

Our Worship of God

March 20, 2016

11:15 am

(**†** *Indicates those who are able, please stand.*)

Palm Sunday

- The Beauty of the Cross -

Greeting Ed Rollins

†Passing of the Peace

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

Prelude

Sonata No. 2 "Allegro Maestoso"

Mendelssohn

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Gathering for worship today, we are like the crowd that lined the streets, witnessing your entry into Jerusalem.

Some of us gather here, full of enthusiasm.

Some of us gather wearied by what life has thrown at us.

Some of us have come out of curiosity.

Some of us out of habit.

Some of us gather with great expectation.

Some of us with no particular hopes.

It is here, O God, that you meet us and greet us and, if we will allow, it is here that you surprise us with your love and your grace.

So open our heavy eyes, and tired minds, steal into our closed hearts and surprise us today with joy.

Quell those unrealistic expectations, but open us to the possibility of hope

and allow us to glimpse the goodness of your purpose for us.

Leader: Even when we cannot name it ourselves you know what ails us. we submit to your knowledge of us and we open ourselves to the need for your forgiveness, a forgiveness that comes freely and abundantly.

So with cleansed hearts and open minds, we join in the cry.

Hosanna!

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Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Hosanna in the highest.

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†Processional Hymn and Movement to the Cross

All Glory, Laud and Honor Sung to St. THEODULPH

Movement to the Cross — worshipers are invited to follow the handbell procession to the cross, placing your palms along the floor and steps around the cross. Please take your bulletin so that you may join in singing the following hymn as we process.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

Prayer

silence it is a strange thing at the end of a parade silence

the echo of mayhem
the quietening murmurs of the small rebel crowd
now stealing into the shadows of alleyways
with whispered questions
of 'what just happened?'
gather in a hush of silence
with the hope the stones no longer remain quiet
now that the hosannas have been stolen

something happened here
but no one can name it
and belief doesn't dare name at what might have begun
a messiah arrived
but the kingdom did not
palm branches
and cloaks
were strewn in mock adulation
but heaven remains silent

faith tells us we must wait longer a different voice is coming and another moment to name love and crush this ache and break this ironic silence with the sound of death and the shutting of a tomb

Gospel Reading

Rena Tratchel

Luke 19:28-44

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave

within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

The Gospel of our Lord. *Praise be to Christ.*

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Parker

Ride on, King Jesus, No man can a hinduh me,

I was but young when I begun, No man can a hinduh me. But now my race is almost done, No man can a hinduh me.

King Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, No man can a hinduh me. The river of Jordan He did cross, No man can a hinduh me.

If you want to find your way to God, No man can a hinduh me. The gospel highway must be trod, No man can a hinduh me.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mike Graves

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+Hymn 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Message

"On A Scale of 1-10"

Dr. Mike Graves

†Hymn of Commitment

Glory In the Cross



- 1. Let us ev er glo ry in the cross of Christ who re (2. Let us) bring our bur-dens to the cross of Christ who has
- (3. Let us) kneel in hom-age at the cross of Christ where we



deems us with his blood. known our sor-row and tears. see God's hu - man face.

Let us tell the sto-ry of the In the great com-pas-sion of the We be-hold the Mak-er of the



cross of Christ and the power of his sav ing love. Like a heart of Christ, God has walked in our hopes and fears. He was sun and stars as he hangs on the throne of grace. As we



lamb he was slain; he car mocked and be-trayed, de - ser share in his pain, his son

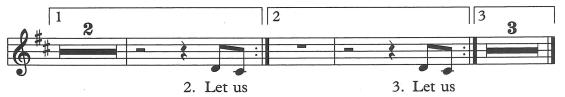
e car - ried our shame, to e - sert - ed by friends, and s sor - row and shame, our



show us the mer-cy of God.
ban-ished to die a-mong thieves. Let us ev - er glo-ry in the hearts will be test-ed in fire.



cross of Christ and the tri-umph of God's great love.



†Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

arr. Burkhardt

†Benediction (unison)

Blessed is the one who comes to us by the way of love poured out with abandon.

Blessed is the one who walks toward us by the way of grace that holds us fast.

Blessed is the one who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the path of joy.

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Written by Rev. E. Crumlish of Castlehill Church, Ayr. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Words by Theodulph of Orleans.

Prayer

Written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws.

Glory in the Cross

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Benediction

"Blessing for Palm Sunday" Written by Jan. L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook.

Scripture Reader: Rena Tractchel

Rena and her husband Jason have been members since 2006. She is a new member of the diaconate and teaches Sunday school for the youth. Rena, Jason, and their son Lucas attend the Awaking Service.

Worship Notes

Guest Pastor: Mike Graves

Mike was born in Houston, Texas, where he attended college at the University of Houston. After graduation he attended seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, getting his Master of Divinity and PhD there before moving to Kansas City back in 1989. He thought it would only be a two-year teaching appointment at one of the area's four seminaries, but twenty-something years later he is still here in the Midwest, and on faculty at Saint Paul School of Theology. Mike and his wife have three grown children, one grandchild, and several grand dogs. Mike served as the Interim Pastor here at First Baptist in 1997.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 20

9:15 am Awakening Worship

Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups

Various Classrooms

10:20 am Downtown Palm Sunday Service

meet on the Patio

11:15 am Traditional Worship

Sanctuary

4:00 pm Youth Ensemble

Sanctuary

5:00 pm The Calling

Youth Suite

5:00 pm African Worship Service

(in Swahili)

Fellowship Hall

8:00 pm College and Young Adults

3rd Floor

Monday, March 21

Spire Deadline

9:00 am Senior Yoga

Parlor

1:00 pm Bible Study

Parlor

Wednesday, March 23

6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Conference Room

5:30 pm Psalm Players

6:30 pm Chancel Bells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sanctuary

Week at a Glance

Thursday, March 24

6:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 25

7:00 pm Good Friday Service Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 26

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt Fellowship Hall / Front Lawn

Sunday, March 27

8:15 am Youth Sonrise Service
Front Steps

8:45 am Annual Easter Breakfast Fellowship Hall

9:15 am Awakening Worship Fellowship Hall

10:15 am Small Groups
Various Classrooms

11:15 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary

5:00 pm African Worship Service (in Swahili) Fellowship Hall

Announcements

Holy Week

This week we will move from Lent into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Holy Week is the most significant time of remembrance and celebration for the church. In this troubling week, Jesus entered Jerusalem, shared a meal with his friends, prayed in the garden, was denied, tried, and crucified. It is a reminder of the tragedy that Christ endured for all people. This is a time that we must experience anew if we are to understand the joy of Easter. Please read through the following Holy Week activities and worship opportunities.

Good Friday

On March 25, we will gather for worship in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. This most meaningful service reminds us of the suffering and pain that Christ endured during the crucifixion. We will gather around the cross, as we have during Lent, for a time of communion, prayer and reflection.

Easter Sunday

On March 27, Easter services begin with the Sonrise service led by our youth on the front Broadway steps at 8:15 am. Following this we will share in our annual Easter brunch, followed by our worship services at 9:15 and 11:15 am. We look forward to a wonderful day of celebration. Please invite a friend to come with you, as we worship the risen Lord.

Easter Lilies and Spring Flowers

During Easter, the First Baptist sanctuary will be filled with beautiful lilies and spring flowers. If you would like to place one or more of these beautiful plants in the sanctuary in memory of, or in honor of, a family member or friend, please clearly fill out the form on the back of your attendance slip and place it in the offering plate, along with \$10.00 for each flower you order. Orders may be made in the church office until 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 24. We look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Christ with you all.

Announcements

Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, March 26 there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children from toddlers to 3rd grade. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. There will also be face painting, bubbles, games, story-time, and more!

Bring Flowers to Easter Worship

Our worship the last five weeks incorporated much discussion about the paradox of the cross, an ugly instrument of torture and suffering that is also a beautiful symbol of love and redemption. During each time of worship, we also provided an opportunity for worshipers to move to the cross to light candles, say prayers, or simply reflect. On Easter Sunday, our movement to the cross will help us visualize the transformation of death to life. We invite you to bring a small pot of flowers to worship. As we worship, these flowers will help us move from ugliness to beauty, from death to life.

Child Development Center

The Child Development Center Preschool is now enrolling for summer and the 2016-2017 school year. Our summer program will be June 6-June 30 and July 6-August 5. We welcome children ages 2 through 5. Our hours are 7:15 am-5:30 pm Monday-Fridays. For more information contact Ms. Debby at 573-443-7677 or cdcdirector@fbc-columbia. org

We are collecting store receipts for a fundraiser with Shoparoo. Last year schools nationwide earned over \$800,000. Receipts from any store will help us earn instant cash donations and entries into sweepstakes of up to \$15,000. We have placed a basket in the hall by the nursery to collect receipts. We will be happy to scan your receipts!



11:15 am Traditional Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more contemporary worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Awakening worship at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall.

The Sanctuary flowers are provided by: Lili Vianello, in honor of her parents' 65th anniversary.

Nursery: (ages birth-three) located on the first floor outside the sanctuary and is available from 9:15-12:15 while parents are in worship or Sunday Morning Small Groups.

Extended Session: children ages 3-5 including kindergarten may be dropped off during both worship services in the nursery for extended session, an extension of First Kids Sunday School.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups:

Discussion Class in the Parlor on the second floor.

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Community Small Group in the library on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the Fellowship Hall fireplace area.

First Baptist Church partners in mission with the American Baptist Churches USA, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and Alliance of Baptists.

To view the live webcast of our 11:15 am Traditional worship service, go to www.ustream.tv. Search for fbcwebcast (one word), and you should be able to worship from anywhere!

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