First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day Palm / Passion Sunday

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

March 29, 2015

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

"Fanfare and Processional"

Wagner

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:26-27

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" * Processional Hymn 196 Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

O Lord.

on this day you entered the rebellious city that later rejected you. We confess that our wills are rebellious, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken. to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 578

"O Lord, Have Mercy"

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Mark 11:1-11 (NT, p. 47)

Psalter: Psalm 118 (Hymn 681)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"Ride On!"

Douglas E. Wagner

Our children are invited to "Joyful Noise" in room 103 (10 am service only).

Second Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9(a) (OT, p. 681)

Sermon: "Courage"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hvmn 214

"You Are My Refuge, Faithful God"

* Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. Being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Offertory

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Lovelace

- * Doxology (606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

"Procession to Calvary"

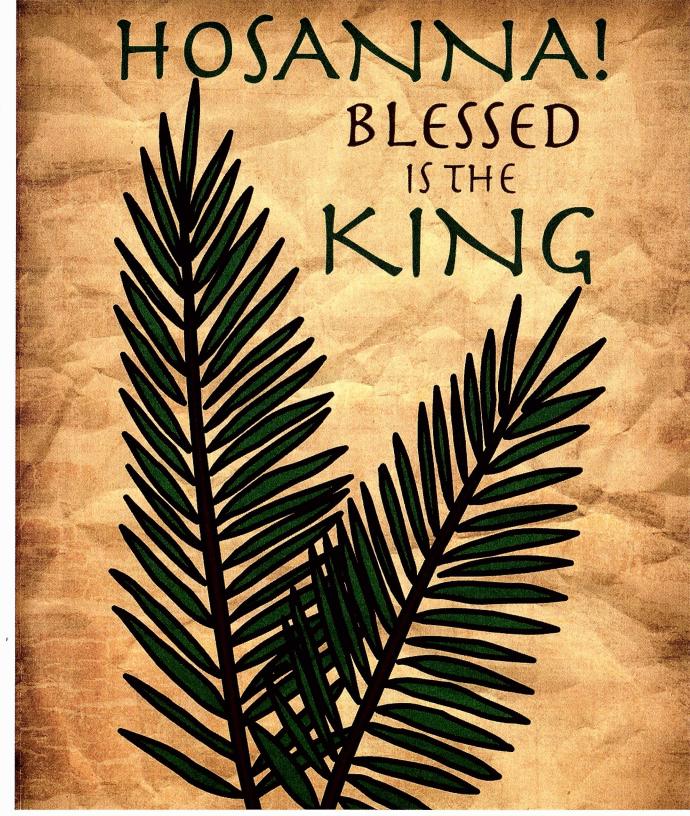
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The flowers this morning have been given by Nancy Owens to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of her grandson Henry Nicholas Owens.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Rev. William G. Carter Director of Educational Ministries Tina Ide Director of Music Susan Kelly Organist Kay Ten Eyck Liturgist Steuart Bailey Joyful Noise leaders Kate Hopkins, Robin Pinches Ushers Vi Dygert, Jack Pittman

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^{*} All who are able shall stand.