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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

APRIL 13, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

LENTEN CANDLES

JOE ROSS AND SHERRI DE

MARCO

CALL TO WORSHIP

RUTH ANN BRUNET

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let all who fear the Lord say,

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord has answered our prayer
and become our salvation.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Hosanna, hosanna!

Let us worship God!

++ HYMN #196[GTG]

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

RUTH ANN BRUNET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Triumphant God,
we join the crowds of the ages
in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory,**

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

**our lives seldom reflect your purposes.
We sing easily of your greatness,
but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation,
yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us.
Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done
and direct who we shall be.
Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RUTH ANN BRUNET

He who rode into Jerusalem,
struggled on the cross,
and was sealed in a tomb
is risen from the dead!
Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #425 [GTG] (verse 1)

***Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
To your presence we have come; give us now your love.***

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RUTH ANN BRUNET

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RUTH ANN BRUNET

O Lord of light and salvation,
let these words of Scripture
live not only in our mouths,
but in our hearts,
that we will embody your truth

and confess with our lives
that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 31:9-16

RUTH ANN BRUNET

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief,
my soul and body also.
¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery,
and my bones waste away.
¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror^[b] to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.
¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.
¹⁴ But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my God.”
¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Praise to the Eternity of Jesus” from *Quartet for the End of Time* by Olivier Messiaen
Transcribed for piano by S. Kvitko
Sergei Kvitko, piano

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was 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, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

READERS THEATER "Mary and the Right Stuff" By Gwen Botting, performed by
LEXI GREEN

++HYMN #200[GTG] A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayers continue...)

Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

**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 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.**

Amen #469[GTG] Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your".

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren".

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace."

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Abana (Arabic Lord’s Prayer)” arr. Greg Scheer
Tune & Arabic Words by Laila Constantine, Lebanon

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-". The third staff concludes the melody for the third line: "more; praise Triune God, whom we adore." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #221 [GTG] O Sacred Head Now Wounded

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focus on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this set since the mid-17th century.

BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306 [GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	RUTH ANN BRUNET
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS
PREACHING:	GWEN BOTTING
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	DARIN SHOWALTER

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 13

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast by Deacons – Litten Hall
10:00 a.m.	PALM SUNDAY Worship service – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m.	Children's Faith Formation
11:30 a.m.	Finance Committee
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

Monday, April 14

9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
9:00 a.m.-4	AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
10:00 a.m.	Staff meeting – Library
7:00 p.m.	Verna Holly rehearsal – Sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m.	Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	GL Moms Demand Action – Litten Hall

Tuesday, April 15

9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
9:00 a.m.-4	AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall

1:00 p.m.	Adult Ed Committee – Library
6:00 p.m.	Mid-MI Photo Club Officers – Library
6:30 p.m.	Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel
Wednesday, April 16	
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
9:00 a.m.	Youth Volunteers – Library
10:30 a.m.	Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Boomers/Beyond luncheon – Parlor
4:30 p.m.	Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – yoga room
6:00 p.m.	Wired Word Bible study – Zoom
6:00 p.m.	MidMIPhoto Club – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Session meeting – GIL room
Thursday, April 17	
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
7:00 p.m.	MAUNDY THURSDAY service – throughout building
Friday, April 18	
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
7:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY service - Sanctuary
Saturday, April 19	
Sunday, April 20	
10:00 a.m.	EASTER Worship service - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Egg Hunt – Litten Hall
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

HOLY WEEK and EASTER are here!

Special and Creative Ways to experience the season....

PALM SUNDAY (April 13) - Morning Breakfast, Readers Theater, Chancel Choir

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 17) - Family Centered Worship Journey

GOOD FRIDAY (April 18) - Congregational Reading of the Passion Narrative, Chancel Choir, Soloists

EASTER (April 20) - Brass, Chancel Choir, Children’s Worship & Egg Hunt

Betsy’s last day as our **Church Administrator** will be May 1st. We are going to miss her, but we wish her well! If you know anyone who might apply for the position, please contact Steve Fitton.

Join the Chancel Choir on Sunday, April 27th for Choral Sunday!

10 am Worship Service

“Gloria” by A. Vivaldi

Chancel Choir, Soloists, Chamber Ensemble

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting “per capita.” Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.

Calling all 2025 Graduates! High School and College!

We need to hear from you by April 30th.



FPC wants to celebrate you on Sunday, May 18th.

If you are or a close family member is graduating and you want your church family to know, please:

1. Send a photo or two.
2. Your degree information (if you are a college grad)
3. Your immediate plans.

All information (including photos) can be sent to Megan Higle, Christian Education Director: Megan.higle@gmail.com or mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org

We will recognize you during our 10:00 a.m. worship service AND there will be a potluck after service in Litten Hall!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:15-12:30 after worship service in Litten Hall-All

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

During Lent, starting March 9, adults and children will start out together and meet up again at the end in Litten Hall for an intergenerational effort.

April 13

Adult Forum - NO Formal Class this Day

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Trust in Jesus' Presence Always" - Pr. Bob, teacher

April 20

Easter Sunday

No Classes

April 27

Adult Forum - Care for Creation hear from our GREEN TEAM on our "green" initiatives, including Community Garden, Solar Panels, Recycling, "Green" paper usage, etc.

Children's Faith Formation - "Care for Creation: Water" - Ms. Alyse, teacher

May 4

Care for Creation. "Recycling" Join the FPC Green Team on ways to recycle, how recycling is helping creation and what you can do in our church, our homes and in our communities.

The team will give insights on navigating the different recycling programs in the area; and, will also cover disposal of Household Hazardous Waste including electronics, fluorescent lights, paint, pesticides and other toxic chemicals.

May 11

Care for Creation "History of the Red Cedar". Join FPC Green Team as we learn about the history of the Red Cedar River and what programs are available to help care for this part of our community



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