

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 20, 2016
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

Fourth
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome

Song of Preparation

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell. Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk; He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Call to Worship

The triune God calling His church to worship Him

Prayer of Invocation

Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ

Reading of the Law

Matthew 19:16-21

God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life.

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

Confession of Sin

Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking His forgiveness

Private Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we praise You for adopting us as Your children and making us heirs of eternal life in Your Son Jesus Christ, who has freed us from our sins by His blood. Yet we still fail to love You with all our hearts, or serve You as we ought. Forgive us, we pray, and renew us in Your grace, so that we might love You anew, and live hereafter to Your praise. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Corey Gray, Rev. Ron Meyer,
Rev. Thomas Myrick, Dr. Robert Norris, and Rev. Rob Yancey, *Pastors*

Reading of the Gospel

Matthew 5:17-20

The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Songs of Thanksgiving

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

~ Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee; Savior, pilot me.

Though the sea be smooth and bright, sparkling with the stars of night,
And my ship's path be ablaze with the light of halcyon days,
Still I know my need of Thee; Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will, when Thou sayest to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on Thy chest,
May I hear Thee say to me, "I will pilot thee."

~ Robbie Seay Band

"Nothing But the Blood"

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Cheerfully responding to God's generosity with the giving of our resources

Offertory

"Jesus, Friend of Sinners"
Evening Worship Team

Mark Hall | Matthew West

Jesus, Friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away.
We cut down people in Your name, but the sword was never ours to swing.
Jesus, Friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see.
The world is on their way to You, but they're tripping over me.
Always looking around but never looking up, I'm so double minded;
A plank-eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided.

*(Oh) Jesus, Friend of sinners,
Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers.
Let our hearts be led by mercy,
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors.
Oh Jesus Friend of sinners,
Break our hearts for what breaks Yours.*

Jesus, Friend of sinners, the One whose writing in the sand
Made the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands.
Help us to remember we are all the least of these.
Let the mem'ry of Your mercy bring Your people to their knees.
Nobody knows what we're for, only what we're against, when we judge the wounded.
What if we put down our signs, crossed over the lines, and loved like You did?

You love ev'ry lost cause, You reach for the outcast,
For the leper and the lame; they're the reason that You came.
Lord I was that lost cause, and I was the outcast.
But You died for sinners just like me
A grateful leper at Your feet

('Cause) You are good,
You are good,
And Your love endures forever.

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:50-56

page 884, pew Bible

Prayer of Illumination

Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of His Word

Sermon

"Looking for the Kingdom"

Rev. Corey Gray

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Response

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

George Job Elvey, Godfrey Thring,
and Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heavenly 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.
All hail Redeemer, hail, for Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro'out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Father known;
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days adored and magnified.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Declaration of Faith—The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Supper
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Passing the Peace of Christ

Closing Song

“Thine Is the Glory”

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!*

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let His church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Benediction

Pronouncing God's blessing on His people

We would like to thank the musicians who participated in this evening's service of worship.

Childcare is available for children, infant to kindergarten, in Room 210.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24, 2016

7:30pm Communion Service with Rev. Ron Meyer

"Serving on the Eve of Crucifixion"

John 13:1-20

Childcare for infants through kindergarten

GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016

7:30pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness

with Dr. Todd Smedley

"The Son in the Father's Hands"

Luke 23:44-49

Childcare for infants through kindergarten

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016

EASTER SUNRISE

6:00am Communion Service, Sanctuary steps

with Dr. Todd Smedley

"But in Fact..." | 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Continental breakfast follows in the Upper Room.

EASTER MORNING

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am Services

with Dr. Todd Smedley

"Death's Obituary" | Acts 2:22-32

EASTER EVENING

6:00pm Service with Rev. Rob Yancey

"Responding to the Resurrection"

Luke 24:1-12

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