

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Palm Sunday
March 28, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scriptures for this morning: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Pew Bible pages 492-493); Philippians 2:5-11 (page 954) Appeal that the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ. Isaiah 50:4-9 (page 594) Through suffering, those whose help is in the Lord shall not be put to shame. Luke 19:28-40 (page 854) Jesus approaches Jerusalem amid shouts of praise.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *On this day we welcome you into our worship as pilgrims welcomed you into Jerusalem. We follow behind you on your dangerous way as your disciples followed you to the cross. Give us the grace to dare to walk with you. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

**BELL PEAL
WELCOME**

PRELUDE "St. Theodulph" arr. Ryan
(Handbell Choir)

SERVICE OF LENTEN CANDLES

INTROIT (Hymn #309) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Divinum Mysterium

SOLO: Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

CHOIR: O Ye Heights of heaven adore Him, Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

LITANY

LEADER: Let us enter God's gates of justice with thankful hearts.
PEOPLE: **Anyone who trusts in God can enter.**
LEADER: This is God's day of celebration.
PEOPLE: **Palm branches mark the worship we offer God.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

LEADER: As we extinguish the sixth Lenten candle, we recall that God's Son, Jesus Christ, became one of us so that we may have access to God and this becoming possible through Christ's life of loving sacrifice and death on the cross.

UNISON PRAYER

O God, what Jesus has done for us is wonderful beyond words. He was your Son, but rode into the great city of Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Joining together we proclaim, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" – evermore and evermore. Amen.

***ALL: (Hymn #309) "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Divinum Mysterium**
Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

LEADER: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
PEOPLE: Peace on earth, and glory in the highest heaven.
LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
PEOPLE: Those who trust the Lord say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever!"
ALL: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" St. Theodulph**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us..
PEOPLE: But, if we confess our sin, God will not only forgive us,
but will remove our sin from us
as far as the east is from the west.
LEADER: Let us, then, come near to the throne of grace
confessing our sin against God and neighbor.
ALL: Jesus, you once entered the city where you were to die, riding on a lowly
donkey, surrounded by the shouts of people who lacked the
understanding to comprehend what was really happening. You looked
at them with love. We too bring our limited understanding, our sinful
acts of commission and omission. As the people spread their garments
on the road, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at

your feet all that we have and are, and to bless you, the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We confess and worship you here on earth and claim the promise of your eternal triumph when we will bear in our hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before you, and every tongue confess that you are Lord, to the glory of God.

(Silent prayer)

LEADER: We pray this in the name of Jesus.

ALL: **Hosanna! Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

PEOPLE: **Even as resurrection lay on the other side of the cross, so the freedom of forgiveness lies on the other side of confession.**

LEADER: Jesus bore the weight of the cross and the weight of our son that we and the whole world might know without a doubt the extent of God's enduring and forgiving love.

ALL: **Praise to Christ our Savior!**

RESPONSE (Hymnal #573) **"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"** Kyrie

Cantor: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Eric Houghton
(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Philippians 2:5-11

ANTHEM **"Hosanna in the Highest"** Anonymus

GOSPEL READING Luke 19:28-40

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON **"On the Road of Forgiveness"** Rev. Jack Hicks

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Iona Community Worship Book

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea and sky. Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters and to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Spanish Hymn"

arr. Edwards

(Handbell Choir)

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) *"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

THE SENDING

*HYMN #91 **"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"** St. Drostan

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (Hymn #89) **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"** Ellacombe

ALL: **"Hosanna in the highest!"** That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King,
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

*CHARGE

*POSTLUDE **"God of Grace, God of Life"** arr. Rogers
(Handbell Choir)

**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

WELCOME REV. JACK HICKS Jack is married to Beverly and is father to Kira, Jillian and Judd who are all in graduate school. He has served congregations in New York City and Wisconsin both as Pastor and as Minister of Music. After attending First Presbyterian for several years Beverly and Jack joined this past autumn as affiliate members and are enjoying the new friendships being formed.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 4, 2010 will be Easter Sunday. *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Pew Bible pages 492-493); 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (page 936) Christ is first fruits of all who die. Isaiah 65:17-25 (pages 607-608) God promises a new creation of the heavens, the earth and Jerusalem. John 20:1-18 (pages 882-883) Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb; does not recognize Jesus*

PRAYER FOR PEACE - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is today, March 28. One Great Hour of Sharing offers hope for those most helpless: We walk toward recovery and wholeness with those whose lives have been shattered by disaster; we stand with communities facing the slower crises of hunger, disease, unemployment, and environmental degradation that make them vulnerable even before disasters strike as we saw in Haiti. In sharing resources with people in need around the world, we not only witness God's love in action in their lives, but feel it moving in our own. Please give generously to the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. *Dear God, teach us the art of sharing, the generosity of giving time or money from our hearts, to those in need. Help us to hear the cries for help. Help us to see the not-so-obvious shrinking back or tearful reply, and give us patience to hear it out, to listen well, and to understand. If we have goods or wealth to share, give us the understanding that only in sharing that wealth is it given value. We seek your strong guidance in all we do, especially in our sharing and caring for others in this world. Amen.*

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before “THE WORD”, girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on “Sonshine Mountain”. Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Doug Davis, Richard Simon, Frank Thorne, Mary Thorne

LITURGIST: Manny Garcia

ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Marge and Richard Simon in loving memory of Marge's mother, Margaret Blair

John C. Smith, Jr. in loving memory of Barbara Polley Smith

Kathy Esposito in memory of her mother, Bernice Kersten, on her birthday

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday (31st)

6:00 p.m.

Dinner (Youth cooks)

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study (Doyle)

7:00 p.m.

Video Club

7:00 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsal

8:00 p.m.

Worship Café Rehearsal

Thursday (1st)

7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday (2nd)

9:00 a.m.

Growth Task Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER – This week the Youth will cook baked ziti, salad, and garlic bread. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register.

EASTER LILIES Sign up on the bulletin board in Hager Hall or call the church office at 727-733-2318 to help adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The plants are \$8.00 each and may be taken following the 11:00 a.m. service. (There will be two traditional services on Easter at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. A sunrise service will be held on the Dunedin Causeway at 7:00 a.m.)

FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS April 11th 7-8:15 p.m. in the church library. Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. Don't miss the discussion about this historical fiction, based on real events in France (1942) during World War II. Discussion leaders: Iris Shalit and Joann Burrows.

CARDBOARD EGG CARTONS NEEDED for Vacation Bible School. If you buy eggs in cardboard, not Styrofoam, please bring your empty containers to the front office or leave them at the welcome table on Sunday morning.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on Edgewater Drive, Dunedin at 12 Noon on Good Friday, April 2. The walk will begin at Good Shepherd and proceed through downtown Dunedin ending back at the church. Good Friday liturgy and Tenebrae service at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER BRUNCH is coming! Membership/Development is sponsoring a spectacular all-you-can-eat Easter brunch buffet on Sunday, April 4th. There will be one seating only after the 11:00 service. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. *Tickets are available at the welcome table in Hager Hall.*

COPIES OF A PRAYER FOR HAITI When Rosemarie Rowney was with us two weeks ago sharing news of the ministry of the Haiti Nursing Foundation, she shared a prayer with us which was written by a Stephens Minister in a church in Ann Arbor Michigan. Copies are available at the Welcome Table in Hager Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS - the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Family and friends of Paul Kuehner, who died March 18. Service will be in Slatington, PA.*
- Beth Hoffer, daughter of Joe and Donna Hoffer, undergoing tests
- Lillian McKibben at home
- Joe Tilney at Mease Continuing Care
- Paul Hoffer, son of Joe and Donna Hoffer, who suffered a heart attack in Denver, CO
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- For improved health: David Eichenberger, Jack Gardner, Mary Greenlee-Krull, Scott Miller, Cathy Davide, John Keller, Thelma Powell, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Marge Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Bob Harvie, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Missio Dei Community (formerly the Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg), a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finance

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1

Tenebrae - Service of Darkness
7:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir/Communion

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4

Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m. - Contemporary – Dunedin Causeway
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Services in the church sanctuary
Easter Brunch – following the 11:00 a.m. service

First Church Financial Status on: March 24, 2010

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 120,139	\$ 96,700	\$ 23,439
Pre-School	\$ 58,142	\$ 44,574	\$ 13,568
Totals:	\$ 178,281	\$ 141,274	\$ 37,007

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