

**McKEESPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**6th Sunday of Lent
PALM SUNDAY**

March 24, 2024

WE ENTER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE "There's Something About That Name. He is Lord, At the Name of Jesus"

**Faye D'Ippolito, Organist
Arr. Geer**

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) On this 6th Sunday of Lent – we gather with among the crowd along the road and cry out to Jesus, "Hosanna!"

(C) We cry out, "Lord, Save Us!"

(L) This Sunday we also remember our baptism – which reminds us what our salvation really entails ... "This saying is sure: If we have died with him ...

(C) We will also live with Him.

((L) If we endure with Him ...

(C) We will also reign with Him;

(L) If we are faithless ...

(C) He remains faithful – for He IS faithful – and cannot deny Himself.

(ALL) Thanks be to God – who has saved us from sin and death!

***HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 89, blue

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: A Litany (BCW 474-475)**

Sovereign God,

In baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; we cry, "Hosanna" -Lord, Save Us - but we stray from His ways and do not heed His call.

[Pause]

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; we cry, "Hosanna" - Lord, Save Us - but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

[Pause]

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you united us with all who confess Your name; but we foster division in the church. We cry, "Hosanna" -Lord, Save Us - but we refuse to live as one people, we fail to show the world the POWER of your reconciling love.

[Pause]

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

In baptism you sent us to serve others with compassion; We cry, "Hosanna" -Lord, Save Us - but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, (eat more than we need) and ignore the cries for justice.

[Pause]

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us. We cry, "Hosanna" -Lord, Save Us - but we rely on ourselves, and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, preferring the luring ways of the world.

[Pause]

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (BCW 476; Col. 2:12; 2 Cor. 5:17)**

Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism you were raised to life with Him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

(ALL) Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 813, brown

**Glory be 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS

Leader: "For (joy), Gracious God..."

All: "we give you thanks"

CONCERNS

Leader: "For (concern), Merciful Lord ..."

All: "hear our prayer."

Let's pray together 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Please contact the church by email or phone with your prayer requests during the week.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Please welcome the children & youth to the front of the sanctuary.

ANTHEM

"Hosannas in the Highest"

(Chancel Choir)

Arr. D Wagner

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 11: 1-2, 7-10

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

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

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

SERMON

"Remember Your Baptism"

Rev. Michael Stanton

THE RESPONSE

WE COMMIT TO THE WORK OF GOD

RE-AFFIRMATION of BAPTISMAL VOWS

Do you Lynn Lee wish to re-affirm the vows you made at your Baptism – in year/date?

I do.

Do we, Sisters and Brothers, wish to re-affirm the vows we made at our Baptism?

(C) We do.

Sister Lynn Lee, who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior!

Brothers & Sisters, who is your Lord and Savior?

(C) Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Sister Lynn Lee, do you Trust in Christ's Love, mercy, forgiveness, and power?

I do.

Brothers & Sisters, do we Trust in Christ's Love, mercy, forgiveness, and power?

(C) We do.

Sister Lynn Lee, do you intend to love Christ, your Lord, with all your heart, soul, mind, & strength?

I do. Christ have mercy.

Sisters and Brothers, do we intend to love Christ, our Lord, with all our heart, soul, mind, & strength?

(C) We do. Christ have mercy.

Sister Lynn Lee, do you intend to love others as Yourself?

I do, Christ have mercy.

Sisters and Brothers, do we intend to love others as Ourselves?

(C) We do, Christ have mercy.

Sister Lynn Lee, trusting in the gracious mercy of God and Christ's victory over sin and evil, do you endeavor to turn away from sin and resist evil and its power in the world?

I do. Christ have mercy.

Sisters and Brothers, trusting in the gracious mercy of God and Christ's victory over sin and evil, do we endeavor to turn away from sin and resist evil and its power in the world?

(C) We do. Christ have mercy.

Sister Lynn Lee, will you be a committed member of Christ's Body, the Church; Supporting your siblings, encouraging your siblings, forgiving your siblings, and provoking your siblings to Love and Good works?

I will. Christ have mercy.

Sisters & Brothers, will we be committed members of Christ's Body, the Church; Supporting our siblings, encouraging our siblings, forgiving our siblings, and provoking our siblings to Love and Good works?

(C) We will. Christ have mercy.

And now, using the ancient words of the Apostle's Creed, let us profess our faith TOGETHER – with one another and the countless Saints throughout the centuries -

PROFESSION OF FAITH: (Apostles' Creed)

(L) Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

(C) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

(L) Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

(C) I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again and ascended into Heaven,

He is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

(L) Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

(C) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen!

OFFERTORY

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**Faye D'Ippolito, Organist
Arr. Bober**

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN**

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (Vv. 1, 2, & 4)

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THE EXIT

WE ENGAGE THE WORLD OF GOD

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

**Faye D'Ippolito, Organist
Arr. Hayes**

**All those who are able, please stand"*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 24, 2024

FELLOWSHIP II:

Please join together for friendship and fellowship after today's service.

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please contact the church office.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE:

Maundy Thursday Service will be March 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm. A potluck dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm and Service will begin at 7:00 pm. Please join

REFRESH:

Come "Refresh" on Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Join in for learning, fellowship and a meal. Please bring family and friends.

POPCORN SALE:

The Mission Committee is having a popcorn sale in March. Orders can be made March 1 until March 31; all orders and money must be in by then. We will be available to take orders after Fellowship on Sundays.

The fundraiser is to help with the cost of making Welcome Bags for the Malawi/South Sudan visitors this May.

The popcorn will be distributed at church on May 5.

If anyone would like to help by selling popcorn, please let Joanna Stettmier or Carol Lasch know. It would be greatly welcomed.

EYEGASSES, HEARING AIDS:

Lions Club of White Oak is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used, clean, non-labeled prescription bottles. If you would like to dispose of any of these items, please give them to Carol Lasch or drop them off at the church office.

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