

The Offertory Music "Go To Dark Gethsemane" arr. by Cindy Berry

*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #94

*The Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Holy and Loving Creator, you are a generous giver; and that's what we strive to be in our tithes and offering, in our sharing of time and talent through the ministry of the church. We know that's where the similarity ends. We give a portion, a token; you gave your son Jesus; you offered us forgiveness and redemption from a lifetime of self-absorption and disobedience. "He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross." We dedicate these offerings to you, the greatest of all givers, unworthy servants but for your grace and boundless love. In the name of him whose name is above every other name—in Christ, we pray. Amen.

COMMENTS ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST Rev. Stephen Bibb

READING OF THE PASSION SCRIPTURE Luke 22:14-23:56
Luke 22: 14-34 Rev. Stephen Bibb
Luke 22: 35-46 Liturgist
Luke 22: 47-71 Rev. Stephen Bibb

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Ah, Holy Jesus" vs.1-2, 4 HYMN #289
Luke 23: 1-31 Rev. Linda Bibb

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Were You There" Hymn #288
vs 1 Solo vs 2 & 4 Congregation
Luke 23:32-56 Rev. Stephen Bibb

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" vs. 1 & 4 Hymn #292

*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE POSTLUDE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" in the setting of Chopin's "Prelude in C Minor" arr. by Cindy Berry

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Karen Hull (8:30); Chuck Newton (11:00) Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Jonathan Heinz/Peyton O'Brien



April 14, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 AM

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Linda Bibb

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will begin at 7:00pm in the CLC this week. Easter Sunday morning begins with a Sunrise Service at 7:07am, followed by a 7:45am Pancake Breakfast, and our regular 8:30 and 11:00am Traditional Services and 9:45 and 11:00am WIRED Services.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES "All Glory, Laud and Honor" arr. by Cindy Berry

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (based on Psalm 118) Liturgist
(You are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and power; God has become my salvation.

There are joyous songs in the tents of the righteous!

PEOPLE: OPEN THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT I MAY ENTER THROUGH THEM AND GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

PEOPLE: THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

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

Lead the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar!

PEOPLE: YOU ARE MY GOD, AND I WILL GIVE THANKS TO YOU; YOU ARE MY GOD, I WILL EVER EXTOL YOU!

ALL: O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, WHO IS GOOD; FOR GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER AND EVER!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymn #278

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rev. Linda Bibb

An appropriate response to the greeting "May the peace of Christ be with you" is, "And also with you".

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and PARDON Rev. Linda Bibb

An Invitation to Confession

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ is freely offered to all who believe in him and humbly approach him asking for forgiveness. Let us pray together in confession.

A Prayer of Confession (unison)

All: Holy God, we come confessing our guilt and seeking to be free from our willful self-centered ways. We are so often cut off from your ways, as though palm branches were waving in front of our eyes. We turn from your chosen One, for Jesus' example is too demanding. We look at the cross while hiding in shadows rather than carry the light of your truth into the world. Forgive us, O God, and bring us back into covenant, that others may see you through our words and deeds. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Because of God's love for us, because of our faith in Jesus Christ, and because of the action of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

READING OF THE PALM SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40 Liturgist

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Shari Bittles - Director of Children/MidKids Ministries
(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

MESSAGE IN MUSIC "Sing, Children, Sing Hosanna!" P. Drennan
Chancel Choir directed by Ellen Wilson, accompanied by Jorie Ronschke, piano;
Jayne Cope, flute; Kathy Lind, Heidi Fornes, Margaret Fornes, percussion

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER
The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Linda Bibb

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.

THE PALMS MEDITATION Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD Rev. Linda Bibb

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate a successful Super Family Fun night - 67 people attended Popcorn & Painting which was held on April 5th. Your generosity supports this ministry and the others of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.