

St. John's at Worship Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Palm Sunday Medley" *arr. Poehlmann*

*Call to Worship

One: On this day of celebration, we wave our palms and cry out with the whole multitude of the disciples, "Hosanna! Save us!"
All: Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
One: We cannot help but shout of the glory of God! If we did not, then all of creation would!
All: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!
One: Let us pray...

*Prayer of Invocation and 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.

*Hymn 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

As Pre-K – 4th grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.
Cong: **May God be with you there!**
Children: **May God be with you here!**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**At the beginning of this holy week,
we are part of the crowd waving palms and shouting, "Hosanna!"
But by the end of the week,
we will be part of the crowd shouting, "Crucify him!"
We praise you one moment, and betray you the next,
through our words, our thoughts, and our actions;
the ways we treat each other,
and the ways we treat your world.
Our lives do not bear the fruit of your Kingdom.
So we cry out, "Hosanna,"
hoping that you will save us,
from our sin and from ourselves.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

**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.**

*Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5–11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself out,
taking on the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the Glory of God the Father.**

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28–40 (pg. 83, NT) Nancy Davis

Anthem "Hosanna Processional (A Palm Sunday Cannon)" *Moore*

Sermon CULTIVATING THE KINGDOM Rev. Marshall

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication and Prayers of the People

*Hymn 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "God So Loved the World"

Postlude "Canon" *Mozart*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director *Iris Blanco Urgelles*
Ushers *Jim Ryland, John McClintick*
Flowers *Given by David Sheep in loving memory of his parents*
Devon Brass *Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege*
Coffee Servers *Nancy & Tom Higgins*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RUTH LIEBERMAN!

Tomorrow (Monday, April 11) is Ruth Lieberman's 103rd birthday! Please join us in showering her with cards from her church family:

**Ruth Lieberman
34 Deer Crossing Lane, RD5
Malvern, PA 19355**

LENT 2022: CULTIVATING AND LETTING GO

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. Here are some ways to engage this Lenten Season:

Lenten Tree: Stop by the tree in Fellowship Hall to write on the green leaves what you hope to cultivate, and on the red/orange leaves what you want to let go of. Feel free to take a leaf home to write on it there, and if it you would like to keep it private, you can always post it face down.

Lenten Devotional: Each week the bulletin will include a devotional card with a poem and some questions for reflection during the week.

Lenten Study: Join us every Sunday at 11:00 AM in Ridgley's office for a brief time of reflection on the day's scripture and sermon.

Maundy Thursday, April 14: Worship & communion (7 PM)

Easter Sunday, April 17: Worship (9:30 AM)

EASTER LILIES

The Deacons are accepting sponsorships for Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday (April 17). The cost is \$10 per plant, and it is yours to keep after worship. A Deacon will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee time if you would like to purchase a plant.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

This Thursday will be Lara Kennedy's last day as our Church Administrator. Nancy Wolfe will begin training on Tuesday to serve as her temporary replacement until a permanent Admin is hired. We invite you to stop by the office this week to say goodbye to Lara and to welcome Nancy!

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

Last week we started a three-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's, led by Lauren Tiede. Join us again in April and May to learn more about caring for our loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

April 24: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Dementia

May 21: Effective Communication Strategies

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our women's book group is beginning a new book this Sunday, *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. We are meeting in person and by Zoom, and anyone is welcome to "drop in" for one or all sessions. We invite and encourage all women to be part of the group. It is casual and wonderful conversation, and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, and to get the Zoom link, please email Carolyn Repke. The book club will not meet on Easter Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

Children of all ages are invited to participate in the Palm Parade at the beginning of worship. Children in K-4th grade will go to Sunday School after the opening hymn, where they will have a special Holy Week lesson to learn about the Easter story. After worship, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt and release the butterflies they have been raising.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to join us on Sunday nights for Youth Group as we learn, serve, and share in fellowship! Some upcoming events:

Today: Youth will help with the egg hunt, and we will not meet in the evening.

April 17: No Youth Fellowship. Happy Easter!

April 24: Movie Night at Covenant Presbyterian, 7 PM (Note time change!)

All youth and children are invited to join us at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer for an outdoor movie. Be sure to bring a tailgating chair and money for snacks!

May 1: 4-6 PM All youth are invited for our end of the year cookout!

May 8: No Youth Fellowship. Happy Mother's Day!

May 15: All-Church Mission Event: Rise Against Hunger

SUMMER TRIPS

Registration has opened for our Summer Youth Trips. Our Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs will be June 16-19, and our High School Mission and Youth Conference at Montreat Conference Center will be July 30-August 6. There is more information in Ridgley's weekly email for Youth, Children, and Families, as well as in our Weekly eNewsletter.

SAVE THE DATE!

Devon Horse Show Parking: Thursday, May 26 – Saturday, June 4

This is an all-church event! Proceeds go to a fund that helps us host youth group retreats and trips. Sign-up form coming soon!

Vacation Bible School: August 15-19 (9 AM to 1 PM)

<u>ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR</u>	
Sun, April 10	Palm Sunday
	8:00 am Women's Book Club
	8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt
Mon, April 11	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Keen Room)
Wed, April 13	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean)
Thurs, April 14	Maundy Thursday
	7:00 pm Worship & Communion
Fri, April 15	Good Friday – Church Office Closed
Sun, April 17	Easter Sunday
	9:30 am Worship

Reminder: Friday is Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office. Our Church Administrator Lara Kennedy is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and will be working virtually (available by email/phone) on Monday. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“In Their Eyes”

by Judith Roth

In their eyes, I am a warrior,
and this colt – a massive warhorse.

They watch my fingers, tangled in the mane,
and see a kingly grip on a saving sword.
They watch my lips with expectation
for a sovereign command.

They spread their cloaks in the dust for a savior,
but they don't know what that means.
They sing their praises for my kingdom,
but they point at Jerusalem.

Yes, hosanna, blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord...
But oh, blind children.

My kingdom is not of this world.

April 10, 2022

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