

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, PA
March 24th, 2024 Palm/Passion Sunday
Lenten Candle Lighting Liturgy: Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep
in our hearts**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love
before him, to cushion his walk**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling
humility and obedience for all of us.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God.**

THE PALMS: Mark 11:1-11

p.879

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #174

CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and
live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can
grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the
holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess
to our God, praying together,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together,
you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub
our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You will
touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem
to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to
learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the
chorus death plays in the background of our lives.
Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come
to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for
our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May
we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from
following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more,
from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside
anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living
water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love
endures forever.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us
the kingdom of God! Amen.**

L: Friends, Believe the Good News

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GLORIA PATRI

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CHURCH NEWS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor by saying, "The Peace of Christ be With You.")

REDEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Offertory

Doxology

#625

**Praise to our God, wave high the palm
Praise to Christ Jesus God's own Son,
Praise to the Spirit we now sing
For in our hearts hosannas ring.**

Prayer of Dedication**

As we offer these tangible gifts, Holy One, remind us of those who
could use the clothes hanging in our closets unworn, those who could
be feed by the food stored in our pantries, those who could be healed
by the grace and hope we keep locked away in our hearts. May we be
as generous with others as you are with us, we pray. Amen.

THE PASSION: (pp. 882 – 886)

MARK 14:1-21 HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" #173

MARK 14:22-42 HYMN: "In The Garden" #425

MARK 14:43-72 HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This" #177

MARK 15:1-47 HYMN: "Where You There?" #181

MEDITATION

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from Philippians 2:5-11)*

L Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

P Who, being in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant being made in human likeness.

L And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

P Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

L That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

P And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear our prayers, O Lord. **P: And let our cry come unto Thee.**

L: Let us bless the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #285

SENDING/BENEDICTION

L: Go out into the world in as God's people.

P: We will journey with praise on our lips.

L: Go out into the world as followers of Jesus.

P: We will join the parade of the broken, the lost, the hopeless, for that is where Jesus may be found.

L: Go out into the world as the Spirit's peace.

P: We will share the warm breath of reconciliation with all we meet.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (All wave Palms)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" 1st verse

#174

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Sunday March 24th
Palm Sunday
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday March 31st
Easter Sunday
 Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Join Us next Sunday as we celebrate Easter Sunday here at Bethany. The morning begins with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. followed by Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to attend both the breakfast and service.

Sign Ups For 2024 Lay Leaders and Flower/Bulletin Sponsorships are still being accepted. If you are interested, please see the back bulletin board for more information. You can also order flowers/bulletins on the church website.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Offerings for OGHS will be received on Easter Sunday to help improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Please place your OGHOS offering in the offering plate.



Concerns: Keep the following people in your prayers...	
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Jim Sellers	Irene Barefoot Bischof
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