

White Memorial Presbyterian Church-Willow Spring, NC

The Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

Liturgical Color – Purple

March 29, 2020

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation

I rise, O God, awakened by your Word, to live another day. Lead me in your path. Show me the steps to take toward greater faith. Hold me in your care as I move through this Holy Week where the shadows deepen even in the daylight. Hosanna! Save me now, dear God! Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

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

Opening Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Prayer of Adoration

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Ps. 118:22

All: Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen. (Please observe a moment of silent confession).

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

One: Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Phil. 2:5

All: Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1–11

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Stirred Up"

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love is This

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

One: Our Savior comes to us humbly, riding a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace. Let us pray for the church, for Earth and all its creatures, and for all people in need, saying, **God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: That Christians hear and share the word of God as true disciples,

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

One: That all ends of the earth receive the words of the king of peace.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

One: That all leaders, of church and of state, prefer humble service to empty power.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

One: That all people live with gratitude for the gifts of nourishment, friendship, family, trust, patience, and hope with the courage and wisdom to change whatever fails to be life-giving.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

One: That those who see the cross starkly revealed in their lives draw strength from the name that is above every other name.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

One: That we might live with gratitude for our ancestors whose faith and witness have nourished our own, that all who mourn today will be comforted, and that we, who hope to greet Jesus when he comes again, will be ready and filled with joy.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

One: God our creator, you show your sons and daughters the way to freedom through the gentle obedience of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray when gathered together, **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.**

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Gather At Our Lord's Table

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: Morning by morning, creation's voices join in praising you.....

All: Holy, holy, holy,
God of enduring love.
From every part of creation come glad songs.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in humility and hope.
Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, sustainer of the weary.....

All: 'Hosanna! Hosanna! He is risen!'

One: As we journey through Jerusalem and beyond, as we struggle with death, loss, and grief we would ponder that mystery we call faith:

All: In trust, Christ died.
In joy, Christ was raised to new life.
In hope, Christ will come again.

One: Here at the Table graced with creation's gifts....

The Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion (*Unison*)

All: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Agustin Diaz (Arnulfo's grandfather); Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; Ron McMenamen; Ken Bianco; Jenn Baudoux; Ann Johnson, Terry DeMeyer, Ken Bianco, Nicole Stanley

Presbyterian mission and Presbyterian disaster Workers; Cindy Correl, Suzette Goss-Geffrard, Mark Hare

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyys, (Ft. Campbell, KY); Matthew Dunn, (Korea); Cortney Jones, (Ft. Meade, MD); Parker Bough, (Okinawa); 82nd Airborne Division, (Kuwait); Dalton Hayes, (Mexico)

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White Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.