



*First
Presbyterian
Church* IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

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 worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. See our calendar for the schedule. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.



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Order of Worship
Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2nd, 2023, 10am

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude "The Holy City" arr. by Robert Thygerson

Welcome & Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Excited and hopeful ...

***Call to Worship** *(From Psalm 118)*

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
whose love endures forever.

Let all the people say:
"God's love endures forever."

**Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the LORD.**

**You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,
whose love endures forever.

***Opening Hymn** "This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

***Invocation**

THE STORY: Celebration

Based on Matthew 21:1-11

Children's Time

Offering
***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this money,
symbol of the work
you have given us to do; use it, use us,
in the service of your world to
the glory of your name. Amen.**

***Hymn No. 88** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

But then ...

THE STORY: Increasing opposition

Based on selected verses from Matthew 21:12-24:46

Hymn No. 97 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vv.1-3)

THE STORY: Betrayal and denial

Based on Matthew 26:1-75

Special Music "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Has Thou Offended?"
Soloist, Rev. Joy Bergfalk

THE STORY: Suffering and death

Based on Matthew 27:1-66

***Hymn No. 101** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Hymn No. 97 (vv.1-3)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Assurance of Pardon

Benediction

*Postlude

“God So Loved the World”
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

***Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-***

AV: Brenda Dean



Mark your calendars!

Spring Clean-Up Day at the church will be following worship

on Sunday, April 23rd.

Yard work and painting/cleaning opportunities inside. Feel free to wear cleaning attire to church.



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 2nd

Palm Sunday

- 9 am Breakfast
- 10 am Sunday Worship
- 11:15 am Fellowship Hour, Lent Book Study & Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

Tuesday, April 4th

- 10 am Free Panera
- 7 pm Bridge Class

Thursday, April 6th

- 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7th

Good Friday

Saturday, April 8th

- 8 am Men's Breakfast
- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Baked Potato Bar)



Lent Book Study

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 16th. Topics for each week include:

✓ Week One, Feb 19 & 26: **Dust and Ash Wednesday**

✓ Week Two, March 5: **Bread**

✓ Week Three, March 12: **Cross**

✓ Week Four, March 19: **Coins**

⇒ ✓ Week Five, March 26: **Shoes**

Week Six, April 2: **Oil**

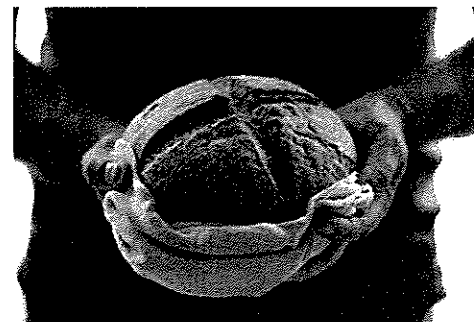
No study 4/9

Week Seven, April 16: **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**

Ways you can SERVE



We are always in need of **Greeters AND Coffee Hour helpers** on Sunday mornings! There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center to sign-up there, or use the link in your eNews.



Preparing communion is an important but sometimes overlooked opportunity to participate in the life of the church and serve God. We are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare the elements for communion each month. Please sign up on the volunteer schedule bulletin board in the Welcome Center, or email Courtney in the office if you would like to help. **Communion will be served on the second Sunday of each month.**

Next communion: April 9th, Easter Sunday

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859Melchior Teschner, 1614
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King!

Fine

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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REDHEAD 76 7:7:7:7

James Montgomery, 1820, 1825; alt.

Richard Redhead, 1853

1. Go to dark Geth-se - ma - ne, All who feel the tempt-er's power;
 2. Fol - low to the judg-ment hall; View the Lord of life ar-raigned;
 3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at His feet,
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His breath-less clay:

Your Re-deem-er's con - flict see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour,
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus-tained!
 Mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete;
 All is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a - way, Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 101

HAMBURG LM

Isaac Watts, 1707

Lowell Mason, 1824

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood,
 sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.