

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY APRIL 5, 2020 11:00am

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome and Invitation

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Michael Burkhardt

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

Father, we pray today in Jesus' name that You would send forth Your light and Your truth. Let them guide us; let them bring us to Your holy mountain to the place where You dwell. Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our joy and our delight.

(Psalm 43:3-4)

INTROIT Laudate Dominum Taize Community

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
(words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

All: Holy, holy, holy,

One: The Lord God the Almighty who was and is and is to come.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power.

All: Let us worship Almighty God.

(Revelation 4:8-11)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, how our sins must weary you!
You have loved us forever,
yet we turn away from you repeatedly.
We don't stand in awe of your majesty
or respect your forgiving nature.
We don't always give our best to you,
and we sometimes do your work grudgingly
instead of joyfully.

We look for what we can gain in our service to you rather than remembering our great debt to you.

We pray for your forgiveness.

(Malachi 1 and 2)

SILENT CONFESSION

#### Assurance of Pardon

One: Because you have forgiven us, O Lord,

We come before you with shouts of Hosanna!

All: Hosanna to the son of David!

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

We thank you, Lord God, for your great and abundant mercy.

(Mark 11:9-11)

#### RESPONSE

HYMN 197, VERSE 3

Ellacombe

"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.

### Passing of the Peace

One: God calls us to come before his presence with singing; let us sing of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 4:6-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Growing Toward God in Worship: The Praise of God in Song Dr. Thomas E. Evans

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

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.

#### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw

Doxology

HYMN 610, VERSE 5

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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 Lord's Prayer)

## BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

HYMN 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

Hamburg

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

# BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 215, verse 1

Wondrous Love

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

#### Participating in Today's Worship Services

Dr. Thomas E. Evans Rev. Joanne R. Hull; Rev. Leslie A. Lang; Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Holt Andrews, Director; Marcia Andrews, Organist Quartet: Valerie MacPhail, Lisa Cunningham, Noah Deal, Paul MacPhail

## The Palms in the Sanctuary

are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Smith by their family.

# Celebrate Holy Week with First Presbyterian, Spartanburg.

Please "tune in" via our website (fpcspartanburg.org/live) or our Facebook page

# Good Friday, April 10 12:15pm

Rev. Leslie A. Lang will lead this service of scripture, readings, hymns, and special music.

#### **Service of Reflection**

#### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday at Noon

Each of these days, join us at noon for a service that will begin with a brief prayer and scripture, led by Dr. Thomas E. Evans. Afterwards, Marcia Andrews will lead us through a time of reflection with thoughtful organ music.

# Easter, April 12

#### 6:45am Sunrise Service

Rev. J. Robert Bannan, Jr. will lead a brief service that will include a devotion, time of prayer, and song.

#### 9:45am Butterfly Release

*Tune in at 9:45am to watch the Butterfly Release with Holly Bannan.* 

#### 11:00am Worship: Traditional

This year, even though we cannot be under the same roof, we are asking every member of the congregation to worship together - online.

## All Day - Cross of Flowers

Each Easter, a rough-hewn cross is erected on the lawn of the church.

During the day, members and guests are invited to bring flowers to place on the cross

(remember to use social distancing).

This cross, full of spring flowers, represents the new life we receive through Christ's resurrection.

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