

March 28, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Palm Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Joe Hartung

Prelude

The Procession

Gordon Young

*Call to Worship

Rhonda McGinnis, Family Ministries Representative

Leader: Morning after morning, God grants us a new day; wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

People: **This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: God equips us to face whatever the day may hold; watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

People: **We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God. We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

Leader: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us; enter to praise God's marvelous works.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.**

*Hymn No. 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

St. Theodulph

Call to Confession

Larry Moore

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes, riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our cravings for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face a cross. We can only look to you to save us from ourselves. O God, help us!

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

God contends with us in our fears, identifies our rebellion, and transforms our contrition into courage. Our Creator does not give up on us when we are discouraged or reject us when our pretensions get out of hand. God, who exalted Jesus, is ready to forgive and lift us up. Christ walks with us on the way of faithfulness, empowering us to become the disciples we are called to be. Amen.

Prayer Warrior Moment

Dedication of Prayer Warriors (See insert)

Anthem

Wave Your Branches
Musik Makers and Angel Choir

Thomas Pavlechko

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Chancel Choir

Howard Helvey

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Improvisation on Were You There

Charles Callahan

***Doxology No. 95**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Children's Message

Shell Dula

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No. 277**

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Stories of Jesus

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

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 No. 70**

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. Amen.

Sermon

"The Message"

Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Solo

Via Dolorosa
Myra Shaffer, soprano

Sprague & Borop

Stripping of the Altar

The altar represents Christ and the stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers prior to his crucifixion. Following the exit of the worship leaders, you are asked to exit in reverent silence and refrain from talking until well outside the sanctuary.

***Please Exit in Silence**

***Postlude**

****Please stand if you are able***

Nursery Provided