

“Hosanna!”

Blessed
is the
one
who comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!”

Mark 11:9, NRSV

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

PRELUDE

Palm Branches

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Bettye Shirar – soprano

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festive preparation,
Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain:

Join all and sing His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who delight in worship.

Blessed are those who come in God's name.

Give thanks to God, all who assemble here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise.

Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter.

The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!

Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!

*PROCESSIONAL (all sing)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

NO. 196

WELCOME

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND SUPPLICATION

Will we wave our leafy branches today and hide them tomorrow? Will our hosannas melt into another chorus of death? Will we, like the builders of old, reject the stone that is meant to hold all things together? Is Jesus Christ truly the cornerstone of our lives? Let us admit the truth about ourselves.

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God’s beloved child.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ has reconciled you to our Heavenly Parent, and presents you blameless, holy and beyond reproach. Continue to live therefore, secure and steadfast in your faith.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Jesus, Remember Me

NO. 227

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since Christ had forgiven us, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us share God’s peace with each other.

(We greet each other: “The peace of Christ be with you.”)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Christina Pressley

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing
Sunday School Choir

Quaker song,
arr. G. Littleton

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real, though far off, song that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:12-25

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

(The elements of bread or gluten-free crackers and unfermented juice will be served today in the front of the Sanctuary. Please leave your pew by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.)

COMMUNION MUSIC *Deep River* Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Carol Lind – soprano

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace?
Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SOLO *Were You There* Spiritual, arr. Melva W. Costen
Christina Pressley

THE READING OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

*HYMN NO. 221 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* v. 1

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried, and rose again for our sake.

With love let us adore him, aware of our needs.

Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death:

Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Christ our strength, you were despised and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

Teach us humility by which you saved the world.

Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

Help us to love one another.

Christ our savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

Grant us peace.

Eternal God, as we are baptized into death with Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For He is the One, who was crucified, dead and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray...

BRINGING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

This morning we receive the offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Let us give with grateful hearts.

OFFERTORY

Thy Will Be Done

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.

Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.

Refrain: "My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done."

In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethemane

Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. [Refrain]

Then they took our Savior and let Him to a tree;

And there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again! [Refrain]

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

What Wondrous Love Is This

NO. 215, v. 3

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I sing!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, your call to us is both great and challenging. On this Sunday when we offer our One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, may what we share bring justice and help to those in need, and may your light break forth in our lives and in the lives of those served through our shared ministry. Amen

*HYMN NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

vs. 1 & 4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All My Trials

arr. Bob Chilcott

Chip Hazel – baritone

If religion was a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Oh, I have a little book that sets me free, and every page spells liberty.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late, my brothers! Too late, but never mind.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

So hush little baby, don't you cry, you know that man was born to die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. All are invited to join us for light refreshments and fellowship following the service in the back of the Sanctuary.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Liturgist: Carol Lind

Readers: Jan Moore, Chip Hazel, Jane & Wes Diemer

Deacon-in-Charge: Alan Jewett

Ushers: Gerry Crock, Barbara Wise

Communion Servers: Dick Carter, Susan Hofmann, Holly Reuther

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Gerry Crock in honor of all the saints of Concord, the young and the not-so-young.

Weekly Prayer List (follows church directory):

Anne Malloy

JoAnn Marsh

Jane Marks

Melissa Marsh, Alexandra Leyton

Whether you are a visitor, occasional attendee, or current/former/prospective member, **you can stay connected to the people, plans, and possibilities of Concord by subscribing to our weekly *Concord Connects* e-newsletter.** Just write a note on a Connection Card, along with your name and email address, and place in the offering.

Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Pastoral Care: The Rev. Kathie Pownall is currently providing pastoral care for our Concord family and would love to visit anyone – not just in times of emergency. If you would like a visit, call her at 302/373-7127 or email kspownallkathie@aol.com to set up a convenient time.

Congregational Meeting



By action of the Session of Concord Presbyterian Church, there will be a meeting of the congregation on **Sunday, April 8**, immediately following worship to elect an Elder, Class of 2019 and congregational members of the Nominating Committee.

Concord now accepts credit card donations. Scanning this QR code with your smart phone camera or app will connect you to a Concord website page. Click on the blue “Donate Now” button to enter a secure portal where you can enter donation amount and credit card information. You will receive an email acknowledging the donation.



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New York City Bus Trip – Wed., May 16; tickets \$60/person. Enjoy a Broadway show, museum, shopping, or just see the sights. Bus departs from the Concord Church parking lot at 7:15am, and leaves NYC at 6:00pm to return around 8:30pm. Contact the Church Office (margaret.oboyle@concordpc.org, 654-9652) for tickets. This bus has only 35 seats, so please try to reserve your seats ASAP.

Friendship House Breakfast Closet: On the first Monday of the month, volunteers from Concord deliver breakfast supplies to the FH Women’s Day Center. We urgently need the following items: cans of regular coffee, 3-lb. bags of sugar (sealed in plastic bag), powdered creamer, peanut butter and jelly, and regular tea bags. Please place your donations in the designated basket in the Narthex. (Personal-size toiletries for women & men are also helpful.)

All are invited to join us for a



Pancake Breakfast
Easter Sunday, April 1
8:45 – 10:00am

Sponsored by Family Ministries.
Proceeds benefit Middle School Conference trip.

Adult Education

No classes Easter Sunday, April 1.

Mug & Muffin Bible Study –Will not meet on Wed., March 28.

Flower Guild

Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter, Fri., March 30 @ 9:30am: All are welcome – many hands make light work.

A Time to Remember: Every Easter, the



Flower Guild fills the Sanctuary with lilies and spring flowers donated by those wishing to honor or remember a loved one.

If you would like to contribute a flower, make your check for \$15 payable to Concord, memo: "Easter flowers." Please include a note as to how the bulletin dedication should read and drop the check in the offering.

CALENDAR

- Sun., March 25** **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Communion, One Great Hour of Sharing
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Mon., March 26**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer
- Tues., March 27**
7:30am Fellowship & Outreach (Lib)
- Wed., March 28** **No Mug & Muffin**
10:30am EDR East delivery
- Thurs., March 29** **Maundy Thursday**
11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)
7:00pm Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae
Service w/ communion (Sanctuary)
- Fri., March 30** **Good Friday**
Preschool closed
9:30am Flower Guild (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Stations of the Cross (Trinity Pres.)
- Sat., March 31**
9:00am Rehearsal w/ brass (Sanctuary)
- Sun., April 1** **Easter Sunday**
Communion, Special Music
7:00am Outdoor Sunrise Service (Trinity)
8:45am Pancake Breakfast (FH)
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Easter Egg Hunt (front lawn)
- Mon., April 2** **Church Office closed**
9:00am Diaspora Prayer
1:00pm Mary Circle (Torill Drury)
6:30pm Mission Initiative (Jessie's Room)
- Tues., April 3** **Church Office closed**

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*We thank those of you who contributed to the
Easter Flower Fund and enabled the Flower Guild to
decorate our Sanctuary with lilies and flowers,
representing the glories of Easter and the rebirth of spring.*

Given by Richard & Peggy Carter in memory of our parents

Jo Ann Cipolla in honor of loved ones

Sally Coulson in memory of my parents Bill & Louise Gretsch

Given in memory of my husband Jim Coulson by Sally Coulson

Susan & George Hofmann in memory of loved ones

Alan & Kay Jewett in memory of Alan's parents,

Mel & Janet Jewett, and Kay's father, Paul Lynam

Connie Polleck in memory of loved ones

Given by the Rowe family in memory of parents/grandparents,

Virginia & James Reynolds

Daniel Voelker in loving memory of my wife Hildegard

Barbara Wise in memory of my parents Charles & Erma Cathcart



Holy Week AT CONCORD

PALM SUNDAY || MARCH 25 || 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY || MARCH 29 || 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY || MARCH 30 || 12:00 PM*

EASTER SUNDAY || APRIL 1 || 7:00 AM* & 10:30 AM

(* AT TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN)



Easter
AT CONCORD

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 AM @ TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM

EASTER WORSHIP
10:30 AM

**CHILDREN'S
EASTER EGG HUNT**
(FOLLOWING WORSHIP)

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