

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions

March 29, 2015

PALM SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. Service

We welcome you to this service of praise and adoration. Let God speak to you through the songs and the message, and enjoy the fellowship of those who are seeking the Lord and the spiritual help that we need for daily living.

WELCOME

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus is coming.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Open the gates

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Open the ancient doors

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Wave the branches

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Spread out your coats.

People: Shout Hosanna! Praise to the Son of David! Glory in the highest heaven!

WORSHIP IN SONG: FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT (MANTOS Y PALMAS) (by Ruben Avila)

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.

There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

Refrain: From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God.

With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth:

"Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"

As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,

to the living Savior who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith. (refrain)

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HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA (by Jeanette Threlfall) (Public Domain)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

HOSANNA (by Brooke Fraser)

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire. The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy, washing over all our sin. The people sing, the people sing.

(chorus): Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

I see a generation, rising up to take their place, with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival, stirring as we pray and seek. We're on our knees, we're on our knees. (chorus)

Heal my heart and make it clean. Open up my eyes to the things unseen. Show me how to love like you have

loved me. Break my heart for what breaks yours. Everything I am, for your kingdom's cause, as I walk from

earth into eternity. (chorus 2x's) Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. *(2006 Hillsong Pub.)*

OPENING PRAYER – Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life.

So we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all? Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith, forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours. Turn us around again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be bearers of your Good News. In the name of our triumphant King. Amen. Adapted from Susan Blain

WE ALL BOW DOWN (by Lenny LeBlanc)

Princes and paupers, sons and daughters kneel at the throne of grace.

Losers and winners, saints and sinners one day will see His face.

Chorus: And we'll all bow down. Kings will surrender their crowns and worship Jesus.

He is the love, unfailing love, He is the love of God.

Summer and winter, the mountains and the rivers whisper the Savior's name.

Awesome and holy, a friend to the lonely, forever His love will reign. (chorus) *(2002 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

SHOUT TO THE LORD (by Darlene Zschech) (1993 Hillsongs Australia)

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You, all of my days I want to praise

the wonders of Your mighty love; My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;

Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King;

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand; nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS (V. 3) (by Fanny Crosby) (Public Domain)

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;

help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. (refrain)

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SPECIAL MUSIC

Primary Choir

SHARING THE WORD

Scripture: John 14:1-7

Sermon: The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus

Pastor Richard Nichols

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

CLOSING SONG HOSANNA (by Carl Tuttle)

Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, we lift up Your name, With hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings; Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings. Lord, we lift up Your name,

With hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest. *(1985 Mercy Publishing)*

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four. We love children and little ones are welcome in our worship service. On those days when your child is fussy, the parlor located behind the sanctuary provides an excellent place to care for your children and still participate in the worship service. There is a powder room right outside the parlor that can be used for changing diapers.

USHERS: Lynn Andreacola, Thomas Trasser, Rob Grassmyer, Maureen Grassmyer, David Stepp

ACOLYTE: Alex Bewley **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship:440 Sunday School: 112

PLEASE LET US KNOW...If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: John & Beverly Heusser, to the glory of God and in loving memory of our dear friend, Irene Roberts.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Shirley VanDuser, Harris Fister, James Vine (father of Keith Vine), Sueanne Krout (daughter of Sarah Buchanan), Jesse Atkins (Dana Young's uncle), Pat Mengel, Paul Haynes, Nancy Bogden (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), Sumiko Young (Moorestown Girl Scout Leader), The Davies Family, Tracy Cramer (friend of Keith Vine's niece), Dan Hill (cousin of Denise Gatton), Carolyn Emme, Kim Moore (sister of Jackie Murray), Colin Saari (friend of Dick Loring), Rose Marie Sturtevant (mother of Karen Pry), Mary Berner, Charlie Delaney, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Tyler Davis (grandson of Doris and Alan Coshland), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Marion Keefe (friend of Ada Campanile), Janet Durand, Bruce Slocum, Esther Wesley, Bertha Bendel, Karen Pearce (mother of William Pearce), Bob Scheyhing, Susan Moody (daughter-in-law of Joan Moody), Nitin Shah & Malvika Cherukara (friends of Barun McArthur), Shirley Ridgway, Marion Stepp, Joe Van Osten (father of Cindy Suta), Jane Mertz, Mark McCoy (son of Bob McCoy), Joe Cavallo (neighbor of Doug Hamilton), Gordon Swezey.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Chapel

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary