

GOING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 543 *“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”*

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of welcome and peace with your neighbor.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

†If you are new to the church... **Welcome!** We're glad to have you here. Please ask an usher to direct you to *Visitor packets* at the rear of the church. They can be found on the table near the usher's closet under the balcony stairs. After the 10:00am service today, we hope you will join us for Coffee Hour in Room 120 located through the door to the left of the choir loft and left to the end of the hall.

†The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of...
...Carl E. Thyren by Jean Thyren.

†The red rose this morning celebrates the birth of...
...Blake Keith Reynolds on Saturday, March 14, 2016 to Keith and Gina Reynolds. Paternal Grandparents are Dick and Debbie Reynolds.

†Thank you to members from the congregation, the crafting group and the Worship Committee for making the palm crosses we are receiving today. Special thanks to Garrett Jones of Codey Jones Funeral Home for supplying palms to our church.

†Thank you to trumpeter, Dan Malloy, for sharing his musical talents with us this morning.

† Your prayers of intercession are requested for those members and friends known to be *currently or recently hospitalized or who continue to need our prayers and support:*

...Alice Brackmann, Harry Coppens, Bill Hayden, Edith Jipp, Barbara Piggery, Louise Ritscher, Barbara Robison, Laura Winter and Clarence and Helena Wispelwey. The church office will be happy to verify their home addresses for you should you wish to send them words of encouragement or get well wishes.



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March 20th, 2016
Ten o'clock
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE "Festival Processional" Robert Wetzler

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
The is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Ellacombe
Please stand and join the choir in singing the hymn after the choral introduction.
Lighting the candles today is Acolyte Ian Flanagan.

CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

Lord, it is the beginning of the week of great drama and sacrifice. We sense our need for you. You ask us to read Scripture. We start by reading the Bible, but then get busy and put it aside. We begin to pray to you and then the phone rings, and we are interrupted again. Sometimes we meditate in quiet solitude, only to find our minds wander and then on goes the TV. Lord, reveal yourself to us. Let your presence penetrate our minds and hearts. Speak to us and let us hear your call. Guide us during this special week so we may understand Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

PERSONAL CONFESSION

For it is in Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...Friends, believe the good news.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE NO. 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Valet Will Ich Dir Geben
**(Refrain) All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

ANTHEM "Sing Hosanna!" Charles McCartha
Children's Choir (Blaze)
Handbell Ensemble

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Please note: Children through 7th grade may leave the sanctuary for Sunday School following the Time with the Children. Please exit through the doors on either side of the Choir loft.

PARISH LIFE

Members, friends and visitors, please sign the Friendship Pad in each pew and pass it to the person next to you. The last person will pass the pad back to the first person, who will then please place the sheet in the offering plate. **Worshipers are invited to use the cards in the pew racks for prayer requests so we may share one another's joys and concerns.** The ushers will collect the cards during the hymn following the sermon and they will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:14-50 Page 28, NT

SERMON "Hands in the Bowl" Dr. Richard Sommers

*HYMN NO. 207 "Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine" Tenebrae

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Palms" Jean-Baptiste Faure
The Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING NO. 607 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION