist people throughout the US and around the world.



This week:

**Thursday: We will celebrate Maundy Thursday, March 24**, with our traditional simple meal of soup and bread with communion in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary. **If you can make soup or bring bread, please sign the list in the Education Wing. As of right now, we need people to make soup!**

The choir will rehearse after the Tenebrae Service.

**On Good Friday, March 25**, Pastor Meredith and persons from our congregation will be joining other churches in Penn-Trafford on a Prayer Walk through Harrison City. Pastor Meredith will be praying at the businesses in the Penny Lane (Giant Eagle) Plaza. If you would like to be a part of this, please speak with Pastor Meredith or sign the list on the bulletin board in the Education Wing. Pastor Meredith will be glad to do the praying, but your presence in joining her will be a prayer as well. We will gather at the Harrison City Post Office parking lot at 5:30PM.

There **will be** 9:00AM Bible study on Saturday at the Murrysville Panera. We will look at the Easter stories found in the Gospel of Luke.

**Easter Sunday-Worship will be at 8:00AM and 11:00AM.**

Everyone is invited to breakfast at 9:15AM. The men of the church join together to offer this gift of hospitality. Donations from the breakfast go towards the camp fund. If you have not yet been recruited to help, please speak with Don McIlvaine.

There will be a children’s Easter Party after the breakfast.

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Attendance for March13: 60  
 Offering for March13: \$1,967.00  
 OGHs: \$180.00

## From the Stillspeaking Devotional of the United Church of Christ

### Palm Sunday

"A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road." - Matthew 21:8



When I was a kid Palm Sunday was, well, Palm Sunday. Palms, hosannas, joyous music, a sort of mini-Easter.

Somewhere along the way Palm Sunday became Palm/ Passion Sunday. This meant that we began with the palms, hosanna and cheerful songs about the children singing to Jesus, but before long were into betrayal and Christ's death on the cross.

That made Palm Sunday seem like a Trojan Horse, meaning that it looked like fun and games until you unpacked it. When you did, upbeat turned decidedly downbeat, major key broke minor. Instead of being part of the cheering crowd that was comfortably on Jesus' side -- "Go Jesus! Ride 'em!" -- we found ourselves part of the crowd that shouted, "Crucify him, Crucify him."

This was confusing.

But it was something besides confusing. It was true. We aren't just the good guys, innocently cheering Jesus on. We have a part in the mess, in the awful that happens.

But seeing that painful truth -- our part in the mess and owning it -- can help us have eyes for something else besides -- that God's mercy and forgiveness are poured out for us, poured out all over us. When the hosannas of Palm Sunday have faded, praise for the deep love and mercy of God to us is the song that keeps on singing.

### Prayer

Walk with us throughout this Holy Week, dear Lord, and grant us the grace and courage to walk with you. Amen.

*About the Author . . . Tony Robinson, a United Church of Christ minister, is a speaker, teacher, and writer. His newest book is Called to Lead: Paul's Letters to*

*Timothy for a New Day. Tony is the director of Festival of Preaching NW, which is coming up April 28 - May 1, 2014 in Seattle.*

#### Help is needed!

If you can help in any way, talk with Don McIlvaine or Robin Brautigam.



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Your Invitation to the 2016 DMUCC

## Beef Dinner!

Saturday, April 23, 4 to 7PM *(as usual)*

**\$13 Adult, \$6 Children 6-12, Under 6 Free**

Please fill in your information with payment and give to the office by Friday, April 1. Take-outs available. No meal can be served without a ticket.

### My DMUCC Beef Dinner Reservation

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ #Eat-In  #Take out

Mailing Address correction: \_\_\_\_\_

No reservations will be confirmed without a check. Mail to: DMUCC, 2003 Denmark Manor Rd., Export, PA 15632 **by Friday, April 1. If you'd like ticket(s) sent to you, please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE).**