March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We Assemble in God’s Name

Please sign the Welcome Pad and pass it along the pew.

Voluntary: Chorale no. 3.......................................................... César Franck (1822-1890)
John Alexander, organ

* Processional Hymn: No. 88 – All Glory, Laud and Honor........ Valet will ich dir geben

Choral Introit (10:45 a.m. only): A Fanfare for Palm Sunday......Katherine K. Davis
Canticle Choir

Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna, hosanna
Unto the Son of David.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna, hosanna
Unto the Son of David.

Welcome, Congregational Life & Extending Hospitality .................Sid Batts
(Please turn off cell phones, and refrain from using cameras during worship.)
Leader: Where have the forty days of Lent gone?
Voice 1: We’ve had forty days to remember who Jesus is,
Voice 2: forty days to find out who Jesus is.

Congregation: Forty days to look and to listen
to this man from Nazareth.

Leader: This man who walked into the hearts of the people,
this man who “stirred their imaginations,”
Voice 1: this man who is still walking into the hearts of his people,
Voice 2: still stirring the imagination of the people.

Congregation: Holy week is upon us.
We will raise our palms in joyful recognition!
We do know him.
Surely we do know him...

– from Ann Weems’ From Advent’s Alleluia to Easter’s Morning Light

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in
humility. Our servant king was ready to complete the task for which He
had entered this world. Forgive us for our arrogance in claiming we will
always know you and never deny you. Remind us that we are called to
journey to the cross and not hide in the shadows on Good Friday. Enable
us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them at your feet.
Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (8:30 a.m. only):

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days ............................................ST. FLAVIAN

Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering over past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

CHORAL RESPONSE (10:45 a.m. only): Ride On Now, O King!................. Helen Kemp Credo Choir

Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem;
Not proudly but humbly rode He.
Upon a brown donkey, a lowly beast,
Christ rode in humility.

Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!
Hosanna we sing to our Lord!
Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!
Hosanna we sing to our Lord!

Ride on now, O King, without scepter or crown,
Ride into the hearts of mankind!
Rule Thou our lives with love and peace,
Ride on now, O King divine!

Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!
Hosanna we sing to our Lord!
Hosanna we sing to Christ our King!
Hosanna we sing to our Lord!
WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON: Mark 11:1-10
Readers: Clara Pope, 8:30; Katherine Farless, 10:45
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN ....................................................... Lisa Witherspoon
(Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to Worship Enrichment, 10:45 a.m. service)

ANTHEM: Forty Days.............................................................. Matt Maher

Rejoice! Ensemble
Chancel Choir

Forty days to wander,
Forty days to die to self.
Forty days to grow stronger,
As faith breaks open the gates of hell.
The jubilee is over,
But grace is far from gone
In the hearts of the faithful,
Broken on the wheels of love.

‘Cause in the desert of temptation
Lies the storm of true conversion.
Where springs of living water,
Drown and refresh you.
And as the Jordan pours out change,
Your true self is all that remains
Where springs of living water
Bind and break you.
(Bind and break you)

Forty days to remember
The Paschal sacrifice.
Forty days to discover
His passion calls us to new life.
The jubilee is over,
But mercy’s far from gone.
In the arms of the Father
As the wayward child comes home.

SECOND LESSON: Mark 14:32-42
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.
**Sermon: Jesus’ Questions on the Road to Resurrection:**
5. Are you Still Sleeping? ........................................................... Sid Batts

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

*Hymn of Response: No. 91 – Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*....................ST. DROSTANE

*Affirmation of Faith* ............................................................. Dolly Jacobs (8:30 a.m.)

Neil Dunnavant (10:45 a.m.)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.

– The Order of Saint Columba, Patmos Abbey, Australia

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**Prayers of the People concluding with 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: Out of the Deep..............................................Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Chancel Choir

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee;
Therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait in him;
in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Glory 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.

– Psalm 130

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION ................................................................. Dolly Jacobs (8:30 a.m.)
Neil Dunnavant (10:45 a.m.)
* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ......................... Sid Batts

* BENEDICTION:
Minister: Paul says, the Fruit of the Spirit is...
All: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
May we live by the Spirit.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.......... PASSION CHORALE

Voluntary: Postlude Apparition de l’église éternelle...... Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
John Alexander, organ

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TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Sid Battts, Senior Pastor

Dolly Jacobs, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care (8:30 a.m.)

Libby Boehne, Cynthia Price Pastoral Resident (10:45 a.m.)

Neil Dunnavant, Executive Pastor and Associate for Outreach Ministry (10:45 a.m.)

Lisa Witherspoon, Interim Associate Director of Children’s Ministry (10:45 a.m.)

Lane Ridenhour, FPC Member (8:30 a.m.)

Ralph Davison, FPC Member (10:45 a.m.)

Molly Pope, FPC Child (8:30 a.m.)

Hodges King, FPC Child (10:45 a.m.)

Clara Pope, Lay Reader (8:30 a.m.)

Katherine Farless, Lay Reader (10:45 a.m.)

Mac Presson and Joseph Colodonato, Acolytes (10:45 a.m.)

Robert Wells, Director of Music Ministry

John Alexander, Associate Director of Music and Principal Organist

R. Colin Burns, Associate Director Of Music for Children and Youth

James Keith, Associate Director of Music Ministry for Rejoice!

Radha Upton, Piano

Chancel Choir

Rejoice! Ensemble

Credo Choir

Canticle Choir
WE WELCOME YOU ... to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we encourage you to wear a nametag, available in the blue Welcome notebooks.

VISITORS AND MEMBERS, please sign the attendance pad in the Welcome notebooks. We are a big church. We care about how folks are doing and try to pay attention when our members haven’t worshiped with us in a while. Please help us know you are here this week by signing your name. And please note the names of others on your pew and say “Hello!”

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN, we offer ways to make worship meaningful for them:

Nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 in the Corl Building. Our child protection policy helps ensure our care is safe, loving and appropriate.

Children in Worship bags at entrances help children learn about worship. Please return the bags with bookmarks and crayons after the service.

Worship Enrichment: After the children’s message in the 10:45 service, ages 4 to 7 are invited to follow adult leaders for a children’s worship time. They will return after the sermon.

Restrooms, including a family room, are located off the hallway behind the pulpit and chancel. We encourage young children to be accompanied by parents any time they leave the sanctuary.

Liturgical season
The liturgical color purple seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors’ stoles signifies the season of Lent.

The Season of Lent (from the PCUSA website)
The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days — like the flood of Genesis, Moses’ sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah’s journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah’s call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus’ time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

In the early church, Lent was a time of preparation for the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil. In many communities of faith it remains a time to equip and nurture candidates for baptism and confirmation and to reflect deeply on the theme of baptismal discipleship.

Pastor on call
When church offices are closed and you have an emergency, call the main church number, 373-0445, and enter 1-2-3-4 when the greeting begins. Leave a message with your phone number and the pastor on call will be in touch with you.

About this morning’s palms
The palms today are given in loving memory of Virginia “Ginger” Bass Galloway, Virginia Vanstory Bass, Luther Thomas Bass, Lily Elvin Currie, Ethel Margaret Currie and Frank Currie by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Currie, Jr. and Alexis.

Parking assistance
Anyone with mobility issues may drive to the Greene Street entrance before worship to have a trained volunteer park your car and return it after worship.

This morning’s special offering
Today our special offering will benefit One Great Hour of Sharing, which supports ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement and community development. See the bulletin insert to learn more.

Easter Sunday worship times
Next week we celebrate with four services:
• 7 am Sunrise service, in Memorial Columbarium
• Sanctuary services at 8:30 and 10:45 am
• 10:45 am Rejoice! service in the Life Center
At 10 am, children will gather at the Columbarium to ring bells and sing the Easter Alleluias! You are invited to bring a flower for the cross. No regular children’s church school or youth activities.