



Palm Sunday March 28, 2021

Service for the Lord's Day

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10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

Prelude Chiming the Hour Fantasy in A Major

César Franck

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Zechariah 9:9

Leader:	Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
People:	Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Leader:	Lo, your king comes to you;
People:	Triumphant and victorious is He,
Leader:	Humble and riding on a donkey,
People:	On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Prayer

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-10

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. People: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna!

HYMN NO. 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Welcome and Announcements Minute for Mission

Barbara Howell



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

*The Peace

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

ANTHEM

A Joyful Hosanna

Brian Buda

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King. Hosanna, hosanna, the hills and valleys ring. Lift your heads, ye ancient doors, see the coming of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.

Hosanna, hosanna, the palms are lifted high. Hosanna, hosanna, the King is passing by. See the long awaited One. He is royal David's Son. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King.

Blessed is He who comes, Who comes in the name of the Lord. This is the One who comes with glory crowned. Blessed is He who comes, Who comes in the name of the Lord. The streets ring out with joyful sound!

Hosanna, hosanna, rejoice this day of days. Hosanna, hosanna, our voices now we raise. Prepare the way with joyful song; Shout to God with voices strong. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, praise the King!

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Music Notes: Although the *Fantasy in A* has no specific liturgical designation, I find that it perfectly evokes the many "moods" of Palm Sunday and foreshadows the Passion narrative.

César Franck (1822-1890) was the organist at the Basilica of St. Clotilde in Paris. Several times a week for many years, he would improvise two-and-a-half hour services at the St. Clotilde church in Paris. It is not a stretch to think that his written organ pieces reflect a tremendous devotion to the instrument and the church. Known as the grandfather of the symphonic style for the pipe organ, Franck was a deeply religious man. I can only imagine the shockingly thrilling improvised music that he would supply at these services, depicting in vivid fashion various Biblical passages. As you listen today, try to point out various moments such as the disciples' anxious excitement, the mystical events from the Mount of Olives, the "Way of the Cross," the piercing nails, and the great entrance into Jerusalem. At the end, we are left with a suspenseful and poignant question mark of what is to come.

--J.D. Plant

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-9:1

Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.

Sermon

Rev. Sherard Edington *Faith Healing: Suffering, Rejection and Death*

Response of the People

*HYMN NO. 78 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Prayer *Doxology

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*Нуми No. 102

Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE

DEPART IN SILENCE

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER EGG HUNT — Everyone is invited to join us today at 2:00 p.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt at The Hill at Wedge Oak, home of Van and Carol Turner. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be games and refreshments for all.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the congregation are extended to the family of Faye Bradley upon her death on March 22.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received next Sunday. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

STATIONS THROUGH THE SQUARE – First Presbyterian will participate in *Stations Through the Square*, a community event held on Good Friday. FPC will be the second of the stops commemorating the 14 Stations of the Cross. The Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to welcome the participants. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours on Friday, April 2, please contact Kristy in the church office.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) – Youth Group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Youth group is open to ages 10 and up.

YOUTH DAY CAMP – FPC Youth will be hosting a day camp on Saturday, April 10 at Rock Island State Park. It will be a day filled with engaging worship and exciting games with old and new friends. Permission forms and schedule are available in the church office and are due by Friday, April 2.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today	Wednesday
10:00 a.m. Worship	12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
11:10 a.m. Book Club	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday
Monday	9:00 a.m. Preschool
5:00 -7:00 p.m.	Friday
Stations of the Cross	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Stations Through the Square
9:00 a.m. Preschool	Saturday
	Sunday Easter Worship

Class of 2021 Suanne Bone Don Goodwin Adrienne Johnson David Howell

Class of 2021

Becky Harm

Lee Lyle

Sandra Patton

Emily Peyton

ELDERS

Class of 2022 Becky Burris Jessica Fain Mickey Stueck Class of 2023 Max Carter Frank Reeves

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children

Nursery Preschool – 1st Grade Elementary Class Middle School Class High School Class Adult Atypical Class Cross Roads Class Faith Builders Class Westminster Class Women's Class

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