

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." 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.

Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang:
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"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!

Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. First, we greet you with praise, then we abandon you in peril. First, we welcome you with songs, then we forsake you in

suffering. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Special Music

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Affirmation of Faith

(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.

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Benediction

Postlude

In the weeks to come, please check for news and updates on our facebook page – The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville; our website – www.r-church.com; or call the church office – 724-459-7991, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

We will do our best to continue to share worship with you online until the quarantine is lifted.

Hosanna
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