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Service of Worship
March 29, 2015 at 11:00 am
Palm Sunday

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

Our ushers have large print editions of the Bible and today's bulletin, hearing devices, activity bags with quiet activities for children staying in worship, and directions to our Monticello Wing nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Welcome

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Peter Williams

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Palm Processional

* Processional Hymn No. 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

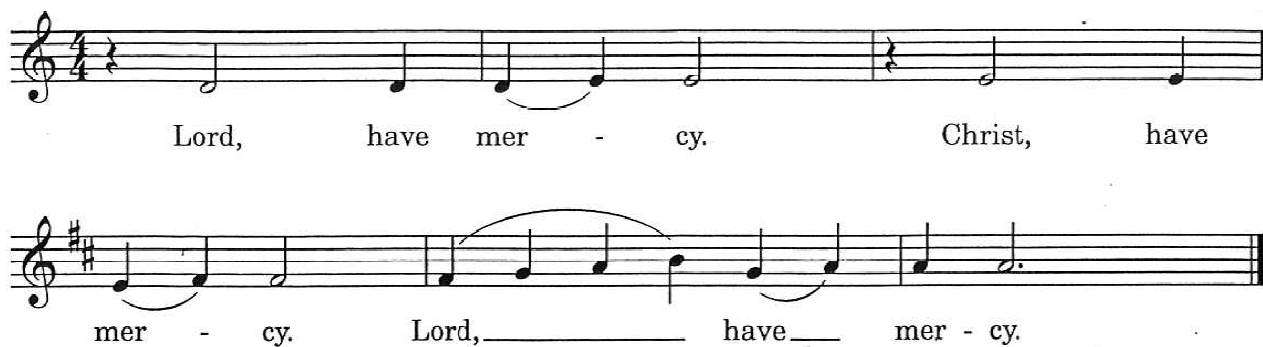
Rev. Clover Beal

We come to the procession but then we scatter. We follow you, Lord, but only for a little while before the distractions come, and the tensions arise. We rejoice at the thought that your kingdom is at hand; but the cost is too great and we return to our homes disappointed. Forgive us for not claiming your kingdom and living in its light. Forgive us for the injustice and the division and the way we waste your abundant grace. Forgive us for not following you down the hill.

Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips



Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Assurance of Pardon

*** Response** (John Bell)

sing

Men start, women

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Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Sacrament of Baptism for Samuel Salkin

Congregational Response

Samuel, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Reception of New Members

*** Hymn No. 200**

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

Children in Pathways may leave during the hymn

Prayer requests may be passed to the ushers during this hymn

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Mark 11: 1-11

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

"Get Up on That Donkey, and Ride!"

Prayers of the People

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.

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign

Offertory

John Rutter

"Requiem Aeternam" (from *Requiem*)

sung in Latin

Grant them eternal rest, Lord God, we pray to thee, and light perpetual shine on them forever. Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion; thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem. O hear us, Lord; hear thy faithful servants' prayer; to thee shall all mortal flesh return. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Hymn No. 198

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

The cross is carried out as the choir sings "Ubi Caritas"



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, **www.fhcpresb.org**, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Congregational Notes

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Roz, Graham and Joyce Peters in loving memory of parents Evelyn and Vladimir Peters, grandparents of Scott Peters and Deborah Peters, and great-grandparents of Alexandra, Mackenzie, Cameron, Caleb and Aiden; and by Ellen McChesney and Carol and Jeff Phillips in loving memory of Clarence and Marjorie McChesney and Glen and Margaret Phillips.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Kay Currie, Chuck Ishler, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Bill Proudfit, Ron Register, George Seidel, Margaret and George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron and Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene and Jack Quinn, Margie and Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

Please pray for Diane and Tom McFiggen and their family; Diane's mother Frances Mika died March 20.

Pray also for Don and Nancy Grube and their family; Don's brother Norman Grube died March 25.

We invite you to write prayer requests on a slip of paper from the envelope rack and pass it to an usher during the singing of the middle hymn, to be included in the prayers later in the service. Lists of ongoing prayer concerns are in each month's **TOWER**.

Thank you to today's ushers and to head usher Roger Heineman. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

Attendance last week (including Pathways children): 262

Announcements

TODAY

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Today we celebrate the baptism of Samuel Christopher Franklin Wayne Salkin, son of Heidi and Steve Salkin. Kathryn Eloff is the attending Elder.

Please welcome today's class of new members: Mike Cosgrove, Julie Gran, Mary and Steve Hosier, Paolo Iannarelli, Sherry Leinweber, Heidi Salkin, Mike and Becky Stawovy, Leslie and Rob Strachan, and Chris Vandall and Marcie Denton.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is **Mark 14:1 – 15:47**.

The Easter and Holy Week schedule is on p 12

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Groups

Young Adults (20s-30s)

The Young Adults' Second Sunday Brunch will be held at **Fire** on Shaker Square on April 12. Contact Lane Baldwin (lshetz@gmail.com) for more information.

Pacesetters (50s-60s)

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Pacesetters will be celebrating with their Annual Poetry Night on Saturday, April 18 at 7 pm at the home of Scott and Sue Lafferty, 1969 Bromton Drive, Lyndhurst. Please see the weekly enews for details, or contact Sue Lafferty (440-449-2361 salaff@sbcglobal.net).

Care Group

The Canaan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during April. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care Group are:

Gretchen Reynolds, Deacon leader	Ginie Mast
Shawn Bittner	Laurie & Eric Muller-Girard & family
Mark Chupp & Sharon Shumaker	Jeanette Nemcek
Lisa Chuppa	John Prentice
Bob & Joanne Dawson	Rob Reynolds
Muriel Dean	Margaret & George Sentell
Libby Dolan	Franklin & Naana Soadwa
Beth & Bill Forsythe & family	Chuck & Rosanna Sprague
Carol Hopkins-Lutz	Joy Stang
Callie Janor	Debbie & Don Ungemach & family
Allan & Zivile Khoury	Todd Webster, Vikki Nowak & family
Lisa & Jed Koops & family	LeAnn West
Laurie & Keith Logan	Peggy Yeager

Softball

Softball season is approaching. The 9-time Heights Church League Champion FHC softball team is looking for members and visitors to join the softball team for the 2015 season. If you are interested, please contact Jason Hidek (jason.hidek@att.net).

Youth News

Every Sunday

- Mid and Sr High classes meet from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Today

- **Mission trip meeting today!** 12:30 in the Koinonia Room
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Attention all youth ages 14-18:
We have a Mission Trip coming up in late June!
If you want more information about it,
please come to an informational meeting TODAY
at 12:30 pm in the Koinonia Rm.

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Calendar: March 29 – April 5, 2015

<p>Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday 9:00 Child care begins 9:30 Adult and Youth Education Confirmation Descant Choir 10:15 Descant Choir activity 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir Session and New Members meet 11:00 WORSHIP: Baptism, Reception of New Members Children in Worship class 11:15 Pathways 12:15 Coffee hour 12:30 Youth: Mission Trip Meeting 5:00 Living in the Spirit class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HOLY WEEK</p> <p>Monday, March 30 8:45 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 6:30 pm Sacred Space Comm. meeting 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm AA: Borton Group Boy Scout Troop #403</p> <p>Tuesday, March 31 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry opens 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 1 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA</p> <p>Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class 6:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Worship 8:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, April 3: Good Friday 10:00 am Al Anon meeting 12:00 pm Community Worship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church</p> <p>Saturday, April 4 8:00 am Men's Group 8:00 pm Easter Vigil</p> <p>Sunday, April 5: Easter 8:45 Child care begins 9:00 Worship (Chapel) 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Continental Breakfast Chancel Choir 11:00 WORSHIP 12:15 Coffee hour</p>
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Holy Week and Easter at FHC

Palm Sunday, March 29: Procession with palms as worship begins

Maundy Thursday, April 2: Dinner at 6:30, worship at 7:30

**Good Friday, April 3: Community worship at St. Paul's, 12-3 pm
– "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Clover Beal is preaching on
The Fifth Word, "I Am Thirsty."**

Holy Saturday, April 4: Easter Vigil, 8 pm

Easter, April 5

Worship in the chapel, with communion, 9 am

Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-8 in the Christian Education wing at 10:15 am – meet in the Christian Education lobby. Older children (through 5th grade) may come to pick up a goodie bag.

Worship in the sanctuary, with communion and the Hallelujah Chorus, 11 am

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Reservation sheet for Maundy Thursday Dinner
April 2, 6:30 pm

Name _____

Number attending _____

Yes, I can come at 5 pm to help set up _____



Psalm 118 *(to be read responsively)*

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

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 he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11

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.

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