

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 24, 2024

PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "The Royal Banners Forward Go" arr. Held

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes! Hosanna!

People: With joyful songs we praise Jesus and follow him on the road.

Leader: But the way leads to a cross, a cross to be carried to a lonely hill, a cross of suffering for the sake of love.

People: Still, we will walk with him; we will take up the cross with him, for the sake of love.

*Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" No. 235

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of wisdom, it is your permissive love that both allows and requires us to encounter suffering in life, so that we might mature in spiritual stature and prove our discipleship. We confess that we prefer a theology that lets Jesus carry our cross rather than our picking up our part in carrying his. We confess that we desire to share in Christ's glory, but not in his suffering. But we delude ourselves when we believe we can be true followers of Jesus without sharing his cross, without bearing the pain of the scoffer for the sake of our faith, without turning the other cheek. We fail to understand that it is in losing our life that we find it, in sharing the cross that we learn the fullness of the power of your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he "did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped." Rather, "he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." Jesus died for us, so that we might have life and approach God's throne of judgment cleansed of our sin. In Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Wendy Andree

Children's Worship is provided for ages 4–2nd grade in Room 205.

Parents, please escort your children to this room.

*Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy!" No. 100

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-7 Page 733

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Hosanna in the Highest" by David W. Music

Scripture: Matthew 21:5-11 Page 977

Sermon "The King is Coming!"
Rev. Don Hardman

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Page 845

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

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Busarow

*Doxology No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" No. 237

*Benediction No. 739

Postlude "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" George

*The Congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

CALENDAR

Today, 3/24 Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Mission Team Mtg., 11:45 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm

Monday, 3/25 Church office closed on Mondays

Tuesday, 3/26 Sisters in Bible Study (SIBS), 10:00 am; Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 3/27 FirstKids & FaithWeaver Friends, 6:00 pm; Youth Group, 6:00; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 3/28 Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm

Friday, 3/29 Prayers for the Church, 9:30 am; Chapel Open noon to 3 pm for prayer; Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm

REMINDERS

Elders: Michael Ridenhour, David Smith

Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown

Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): March 24 - Bob & Donna Broyles; March 31 - Don & Wendy Andree; April 7 - Donna Broyles; April 14 - David & Kathy Akers; April 21 - Teal Bennett; April 28 - Charles Speck

Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): March 24 -David & Kathy Akers; March 31 - Barry & Anne Webb; April 7 - Robert Broyles; April 14 - Sandy McCullar; April 21 - Jeff & Pat Povtak; April 28 - Andrea Guillard

Deacons on Duty: March 24 - Debbie Bennett & Wendy Andree; April 7 - Cameron May, Susan Blanding; April 14 - Karen Brooks, Mary Thornhill; April 21 - Bob Caudle, Jr., Helen Gearhart Thompson; April 28 - Debbie Bennett, Marcia Ridenhour

Acolytes: March 24 - David Bean; March 31 - Emma & Kylie Woolard; April 7 - Bryleigh Trevett; April 14 - Elizabeth Rice; April 21 - David Bean; April 28 - Emma & Kylie Woolard

Children's Worship: March 24 - Jesus’ Last Passover; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Tammy Caldwell; March 31 - No Children’s Worship; April 7 - Easter; Leader: Natalie McLaughlin; Greeter: Mike Trial

April 14 - Road to Emmaus; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Chris Ayers; April 21 - The Good Shepherd & the Lost Sheep; Leader: Anne Webb; Greeter: Pat Povtak; April 28 - The Good Shepherd & the Wolf; Leader: Diana Harvey

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: - Thank God for Christ’s death and resurrection. - Rom. 4:25, Rom 1:4, Rev. 1:18, 1 Cor. 15:20-23

PCC Food Needs - Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today’s service

Pastor: Rev. Don Hardman
 Interim Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier
 Director of Youth & Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
 Organist: Mr. William Turner
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose