

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn #606

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 (in unison)**

Blessed is the one who comes in your name, O Lord! With these gifts, we would follow you even as you lead us into the deepest sacrifice. We glory in the drama of your salvation. We give you thanks, because you are good, because your faithful love lasts forever. Amen.

HYMN #196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *The Gates of Jerusalem* *Paxton*

***Please stand if able.**

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:50 a.m. Meet in Fellowship Hall for Procession of the Palms
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: Two Cents a Meal offering
- 3:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Movie Night

Tuesday, April 4

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, April 5

STAR Homeschool Group meets downstairs

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Endowment Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, April 6

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

- 10:00 a.m. Lynchburg Retired Teachers Association Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 8

- 9:00 a.m. Biscuit Buddies
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL are Eric & Sharon Barringer and Maureen & Bob Lockridge.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Joy Jacob.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR APRIL are Sharon Barringer & Sam Miller.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

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Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

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The Service for the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

WELCOME Richard Goodman
ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Goodman
MINUTE FOR MISSION Peggy Deyerle
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Richard Goodman
*We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church:
"The peace of Christ be with you." & response "And also with you."*

PRELUDE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* arr. Austin
Handbell Choir

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*HYMN #197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

*CALL TO WORSHIP David Webb, Jr., Liturgist

L: Let the people cry out!

P: Hosanna! Hosanna!

L: We come to the precipice of the holiest of weeks.

P: **We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

L: Jesus leads us through this week and we will follow, we wave our palm branches in anticipation!

P: **Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the Kingdom of God.**

*OPENING PRAYER David Webb, Jr., Liturgist
Holy God, in the midst of the loud "Hosannas!", as the waving palm leaves rustle in unison, quiet our pre-conceived notions...and hush our sure grasp of your truth...so that we may perhaps discover something about your vision...your hope...your purpose for our life...that changes the way we think, act, and do. Amen!

*CALL TO CONFESSION David Webb, Jr., Liturgist
We are capable of making decisions that show regard for everyone...but we are also capable of making decisions that don't. Let us join together in confession our sin before God and one another, let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION David Webb, Jr., Liturgist
God of our salvation, we grasp our coveted palm branches and we sing and we shout, "Hosanna!" We want you to save us, but we are not always sure what that means. You have come to vanquish the status quo, but we are comfortable in our lives. You have come to turn the world upside down, but we are afraid that you might shake things up more than we would like. We like the palm branches, we even like the hymns; but we just want to go home after the parade. Forgive our lack of vision, forgive our lukewarm passion, forgive our small-mindedness. Inspire us to step off the curb and start marching at your side into the glory of the Kingdom. Amen.

(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON David Webb, Jr., Liturgist
The bad news is...no matter what you do or don't do, these lush, shiny, green palm leaves are going to eventually wither, dry, and turn brown. But the good news is...no matter what you do or don't do, the tireless, relentless, limitless love of God always remains, unshakably, the same.
So let's sing and give thanks to God! Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

Glory be to the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen,

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

The Valley of the Dry Bones (traditional, US) Richard Goodman

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:19-29 Bible, page 695
David Webb, Jr., Lector

ANTHEM *Fanfare for Palm Sunday* arr. Davis
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11 Bible, page 27

SERMON An Invitation: To Witness Richard Goodman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Palms* arr. Ellson
2 Cents a Meal Offering