



Morning Worship
March 28, 2010
Palm Sunday

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Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. Alec Wyton

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118: 19, 20

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #88

(The children will process at this time)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Valet Will Ich Dir Geben"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#572, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Rev. Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

ANTHEM *Lo, He Comes!* John Horman
The Children's Choir

Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!
Enter his gates with shouts of thanksgiving, into his courts with songs of praise.
Come, let us march in glad procession. Loud Hosannas now we raise.
Open your heart and welcome the Savior. Join with the song that has no end.
This is the day for which we have waited; the coming of our Lord is surely at hand. Lo, he comes!
Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

MOMENT FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

* HYMN OF PREPARATION # 89 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* "Ellacombe"

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 50:4-6 Pew Bible p. 640

SECOND LESSON Luke 19:28-40 Pew Bible p. 78

ANTHEM *The Palms* Jean-Baptiste Faure
The JoyBells

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare,
Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise be the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

THE SERMON "This Is It...Or Is It?" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

7-Fold Amen

John Rutter

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Go to Dark Gethsemane

T. Tertius Noble

Go to dark Gethsemane, Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour.
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh the wormwood and the gall! Oh the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame or loss, learn of Him to bear the Cross.
Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete,
"It is finished!" Hear him cry!!

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PARTING # 525

Here I Am. Lord

"Here I Am, Lord"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

The Palms

Faure

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 28: Palm Sunday- Children's Palm Parade
Moment for Mission, JoyBells Playing, Children's Choir

April 1: Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7 pm

April 4: Easter Sunrise Service 7 am at Rocky Gap State Park
Mountain View Pavilion in day use area near the Lodge

Easter 11 am Worship Service- Communion,
Special Music, Cents-Ability, Moment for Mission,
One Great Hour of Sharing

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

About the JoyBells Anthem

Composer Jean-Baptiste Faure (1830-1914), composer of the "The Palms", was described by Rev. Theron Brown in 1906:

"As a boy he was gifted with a beautiful voice, and crowds used to gather wherever he sang in the streets of Paris. Little is known of his parentage, and apparently the sweet voice of the wandering lad was his only fortune. He found wealthy friends who sent him to the Conservatoire, but when his voice matured it ceased to serve him as a singer. He promised God that if his power to sing were given back to him he would use it for charity and the good of mankind. By degrees he recovered his voice and became known as a great baritone. As a professional singer and composer at the Paris Grand Opera, he had been employed largely in dramatic work, and his songs written for benevolent and religious services have found their way into all Christian lands. His "Palm-Branches" has come to be a sine qua non on its calendar Sunday wherever church worship is planned with any regard to the Feasts of the Christian year."

Faure's most widely known work, *Les Rameaux*, has been known in English variously as *The Palms*, *the Palm Trees*, *Palm-Branches*, and *Faure's Palm-Branches*.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, MARCH (28)

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Book Study in Chapel
10:45 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, Palm Sunday
JoyBells Playing, Children's Choir Singing
Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH (29)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office
4:30 PM Finance & Admin Mtg. in Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH (30)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (31)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL (1)

Maundy Thursday

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service

FRIDAY, APRIL (2)

Good Friday

9:00 AM Church Office Open
NO Learning Tree Preschool

SATURDAY, APRIL (3)

9:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL (4)

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap
Mountain View Pavilion (nearest the Lodge)
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Communion, Special Music, Moment for Mission
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
On the Air WCBC