

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)



*In preparation for celebrating communion where you are, **please have your own bread and cup available at the beginning of worship** so that we might partake of the elements at the same time during today's service.*

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>"Largo" from Cello Sonata, Opus 65</i> <i>Ben Maxwell, cello; Jacob Wang, piano</i>	F. Chopin
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND CONCERNS		Mitzi Leshner-Thomas
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP		Kristin Meade
PRELUDE	<i>"Elegi"</i> Kent Foss, trumpet; Gordon Campbell, organ	R. Wallin
CALL TO WORSHIP		Susan Dunlap, John Weicher

Leader: Blessed is the coming kingdom.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

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

If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this,

'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

As they were untying it,

some of the bystanders said to them,

"What are you doing, untying the colt?"

They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it.

Leader: Blessed is the coming kingdom.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw
their cloaks on it; and he sat on it.

Many people spread their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

Then those who went ahead

and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

All: Hosanna in the highest!”

Leader: Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple;

and when he had looked around at everything, as it

was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessed is the coming kingdom.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

CHORAL RESPONSE (FPC Choir)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord.

Save us from ourselves,

when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.

Save us from the systems that keep us bound,

when we cannot see the way out.

Save us from our sins,

when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts.

Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting “Hosanna”

will soon be screaming “Crucify him.”

Save us we pray, O Lord,

and help us not to be among them.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

HYMN No. 196 (verses 1, 3-4)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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)

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)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.

**As we hear again the story of the passion,
let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,
who was a servant that we might be free.
Awaken our ears, open our hearts,
and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 31:9-16

Michael Honeycutt

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

A READING OF THE PASSION STORY FROM MARK'S GOSPEL

Reading	Mark 14:1-11	Amy Wilson
Reading	Mark 14:12-25	Ruby Gentithes
Reflection	<i>"He Was Present at the Table"</i>	Mindy Douglas
Reading	Mark 14:26-52	Torrell Armstrong
Reflection	<i>"He Was Present in the Garden"</i>	John Weicher
Reading	Mark 14:53-72	Griffin Momsen-Hudson
Reading	Mark 15:1-32	Cris Rivera
Reading	Mark 15:33-41	Sam Miglarese
Reading	Mark 15:42-47	Laura McDow
Reflection	<i>"He Was Present on the Cross"</i>	Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

HYMN No. 215 (verses 1-2)

What Wondrous Love Is This

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!***

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Mindy Douglas

**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.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Mindy Douglas

(The Hunger for Change Offering is received today.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Susan Dunlap

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Susan Dunlap, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: We praise you, O God, source of all creation,
for the mighty work of love
by which you redeemed us in Christ.
To you be praise and dominion forever.
You sent your Son Jesus for the healing of the world
that we might learn to follow his life of humility
and share in the joy of his glorious resurrection.
And so we praise you as we say:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: On the night before he died for us,
Jesus gathered his friends for a meal.
He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it,
gave it to them, and said,
Take, eat, this is my body,
which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
After supper he took the cup;
when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them and said,
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for the forgiveness of sin;
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Christ has died,
Christ has risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Leader: Remembering his cross and resurrection,
where all that was lost is now restored,
we offer you our praise and thanks.
Send your Holy Spirit upon our celebration,
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your grace.
Unite us with Christ in his suffering
that we may also know his glory,
and strengthen us to reveal your justice,
until all are made whole again
in your kingdom without end.
All this we pray through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Savior,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN No. 215 (verses 3-4)

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

POSTLUDE

La Générosité

G.P. Telemann

Kent Foss, trumpet; Gordon Campbell, organ

If you have not already picked up your Palm branches,

they are still available for pick up today.

Feel free to pick one up for a friend, neighbor, or fellow FPC'er!

Let's Connect!



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Missing the mingling that always followed worship?

Join our virtual narthex fellowship and take a few moments to catch up with friends!

WHEN: Today, Sunday, March 28
immediately following worship - use [this link](#).

Hosted by your friendly FPC Deacons

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On March 21, 95 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Today's *flowers* are given to the glory of God by **Chuck and Jean Wilson**, in memory of Jean's parents, **Dorothy and Leon Jones**.

The **Hunger for Change Offering** is received on the fourth Sunday of each month. These funds are sent to the Presbytery of New Hope to combat hunger locally. The Presbytery disperses the funds to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries, and Iglesia Emanuel are frequent recipients. In 2019 FPC's Walk-in Ministry received a grant from the Presbytery which was used to purchase blessing bag supplies. Thank you for your offering which combats hunger in our community.

Many thanks to **John Fricks, Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Keith Rokoske, and Jay Klinck** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the images accompanying today's online service.

A **portion of today's texts** were taken from *Reflections from Present on Earth: Worship Resources on the Life of Jesus by the Iona Community & Wild Goose Worship Group; Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Year B, Volume 1; Book of Common Worship. Hymn texts and music* are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

~ Celebrations and Concerns ~

Celebration: Congratulations to **Conrad and Linda Carter** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week.

Condolences to:

- **The family of Juan Esparza**, colleague of Josh Walters, who died unexpectedly last week after suffering a heart attack;
- **The family and friends of Camden Cohick**, student at Western Carolina University, who died unexpectedly last week.

Added this week:

Arthur Clark, home after a brief hospital stay

Howard Frank, father of Leah Graves

Mamie Watson, Assistant Director of the FPC Day School

Sandra Alley and family (friend of Li-Chin Chen) as she battles cancer

Recovering at their homes

Tom Bloom

Catherine Dumas

Kerry Holbrook

Margaret Sims

Carol Wills

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

The Laurels of Chatham County: **Ann Prospero**

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Carolyn Bonner, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Flora Estrella, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

Chris James' mother, suffering from dementia

Grace, Chris James' great-niece, suffering from a rare, degenerative condition

Phil Goss, a friend of the congregation

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Margaret Nelson, sister of Charlotte Nelson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

John Samulski, friend of FPC

These Days devotional books for **April - June 2021** have arrived. Free copies in large and regular print are available for pickup at FPC or you can request a copy be sent to you by mail. Simply call the church (919-682-5511 x 217) or email [Sybil King](mailto:Sybil.King@fpc.org) to receive a copy.

Flowers for Worship

Flower donors are needed for Sundays this spring and summer. If you would like to donate flowers for worship, you can [sign up](#) from the church's website. No internet access? Contact the church office (919-682-5511) for instructions on how to donate flowers for worship.

LAST CALL: Remember a Loved One this Easter

Lilies will grace our sanctuary this year on Easter Sunday. If you would like to honor or remember someone in the bulletin on Sunday, April 4, you can give a lily by completing TWO steps. **The deadline is TOMORROW, Monday, March 29.**

Online Users

STEP 1: Sign up to donate a lily using [this link](#) to complete the lily donation form.

STEP 2: Go to the church's website to make your corresponding donation. Click [here](#).

For those without internet access

STEP 1: ASAP, call the church office: 919-682-5511 x 215 and request a lily donor card be mailed to you, or share your donor info with FPC staff.

STEP 2: ASAP, complete and return the donor card and/or your donation (any amount) by US mail to the church office. Make check payable to *First Presbyterian Church*, memo: Lilies.

Funds received in excess, of the amount needed to purchase lilies, will be ADDED to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This PCUSA special offering is received on Easter Sunday and provides relief to the hungry, poor, and oppressed, and those affected by natural disasters. The link to give online is now active. Click [here](#) to contribute separately to the OGHS offering.



Throughout Holy Week you are invited to experience the **Stations of the Cross** through the eyes of artist Mary Button. The series explores the intersection of Christ's journey to the cross and the global stories of forced migration, relocation of indigenous peoples, and the movement of refugees. Numbered art installations will be set along the sidewalk outdoors at the back of the church. A brochure will be available at the first station, offering information about this ancient practice, each of the stations, and a prayer.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. - Virtual Worship with Holy Communion
(Click on WORSHIP from the church's website.)

Good Friday, April 2

All Day - Stations of the Cross
(FPC grounds; see information above)

Easter Sunday, April 4

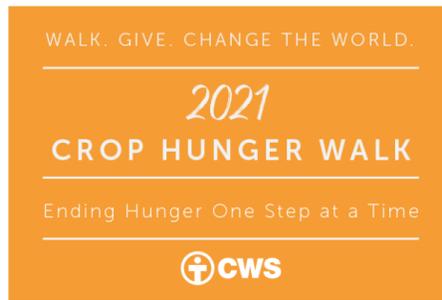
11 a.m. - Virtual Worship with Holy Communion
(Click on WORSHIP from the church's website.)

Prayer Service Planned in the Sanctuary!



*Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.
- Ps. 100:4-5*

Are you 65 years of age or older? Fully vaccinated? (2 weeks or more after your second vaccine) If so, we're thrilled to offer the opportunity for **small groups of 13 people**, masked and distanced, to meet in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and fellowship. Come to hear the organ, see dear ones and be in prayer together. **[Sign up at this link](#) or call First Presbyterian (919-682-5511 ext. 217)** and state the date for which you're signing up from a list of proposed dates in April and May. Please let us know if you need a ride when you sign up, we may be able to help.



Once again this year FPC is participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world.

This year's CROP Walk is being held virtually due to the pandemic, meaning walkers will walk on their own or in small groups during the week of April 10-18. We'd love to have you join us as a walker, but if you are unable to walk, please consider sponsoring one of the walkers from FPC. Those walking include *Emily Wilkins, Julie and Jody Maxwell, Kerry Holbrook, Marie Sappenfield, Caroline Rourk, Sharon Hirsch, Shirley Frederick, Tom Bacon, Mindy Douglas and Tim O'Brien.*

Click on the link below to join the FPC Team or to make a donation in support of those walking. <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-presbyterian-durham> or contact **Tom Bacon**, FPC's coordinator.

Multiplying the Blessings

At the Iglesia Emanuel Food Pantry, we see miracles every week. We prepare for 550 families. 590 families show up, and there is enough food for all. Most people come by car. They line up well before the 2 o'clock start time on Wednesday afternoon, waiting patiently for blocks and blocks in the neighborhood behind the church. Many families have 3 or 4 children in the car, and their excited faces tell us how much they look forward to discovering what food awaits them. A few people come by foot. They either live close enough to walk, carrying the heavy bags of food back home with them, or they come by bus.

Come, be part of the miracle at 2504 N Roxboro. Join other volunteers for a 2-hour shift, bag rice and beans from home, donate food, or give a financial donation. Together, we will continue to spread God's love throughout our community in this most tangible way.

To sign up for a 2-hour shift, click [here](#). To bag rice and beans from home, or donate food, click [here](#). To make a financial donation, go to www.emanueldurham.org and click on "Donate." More questions? Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#).

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant



Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office: info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

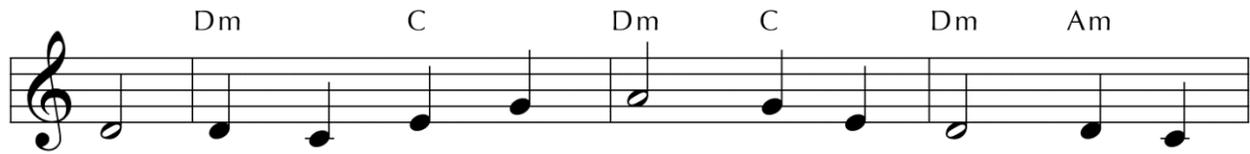
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

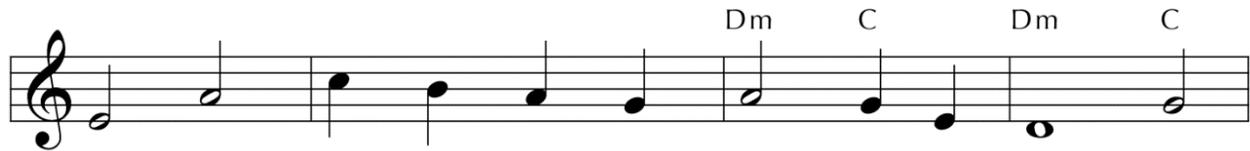
who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

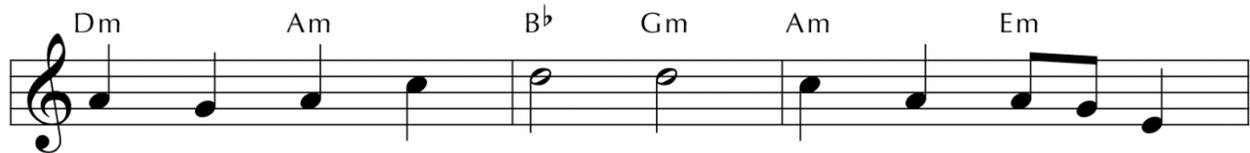
What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



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 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



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