

Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10 A.M.

PRELUDE *"March Triumphant into Jerusalem"* Thygerson
Dorothy Abelman, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Craig Budinich

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 118

Leader: Open to me the gates of the Temple; I will go in and give thanks to the Lord!

People: This is the gate of the Lord; only the righteous can come in.

Leader: I praise You, Lord, because You heard me, because You have given me victory.

People: The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all.

Leader: This was done by the Lord; what a wonderful sight it is!

People: This is the day of the Lord's victory; let us be happy, let us celebrate!

*HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* #297

CONFESSING OUR SINS TOGETHER

God, our world has always had this belief that power is power. Those who are bigger, stronger, smarter, richer, or more influential use that power over other people. We Christians have always believed differently. We believe in the power of serving others, in self-sacrifice, in following a Savior Whose ways really make no sense. God, we've professed Christianity's ideas of power, but we've followed the world's. We confess that in the name of Christ. Amen

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS from Isaiah 53

Leader: He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. All the while we thought that His suffering was punishment sent by God.

People: But because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received.

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE from 1 Peter 4
Leader: Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God.

People: Those who preach must preach God's messages; those who serve must serve with the strength that God gives them, so that in all things praise may be given to God through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and power forever and ever.

CHANCEL CHOIR *"In the Name of the Lord"* arr. McDonald
The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* #300

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:20-21:11 p. 22 (NT)

SERMON *"Power"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

ORGAN/PIANO DUET *"The Holy City"* Adams/Lorenz
Dot Abelman, Amy Duran

OFFERTORY *"Morning Reverie"* Peterson

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"* insert

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Palm Sunday Recessional"* Clarke

*If you are able, please stand.

USHERS: Jill Cox, David McBride
Dave Hall
WORSHIP ASST: Craig Budinich
NURSERY: Chris Novak
COFFEE: Diana Macerone

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stephanie Budinich; June Clarke; Ernie Hepperle; Rolf Hoerauf; Gloria Hoertel; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Jeff Parma; Christine Potter; John Schwarte, Bill Simmons, Steve Tillack.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY Nina and Jeff Pond in loving memory of Nina's grandmother, Betty, and by Meron Austin in loving memory of her dear friend, Carol Smyth.

THE PALMS ARE GIVEN BY the Parma Family--Lois, Jeff, Shirley and Debra--in loving memory of Ethel, Joe and Richie.

FLOWER ENVELOPES are in the pews for your convenience in contributing to our Easter flower display. Please make your checks payable to Guild for Christian Service, place them in one of the flower envelopes, and put them in the offering plate when it is passed.

THERE ARE ONLY A HANDFUL OF CARDS LEFT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TO HELP OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MAKE THEIR EMERGENCY BUCKETS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE. Take a card (or two or three) off of the bulletin board across from the Sunday school office, purchase the items on those cards, and place the items in the buckets stacked near the bulletin board. Cash donations are also being accepted, and they will do the shopping for you.

ATTENTION ALL MEN! One result of our NCD survey and the discussion groups that followed was the desire to form a men's group that, though informal in nature, would meet on a regular monthly or bi-monthly schedule. We need your input regarding both your interest in participating in such a group and what the primary focus of the group should be. The initial planning meeting will be Sunday, April 15, in the chapel, following the worship service. Please save the date and plan on stopping in to share your opinion. You can read more about some of the suggestions already put forth regarding the focus of a men's group in this month's Courier.

Weekly Calendar

Today:	4:00-7:00	Confirmation
	4:30-6:30	Youth Alpha Event
Monday	8:30-3:30	Parents Day Out (M-Fr)
	8:00	Bell Choir
Tuesday	4:00	Congregational Care
Thursday	7:30	Maundy Thursday Worship

Sunday, April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday

6:30 – Dawn Service Overlooking Reservoir
7:15 – Breakfast in Founders' Hall
10:00 – Worship with Sunday School

MAUNDY THURSDAY – On Thursday, March 29, at 7:30 PM we will hold our traditional worship service with the addition of a special presentation by Mottel Baleston from the Messengers, the Messianic Jewish Fellowship of NJ. Mottel will enrich our understanding of the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and His disciples by explaining how the various elements of the Passover meal—the Seder—all point to Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. Worship will continue with the singing of hymns and partaking of Communion.

SR. HIGH MINISTRY – Youth Alpha will meet today, March 25 from 4:30-6:30 at Prince of Peace Church, 106 Orangeburg Road in Old Tappan. Bring a dish to pass for supper.

LOOKING AHEAD – Our Easter Dawn Service will once again be held overlooking the reservoir beginning at 6:30 AM on April 1 at 200 Old Hook Road in Harrington Park. Breakfast will follow at the church. Our regular Easter worship service will be at 10 AM in the sanctuary.