



The one
who enters
in the
LORD's name
is blessed.

-Psalm 118:26

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print

PRELUDE

Gwalshmai
Jeffrey DeVault, organ

Richard Purvis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

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 HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

NO. 196

Chancel & Sunday School Choirs sing refrain and first verse, then Congregation joins in.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING

Luke 19:28-40 (*The Message*)

Rick Rudolph

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.

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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.
Amen.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Holy, Holy, Holy

NO. 562

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

*GREETING OF 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Agnus Dei (Requiem)

G. Faure (1845-1924)

Chancel Choir

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest, eternal rest.

May perpetual light shine on them, Lord. With your saints throughout eternity, by your grace.

Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them.

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

NO. 197, v. 3

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

*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**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Jessica MacMillan

SECOND READING

Luke 22:1-13 (*The Message*)

Raven Studer

HYMN NO. 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

vs. 1 & 2

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:14-20

Rev. Elizabeth Lyman

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

*(All are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward for intinction. When you get to
the Table, take a piece of bread from the tray and dip it in the cup. Eat immediately.*

We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free alternatives so that all may partake.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together
Youth Bell Choir

African-American spiritual,
arr. M. Johnson

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOURTH READING	Luke 22:39-53 (<i>The Message</i>)	Cynthia Miller
HYMN NO. 218	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	vs. 1 & 2
FIFTH READING	Luke 23:1-25 (<i>The Message</i>)	Raven Studer
HYMN NO. 221	<i>O Sacred Head, Now Wounded</i>	vs. 1 & 2
SIXTH READING	Luke 23:26-43 (<i>The Message</i>)	Cynthia Miller
HYMN NO. 227	<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>	
SEVENTH READING	Luke 23:44-54 (<i>The Message</i>)	Rev. Kathie Pownall
*HYMN NO. 223	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	vs. 1 & 4
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	<i>Christ, We Do All Adore Thee</i> Chancel Choir	T. Dubois
	Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever For on the holy cross hast Thou the world redeemed. Christ, we do all adore Thee.	
POSTLUDE	<i>In Death's Strong Grasp, the Savior Lay</i> Jeffrey DeVault, organ	J. S. Bach

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.

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Jessica MacMillan, Connectional Presbyterian/Stated Clerk of New Castle Presbytery to worship with us today.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Ron McKinney

Liturgist: Rick Rudolph

Readers: Raven Studer, Cynthia Miller

Ushers: Torill Drury, Judy Hayes

Communion Servers: Judy Hayes, Susan Hofmann, Rev. Kathie Pownall

Weekly Prayer List (follows church directory):

Debbie & John Barineau

Betty & Bill Bates

Denise Becker

Alma Bergmann

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 crisis. Contact her at 373-7127 or kspownallkathie@aol.com.

Concord now accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will connect you with a Concord website page to allow **credit card** donations.
- Use **PayPal** to send donation to Concord at donations@concordpc.org.
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to donations@concordpc.org.



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.

Jo Ann Cipolla in memory of loved ones

Sally Coulson in loving memory of my husband Jim Coulson and my parents Bill & Louise Gretsch

Gerry Crock

In thanksgiving for the entire staff of Concord by Don & Gail Greene

Susan & George Hofmann in memory of our parents

Alan & Kay Jewett in memory of Alan's parents, Mel & Janet Jewett, and Kay's father, Paul Lynam

Dottie & Al Lund in loving memory of Wesley Alan Lund

In celebration of family & friends by Liz Rowe

June Tshudy in memory of my husband Harry & loved ones

Barbara Wise in memory of my parents Charles & Erma Cathcart

Sunday School & Family Activities

Sunday School Schedule:

- **Today – Palm Sunday:** No Sunday School. Children participate in worship with procession of palms, communion, quiet activities provided.
- **April 21 – Easter:** No Sunday School. Children participate in worship. Communion, quiet activities provided. (Pancake Breakfast before worship in Fellowship Hall, Easter Egg Hunt following worship outdoors.)



All are invited to join us for a
Pancake Breakfast
Easter Sunday, April 21
8:45 – 10:00am

Sponsored by Spiritual Formation.
Proceeds benefit Middle School Conference trip.

Flower Guild

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.



Mission

Ahoy! Gardening Day at the Seamen's Center: Join us on **Sat., April 27, 9:00am-noon**, for a trip to the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington. We'll pull weeds, plant flowers, and do general spring cleanup. You must sign up in advance and bring a government-issued photo ID for security clearance (not required for those under 16). To volunteer, contact Liz Rowe rowe3.mail@gmail.com by April 24.



World Vision Global 6K for Water – Sat., May 4: World Vision is hosting a global 6K to raise funds to provide access to clean water to people in developing countries. This is a 6K because that is the average distance people in the developing world walk to get water that is often not clean or safe. The local walk will be held at **Bellevue State Park**. Registration begins at 8:30am and the registration fee is \$50/adult and \$25/youth. Scholarships are available. The link to register for the walk or donate to World Vision is teamworldvision.org/team/ncp. The team name is New Castle Presbytery (North). Contact Dottie Harding (harding4@aol.com) for additional information.



One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received today & Easter Sunday. See bulletin insert. Envelopes available in the pews.

