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Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2015

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

Mission Moment

*Ringing of the Bell

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

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.

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Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

*Opening Prayer

***Palm Procession and Hymn: #213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

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.

Words of Assurance

Silent Confession

Kyrie # 750

All: Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: God has forgiven us already and aids us on the path to faithfulness and wholeness.

*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"

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

Anthem: "Blessed Is He"

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 Power of His Last Word by Susan Pargman

(Produced by Special Arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service, Colorado Springs, CO)

Narrator-Pastor Meredith

Zacchaeus-Scott Hartung

John-R.J. Miller

Leah-Hanna Miller

Martha-Myrt Driscoll

Woman of Samaria-Kiera Driscoll

Nicodemus-Dave Conner

Mary, Mother of Jesus-Joyfa Kelly

Closing Prayer

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

Did you know that you are to return your giving banks this Thursday, which is Maundy Thursday? The money that we have collected will be divided between One Great Hour of Sharing and the Welcome Home Shelter for women and families who are experiencing homelessness.

This week:

This Thursday is Maundy Thursday. We begin the remembrance of Jesus' last supper with a simple meal of soup and bread followed by communion around the tables in the Fellowship Hall and then a Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary. **If you can bring soup or bread, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the education wing.**



There will be a Good Friday Service at First UCC in Harrison City from 2:00-3:00PM. We are invited to attend.

Another option for Good Friday is a walk in Trafford, marking the Stations of the Cross. We will gather at 5:30PM at St. Regis Roman Catholic Church at 517 Homewood Ave., Trafford and walk to Trinity United Methodist Church at 407 Duquesne Ave., praying at places along the way as we commemorate Jesus' walk to Golgotha. If you cannot walk, you can just go directly to Trinity United Methodist Church where the Stations of the Cross will be remembered.

Saturday-Bible Study at Murrysville Panera 9:00AM

Next Sunday is Easter!



On Easter we will have services at 8:00AM and 11:00AM with breakfast at 9:15. Proceeds from the breakfast donations will go toward the camp scholarship fund for our youth.

Following the breakfast, there will be an Easter party for our children and youth downstairs in the Education Wing.

April 18 is the All Association Meeting. The theme is Disaster Response – Consistory and Congregation members are encouraged to attend. We never know when a disaster will strike, and we need to be prepared. Registration forms are on the back table in the Sanctuary.

Attendance for March 22: 63
Offering for March 22: \$2,099.00

Delmont Presbyterian Church presents the **The Pittsburgh Gospel Choir** “A Celebration of community in Song” on Sunday, April 12 at 6PM. Price is \$5, children 12 and under Free. The church is located at 101 Church Street in Delmont, PA 15626. Call 724-468-5804 for tickets. Free refreshments following the concert.

The Blackburn Center’s “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” Annual March to stop domestic violence is Saturday, April 18 at St. Clair Park in Greensburg. Registration is 9-9:45AM, \$5 per participant; men, women and children are welcome. Get your free T-shirt while supplies last. Call 724-837-9540 x144 for more information or register online at: blackburncenter.org and click on ‘register for an event’.

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."

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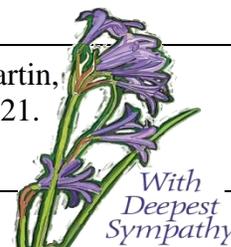
This was confusing. But it was something besides confusing. It was true. We aren't just the good guys, innocently cheering Jesus on. We have a part in the mess, in the awful that happens.

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.

On Saturday we celebrated the life of Richard Martin, who entered into the joy of eternal life on March 21. Our prayers are with the Martin family.



Our BEEF DINNER is Saturday, April 25

Please use a reservation form – this helps to increase profit.

My DMUCC Beef Dinner Reservation

Name(s) _____

Number attending: _____ Total cost: _____

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 – you can also give your reservation and check to Don McIlvaine.