

Palm Sunday
Seven Deadly Needs: Need to Be Right
March 25, 2018

Musical preparation for worship
Welcome

Erin Rodman

Call to Worship

L: Jesus, you are our Lord.

We gather to worship. To lay down branches and coats.

P: Lord, we seek your salvation.

L: But your salvation isn't the one we are expecting.

P: Lord, give us victory over our oppressors.

L: But your victory march isn't the right one.

P: Lord, we want to you on a throne and keep you safe.

L: But you are marching to the cross.

All: *Though we are wrong about you, Lord,*

give us vision and strength for all that lies ahead.

Hymn #238 "Hosanna, loud hosanna"

Choir "Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me"

Children's Time

Jeremy South

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in his hand. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Announcements

Offering

Hymn #136 "From the depths of sin"

Scripture John 12:12-16

Sermon "Let's Be Right Together"

Bob Brown

Hymn #553 "I am weak and I need thy strength"

Passing the Friendship Register

Sharing of sermon responses, joys, and introduction of guests

Congregational prayer

Ben Tapper

Closing hymn #575 "Precious Lord, take my hand"

Blessing

Postlude

In lieu of applause, we encourage a hearty "AMEN."

Co-pastors: Bob Brown & Shannon Dycus

Faith Formation Coordinator & Pastoral Intern: Ben Tapper

Trustees: Gloria Hood, Randy Stoesz, Ralph Stutzman

Care Team: Annette Bolton, Heidi Boschmann Amstutz, Ted Danielson,

Linda Dixon, Robin Helmuth, Mary Liechty, Kevin Rosner,

Rachel Showalter, Ben Tapper

Worship Leader: Erv Boschmann Song Leader: Mary Liechty

Choir Director: Jana Miller

Choir Accompanist: Erin Rodman

Greeters: Jim Sauder & Bob Walson Ushers: Bill & Janet Wakefield

Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

Join us for fellowship in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

Coffee and hot tea will be available during this time.

Children's and MYF classes meet today in regular classrooms.

Adult Sunday school classes

The Artist's Way [tenth of 12 sessions] This class is for everyone young and old striving to reconnect their creative self to the Creator and to learn about healing and recovery. Meets in multi-purpose room; led by Jeremy South and Cathy Delaney.

Lenten Listening Each Sunday in Lent, this class creates a space for sermon reflection. As a tool for reflection, we listen together to an episode of the podcast *The Next Right Thing* by Emily Freeman. Led by Shannon Dycus, this class is more contemplative toward listening into our own personal Lenten journeys. Meets in the Wisdom room.

Adult Choir meets in the sanctuary. If you like to sing, please join the choir as we prepare our song for Easter Sunday. Jana Miller is the director.

Today and upcoming at FMC

March 25: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Baby shower for Camry Hess and Stephen Fakoyejo
March 29: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Witherspoon Presbyterian,
5136 North Michigan Road

March 30: 3:00-8:00 p.m. Good Friday vigil here at the church

April 1: Easter Sunday: [There is no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.]

9:00 a.m. continental breakfast

10:00 a.m. worship

11:30 a.m. children's egg hunt

Please be sure to sign up at the kiosk for memorial lilies and tulips today! Also, there is a sign-up for bringing food items to the Maundy Thursday service.

Birthdays

March 25: JoAnne Lingle
March 26: Alicia Amazan
March 28: Caitlin Schmucker
March 29: Lara Hovde
March 31: Gabriel Rondinella

John 12:12-16 (NRSV)

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”
Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.



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