

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: “Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus: Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit. But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings. When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:5-8, CEB

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Rebecca Mattern

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Albert Travis

[Ellacombe]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

*** Call to Worship** (from Psalm 118)

Jill Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Give thanks to the Lord, because God is good. Let all who honor the Lord say it:

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Lead the festival procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

One: You are our God and we will give thanks to you and lift you up on high!

All: We give thanks to the Lord because God is good, God’s faithful love endures forever!

*** Hymn #196**

All Glory Laud and Honor, vs. 1-4

[Valet Will Ich Dir Geben]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We sing, we wave our branches, we shout 'Hosanna.' Then, we turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins. But God is in the business of granting forgiveness and filling us with new life. Let us confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace.

All: With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing instead to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary.

Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us. -

Silent prayer. Amen

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God! Amen.

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* **Response #447**

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Word

Children's Sermon

Rebecca Mattern

Prayer of Illumination #288

Spirit of the Living God

sung together

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a, CEB

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

Rebecca Mattern

When prompted, say in a loud voice and wave palms:

“Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens.”

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith In the Wilderness: Facing Consequences

Rebecca Mattern

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Carlton R. Young

[Beech Spring]

PCO Chancel Choir

Westin Sorrel, Director

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

He is able, he is able, he is willing, doubt no more.

He is able, he is able, he is willing, doubt no more.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Herzliebster Jesu

Johannes Brahms

[Ah, Holy Jesus]

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Jill Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sent Out As a People of God

*** Hymn #209**

My Song Is Love Unknown, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

[Love Unknown]

*** Benediction**

Rebecca Mattern

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Kristina Langlois

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for supplying our birthday cake, to Edward Ennen for making coffee and to Dave Rumminger for washing dishes.

Education Hour:

All ages: Journey through Holy Week. Led by the youth, we will travel together to hear and respond to the scriptures of Jesus' last week.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Journey through Holy Week Prayer Stations available during office hours: T-F 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 at PCO in the Sanctuary and online. Journey through Holy Week Prayer Stations open 6-7pm, after service until 8:30pm

Community Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at PCO
Journey through Holy Week Prayer Stations open 6-7pm, after service until 9:00pm

Easter Sunday Service – 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 20 at PCO in the Sanctuary and online, to be followed by an Easter Brunch. All are welcome!

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 & Luke 24:1-12

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