

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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** **11:00 A.M. Service**

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS

Numbers in the bulletin refer to pages in the United Methodist Hymn book located in the pews

PRELUDE Procession C.S. Lang

INTROIT

CHOIR PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

He Comes in the Name of the Lord M.K. Beall

***OPENING HYMN 280** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

***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!

***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

***RESPONSIVE READING 839-840** Psalm 118:14-29 Sing Response 1

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles' Creed

***GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC He Is Coming P.L. Delmonte
Junior and Wesley Choirs

CALL TO PRAYER 301 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Verse 3

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the blue-colored card that you will find in the bulletin. Write any special prayer requests on the back, and pass them face down to the center aisle.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Palm Branches J.B. Faure
Adult Choir

***DOXOLOGY 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 279** Mantos y Palmas

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-7

SERMON The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus Pastor Richard Nichols
I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 278** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *The People Stand

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: Jack Feeley, John Halligan, David Shinn, Sam Townsend, Rick Young

ACOLYTES: Michael Gural, Taylor Marcinek

GREETER: Pat Cornell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 440 Sunday School: 112

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in the 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