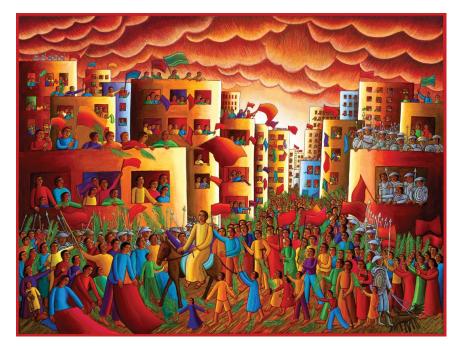


WHOEVER YOU ARE. HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

70 East Main Street Victor, NY 14564 585-924-2289 www.victorpres.org **Pastor:** Rev. Michael McNamara **Organist:** Ayn Patrowicz **AV:** Steve Simpson **Greeters:** Clay Girouard **Liturgist:** Sue Delmonico **Fellowship:** Deacons **Order of Worship Palm Sunday** *Please stand if you are able.

Prelude *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements

*Litany for Palm Sunday Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem Lo, your kind comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Opening Hymn GTG No. 196 or PH No.88 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have Mercy, O God, forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our savior.

Hymn *GTG* No. 423 (v.1) "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God"

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these 40 days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Refrain: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the name of the Lord"

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever. Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

R: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the name of the Lord"

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. **"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."** I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.** By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

R: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the name of the Lord"

Hosanna! O Lord, save us!
We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
(Unison) Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

R: "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the name of the Lord"

Scripture Reading

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sermon

"Jesus the Commoner"

*Hymn of Response GTG No. 203 or PH No. 367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Offering

*Doxology

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

| *Closing Hym | nn GTG No. 197 | "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" |
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| | or PH No. 89 | |
| Benediction | | |
| Postlude | "The Holy City | <i>",</i> arr. by Robert W. Thygerson |

Mark 11:1-11



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

<u>Sunday, March 24</u> Palm Sunday 9 am Palm Sunday Breakfast 10 am Sunday Worship 11:15 am Fellowship & *Lent Book Study* 11:30-1:00 pm Confirmation Class 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings

Tuesday, March 26 9:30 am Panera

Thursday, March 28 *Maundy Thursday* 5:30 pm Pot-luck w/communion & discussion at VUMC

Friday, March 29 *Good Friday* 7 pm Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday 10 am Sunday Worship 11:15 am Fellowship & Lent Book Study 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings



Photo Release



We will be taking photos of our church community for our website, Facebook, brochures, and other publicity related outlets. We are seeking permission from members for use of any photos containing their images, and will be sharing a *photo release form* for individual review and

signature for those willing to do so, as we take photos at upcoming events.

We are offering lilies at \$11 each to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship. Proceeds from lily sales will be used for our church mission activities. Please place your order by *TODAY* *March 24th*.



Community Dinners are held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month from 5-6:30 pm! Take-out meals are available for people who call the church at 585-924-2289, during the Community Dinner time.



Upcoming Dates: March 23: TBD April 13: TBD April 20: Beef Stew April 27: Chili



2024 Bowl-A-Thon Knock Down Pins to Lift Up Families

Family Promise of Ontario County will be hosting our first ever bowl-athon, at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua. Join us for bowling, dinner, raffles, prizes, and a whole

lot of fun. On Saturday, April 13th 2024 Family Promise of Ontario County is hosting a Knock Down Pins to Lift Up Families Bowl-A-Thon at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua from 4 to 7 pm.

All money raised will help support Family Promise of Ontario County programs. Cost is \$40 per person or \$200 per team of five, and will include bowling, shoes, (soft) drinks, and the finest of bowling cuisine... PIZZA and salad!



Volunteering is a great way to get plugged into our church, feel like part of a community, and serve Jesus at the same time. God has uniquely equipped every person in the Church with specific skills and gifts. As Christians, we are tasked with utilizing these gifts in our community and within our local church. Using your God-given skills as a volunteer is a fantastic way to serve the church while simultaneously lightening the load of a church's staff.

Each Sunday we need support with:

- Greeters
- Liturgists
- Coffee hour
- Communion prep (once a month)
- AV

Please utilize the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center where you are able. Thank you!



Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship downstairs in Corey Hall and we would love to share a coffee and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate or use the *QR code below*.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Sunday School is offered *during the school year* during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. The Infant Care Room (equipped so users can hear and watch the service) is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary, or feel free to use the nursery through the door to the left at the front of the sanctuary at any point during the service. It is good to have you here. Welcome.

> Interested in becoming a member? Please call or email our pastor, Rev. Michael McNamara 585-924-2289, pastor@victorpres.org

