



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

a Stephen Ministry Congregation

MARCH 28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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MORNING WORSHIP

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

Prelude

Prelude in A Minor

J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Chiming of the Trinity

The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11

*Processional Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang, through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3. "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!

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

People: **God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who entered the Holy City and turned rejection and death into victory and resurrection. Allow us to weep for our community in the way that you weep for this community, that we may be the hands and feet of Christ to a world in need of your grace. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to 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.*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(8:45) Anna Brooks Smith
Daughter of Bart and Rachel Smith

(11:00) Lucy Elizabeth Walden
Daughter of Charlie and Elizabeth Walden

Invitation to Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory

The Holy City
Lee Jackson, Baritone

arr. Steven Adams

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.*

HAMBURG

Children's Minute

Dr. C. Jason Borders

***Gospel Lesson**

Mark 14:10-31

Sermon*Fight, Flight, or Freeze*

Dr. Jay D. Cooper

Celebration of Holy Communion*Musical Setting A*

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Music During Holy Communion

Let Us Go to the Mighty City
Susan Cooper, Soprano
Cathedral Choir

arr. Sidney Johnson

*Hosanna to the son of David! Blest is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!
Let us go to the mighty city, Follow where the Lord is leading. Hosanna in the highest! If we follow, He will help us.
Let us go to the mighty city. If we follow, He will us lose our heavy burden soon! Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Let us go to the mighty city. Follow where the Lord is leading,
Follow Him to Jerusalem. Hosanna in the highest! Blest is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the son of David.*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to come forward during the Hymn of Invitation or to contact Rev. Lucas Tribble, ltribble@fumcmontgomery.org.

Hymn of InvitationWhat Wondrous Love is This*

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| <p><i>1. 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.</i></p> <p><i>3. 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.</i></p> | <p><i>2. 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 life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.</i></p> <p><i>4. 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.</i></p> |
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Benediction

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

***Benediction Response**

Amen

arr. Peter Lutkin

***Postlude**

Processional

William Mathias

The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God in commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week.

LITURGICAL SEASON: LENT

“Lent” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, meaning “spring.” The season of Lent is 40 days, excluding Sundays. Every Sunday is a “little Easter,” even during Lent. Sunday is a time to remember and celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection. Christ teaches us how to die but, in dying, Christ taught us all how to live. The liturgical color is purple.

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AROUND THE CONGREGATION

SYMPATHY

To LaFaye Holley and her family upon the death of her brother, *Tommy Adair*; and to Kyle and Molly Drumwright and their family upon the death of Kyle’s father, *Mark Drumwright*.

NEW MEMBER

Mary Stanley

Mary joins us by transfer of membership from a local congregation. She is a senior at Huntingdon College.

IN MEMORIAM

Dianne English McWilliams

March 16, 2021

If you are in need of a minister after hours or on weekends, please contact pastoralcare@fumcmontgomery.org.