



Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Valet will ich dir geben

J. S. Bach

Acolyte: Andrew Stetkevych

◆ Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

◆ Processional Hymn 196 **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Welcome

Moment for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

John Echeverri-Gent

Time for Youth and Children (11:00)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, when our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives:

forgive us.

When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as weakness, some kind of defect in our character:

forgive us.

When we have betrayed you through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves:

forgive us.

When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we would rather race ahead to happier times, denying that people suffer among us:

forgive us.

Lord Jesus Christ, fix your mind in us;

remake us in your likeness.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant

Lord, ___ have mer-cy. Christ, ___ have mer-cy. Lord, ___ have mer - cy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen. The stones are shouting. If we confess our sins, God in Jesus Christ forgives us and sets us free. Stones of war are transformed into stones of peace. Stones meant for harm are transformed into stones meant to build up the Body of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 618

**All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

Anthem

Jesus, You Are a Stone

Carson Cooman

Jesus, you are a stone and the city is water,
round you the ripples spread out—
circles of praise as the crowd shouts hosanna,
you set off and center the shout:

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus, you are a stone and the city is water,
water in which you go down.

Over you rise many fathoms of power,
with violence concealed in its calm:

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus, you are a stone and the city is water,
bitter, no life-giving spring.

Here is a wonder: you sweeten the water,
we come to the city and sing:

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:29-41

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

Offertory Anthem

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

David Hurd

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;
a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb,
and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die;
the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, for hearts made hard by sin:
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

**But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high;
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, in praises of the child
by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.**

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise
and use them for your glory and the good of your people;
in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lamb. Amen.**

- ◆ Hymn 200

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

CHRISTIAN LOVE

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Music for Meditation

Jesu, meine Freude

J. S. Bach

During the season of Lent, the congregation is asked to remain seated during the closing music for a short period of meditation.

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by David and Debby Garth in honor of their grandchildren.

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What's Happening during Holy Week

at Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

1:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

Tuesday, April 12

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday

3 p.m. Walk of Lament around UVA Grounds: A time to experience together four prayer stations, each connected with an important story about race and place through the lens of scripture, prayer, and song (more information available in eNews, website & social media).

7 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: A service of the Last Supper including Communion, singing, and a short reflection.

Friday, April 15

Good Friday

7 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: A service of Tenebrae including sung lamentations, candlelight and Psalms.

Saturday, April 16

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Choir Rehearsal for Easter

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary: A celebration of the Resurrection with proclamation of the Easter story, a time for children and youth, hymns of praise, and the Lord's Supper, in the Sanctuary. Additionally, at 11:00 a.m., the library will be set up for anyone who wishes a more open, widely spaced area to worship. The service will be live-streamed and a pastor will be present. After each service, the congregation is invited to flower the cross, located on the patio outside the front doors of the Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Fun between the services with light refreshments in the Arcade and at 10:00 a.m. an Easter story and scavenger hunt for kids in the Courtyard.