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Service for the Lord's Day **Palm Sunday**

April 5, 2020

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WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

NOTE - Words in **bold** are to be said by the congregation.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was celebrated as the Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

from Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN: (unison)

Almighty God, in your presence we admit that we have not taken seriously the path of true discipleship and that we have followed instead the path of least resistance. We prefer to follow popular causes rather than to stand alone for justice and truth. We gladly sing “hosanna” with the crowds, but go silent when the crowds turn against your Son. Our spirits are at times willing, but our actions are weak. Deliver us from our self-delusions so that we can take up our cross and follow your Son wherever he leads. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS: (responsive)

Rejoice greatly and let your hearts sing; for lo, Christ your king comes with healing and forgiveness in his hands to all who welcome and follow him. Believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Cali Bronkema

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

The Rev. Ruth Everhart

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

A TIME OF OFFERING

BENEDICTION

WE DEPART TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME REV. RUTH EVERHART TO THE PULPIT TODAY – The Rev. Ruth Everhart is an author, speaker, and pastor who has served Presbyterian churches for more than twenty years and now travels widely to speak at churches, conferences and retreats. She is the author of three books, including “Chasing the Divine in the Holy Land” and the award-winning memoir “Ruined.” Her newest book (January 2020) is “The #MeToo Reckoning: Facing the Church’s Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct.”

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, April 5th – service online at 11am;
led by the Rev. Ruth Everhart

Maundy Thursday, April 9th – an evening service online at 7:30pm;
to be led by the Rev. Bob Harris

Good Friday, April 10th – an evening service online at 7:30pm;
Cali Bronkema will preach

Easter Sunday, April 12th – service online at 11am;
to be led by the Rev. Madeline Jervis

IN OUR PRAYERS

Matthew Allen (son of friend of Carlyle Gregory) prayers for health after devastating auto accident.
Dr. Jerry Andrews (Ann Kloforn-Bloome's mother's pastor, at First Presbyterian, San Diego, CA) who is ill with damaged lungs and whose wife just tested positive for COVID-19.
Ellery Burgess (brother of Wells Burgess) for his care in assisted living.
Brent George Cartagena (cousin of Sandra Hernandez) a teacher of young children and a kind gentle soul. Undergoing a serious surgery in Florida.
Jim Cooke (Lynnette Yount's husband) being treated for cancer.
Esther Crosby (sister of Georgine Neureiter) experiencing Parkinson's dementia.
Friend of First Church Deatra's grandson, James for God's grace.
The family and friends of Joe Durkin (friend of Carlos de la Incera) who passed away from cancer last week. Joe is survived by his wife, Debbie Durkin.
Brian Fike (nephew of Dana Edwards) undergoing treatment for a serious illness.
Sean Foulke-Hill (Madeline Jervis' grandson) struggling with addiction rehabilitation.
Lila Granda (friend of Jen Allen) for successful treatment of cancer.
Tabita Green (sister-in-law of David Green) for comfort and symptom relief, as well as guidance regarding next steps, as she continues to confront cancer.
Jim Howell prayers for improved health as he is being treated at the Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 8111 Tiswell, Alexandria, VA 22306
The congregation of Iglesia Cristiana Libertad sin Fronteras for God's grace, good health, and well-being.
Sandra (sister of Theresa Kloster) for healing and comfort in the face of a recent health challenge.
Ding-Lynn Ledgard prayers during employment search.
Ase Lundgren for continued health challenges and during her time overseas.
The father of Shandra Niswander having heart problems.
Alma Noble recovering at Inova Fairfax Hospital from partial hip replacement surgery this week.
Lisa Osterheld (friend of Jack Madison & Debra Fowler) for good health & healing as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
Dr. George Ramsey (father of Scott Ramsey) in treatment for cancer.
Helen Surbaugh's niece Bobbi for health concerns.
Jean Vallianos' niece in San Diego, Catherine , for health concerns.
Carrie Vernia (sister of Ben Vernia) seriously ill in North Carolina.

Those in home-care or assisted living, including **Anne Horton** (wife of Jack Horton; Sunrise at Bluemont Park, James Building Room 303, 5910 Wilson Blvd.; visitors welcome), **Anne Neill** (Brookdale Arlington, 3821 Wilson Blvd.), and **Lois Potter** (Gainesville Health & Rehabilitation Center, Fairview Unit, Room 218-Door).

Those serving in the Armed Forces abroad including: **Calvin Hubbard**, nephew of Jane Dunphy, member of the Army Special Forces stationed in Okinawa; and **Daniel O'Loughlin**, grandson of Marty Orth, in Italy.

LEADERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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