

**Bethany Memorial Church
(Disciples of Christ)
March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday-Easter Offering**

Welcome! As we reopen the sanctuary for worship, please ensure the safety of your church family by social distancing, wearing a face mask, and refraining from singing.

Prelude

Vicki NeCastro
Brenda Hart

**Welcome
Announcements**

Jan Forsty

Video of the Palms

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Forsty

HYMN OF PRAISE: #192 vv. 1-3

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

All glory, laud, and honor, to you Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater son;
You ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one.

The company of angels are praising you on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise,
To you now high exalted, our melody we rise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jan Forsty

*Our Father/Mother 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.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And, also with you.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Sharon Watkins

SCRIPTURE READING

Jan Forsty

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SPECIAL MUSIC
SERMON

Brenda Hart
Rev. Watkins

"How Low Can You Go?"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION
CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery
Jan Forsty

DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER

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

COMMUNION INVITATION
THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

Vonnie Larson
Vonnie Larson

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN #200 vv.1-3

"What Wondrous Love is This"

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse

for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

Rev. Watkins
Vicki NeCastro

PRAYER LIST

All those affected by Covid-19 both in our community and beyond.

Karol Puskarich

The Wasser family (friends of Vicki NeCastro)

Ned George and family (father of David George)

Mike Cunningham (Sydma's Dad)

Jean McVicar (Mother-in-Law of Connie McVicar)

Charles Cole (John Cole's brother)

Mary Ann Eisenhauer

Jennifer Knisley

Hunter Knisley

Brenda Mayer (First Christian Church of Weirton)

Ed Rodgers (Vicki NeCastro's father)

Gary and Vonnie Larson

Ashley Pietrangelo, niece of Penny Tittle

Mark and Donna Sutherland, brother and sister-in-law of Pat Sutherland

Lynn Cowell, brother of Shirley Kemp

Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)

Jackie Andrews

Jeanne Cobb

David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)

Tammy Ritchea

Ruth Tye, Jeannie Sarg Tye, and Jay Tye

Jack Hoffman

Perry Jones, Jr.

Jeffrey Yost

Caden Knisley

Ellen Sanford

Mary Jane Jackson

Holly, Frank, and Sharley Hillgardner

Donna Norman (Becky Ayers' sister)

Dottie Smith

Linda Owens Walters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule

March 28 Palm Sunday Service

10:45 am

(Palms will be distributed early so a palm procession video can be made)

March 28 Prayer Walk/Stations

2:00 pm

Campbell Labyrinth and Disciples Historical Society

Sponsored by Disciples and Friends of Bethany College

April 1 Maundy Thursday Service

7 pm

April 2 Holy Friday

Day of Prayer and Reflection

(at the Campbell Mansion labyrinth or by using the finger labyrinth from Lenten bag. If you need a template, contact the office.)

April 4 Easter Sunrise Service – 7 am

You are invited to join Oglebay's sunrise service with Sharon preaching.

April 4 Easter Sunday Service

10:45 am

Bible Study will take place at 7:15 pm on March 29 via Zoom. Scripture covered will be:

Mark 16:1-8 Acts 10:34-43 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting will take place on Thursdays of each week at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you would like to attend, call the church office so we can make sure you receive a Zoom invitation.

Congregational Board Meeting – Monday, April 12. Details when available.

April 18 – Faithful Conversation with the Christian Church of Wilkinsburg at 1:30 pm on Zoom.

The facilitator will be one of the Wilkinsburg church's African American young people, Tenaeja is a senior in high school in a predominantly Caucasian school district. She wrote to her school board about the racial inequities she experienced and lack of teachers of color as well as stories and faces of people of color in the curriculum. Zoom invitations will be sent when closer to the event. We hope you will plan to support this amazing young woman!

Outreach Projects – This is the last Sunday BMC is collecting needed supplies for women and children served by various agencies and shelters in our communities. The need is great for **diapers, wipes, and formula, and for feminine hygiene products**. Please contribute what you can by dropping your gifts at the church, sending a clearly marked check, or calling us to pick up your contributions. **Wednesday, March 31 is the last day contribute.**

Food Pantry – Let's keep the front porch food pantry stocked! Those in need appreciate it.

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on March 28 and April 4, 2021, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Please give as you are able.

Easter Offering

a special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
March 28 and April 4, 2021



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