

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

To the King Sing Hosanna

(Getty)

*To the King, sing Hosanna! Children come, sing Hosanna! Bless Him who has come in the name of the Lord.
Who is like Him? Who compares to His glory and grace? The offspring of David, the ancient of days.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 118

Minister: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Save us, we pray, O LORD! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

*HYMNS

Crown Him with Many Crowns, No. 295

(Martin Bridges) DIADEMATA

Stanzas 1, 2, 4

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Psalm 72:1-2, 11-12, 17-18

TRURO

O God, Thy judgments give the king,
His reigning Son Thy righteousness;
He to Thy people right shall bring,
With justice shall Thy poor redress.

All kings shall down before him fall,
All nations his commands obey.
He'll save the needy when they call,
The poor, and those that have no stay.

Long as the sun his name shall last.
It shall endure through ages all;
And men shall still in him be bless'd;
Bless'd all the nations shall him call.

Now bless-ed be our God alone.
Jehovah, God of Is-ra-el;
For only He has wonders done;
His deed in glory far excel.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

from Ezekiel 37:24-28

Minister: My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes.

All: They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever.

Minister: I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

All: My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.

HYMN

Remember Me (Psalm 25)

Brent Horan

1. To you O Lord I lift my soul; my
 2. You lead the low in what is right; you
 3. For your name's sake for - give my guilt, for
 God in you is all my trust. O let me not be
 teach the hum - ble heart your way. Your way is love and
 it is great be - fore you God. You are my hope, my
 put to shame; let not my e - ne - mies e - xult o - ver -
 faith - ful - ness for those who keep your co - ve - nant and your
 Sal - va - tion! Lead me and I will wait for - you all day
 me. _____ Chorus: Re - mem - ber your mer - cy O Lord _____ Re -
 word. _____
 long. _____
 mem - ber your stead - fast love _____ of _____ old Re - mem - ber not my sins, let your Son
 _____ be all you see _____ for Your Good - ness' sake my plea: _____ re - mem - ber me. _____

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, You are our faithful shepherd who walks beside us in green pastures and through the valley of deep shadow. You have promised to pursue us with goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Yet we confess that we often doubt your compassion and care for us. When we are harassed and helpless, instead of trusting you to care for our needs, we seek help elsewhere. Father, forgive us. Jesus, thank you for the compassion that brought you from heaven to live among us as the Good Shepherd. O Holy Spirit, be our comforter in the midst of the trials of life. Help us to trust you to provide for us in our helplessness and teach us to find refuge in Jesus in every situation. In our great Savior's name we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Acts 10:43

To Christ all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

INTERCESSORY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Hosanna, Hosanna!

(Martin, Williams)

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King. Hosanna, hosanna, rang through the crowded streets.
Thousands came to see Him, to cheer as He rode by. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna was their cry.*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible, p. 1032

SERMON

The True Palm Sunday

Rev. Brent Horan

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation, No. 94

(Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*) FOUNDATION

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong. NOTE that the colored cups in the outer ring of the tray are wine. The clear cups in the inner ring are grape juice.

During the bread

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, No. 194

(Plainsong, 13th century) VENI EMMANUEL

Stanzas 1, 3-5

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Chorus:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Chorus*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Chorus*

O Come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home'
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Chorus*

During the cup

Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CONCLUDING HYMN

Creation Sings the Father's Song

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Chorus:

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. *Chorus*

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King!

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Chorale on "Salvation is Come to Us"

(J.S. Bach)

EVENING SERVICE

Rev. Jim Spitzel
6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

PRAYER

Agate Family

Pray for comfort for the Agate family as they mourn the loss of their mother and grandmother, Lucille Agate, who passed away on Wednesday. Services were held at FRPC yesterday.

Dillon Boyer

Dillon had an MRI and EEG this past week. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they assess, and pray for favorable results.

Kenyon family

Praise for taking care of Buffy Abbott this week as she recovers from surgery and for her daughter also who had surgery for a broken arm.

View Crest Presbyterian Church, Eighty Four, PA: Pastor Shaun Nolan

View Crest has grown considerably over the past several years to the point we are near capacity. Pray for the elders and congregation as we seek God's direction amidst the multitude of options for expansion.

Engaged Couples:

Brendan McGuire & Emily Sparano, Camden Woodward & Jackie Robel

Military Personnel:

Michael Frost, Chaplain Stephen Scott, Ben Pleunik

SERMON NOTES