

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Paul Manz
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

*PASSING THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35b*
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 118)

Liturgist

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful come and worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF CONTROL

Faith enables us to let go and to live out of control. When we learn to depend on God, we learn how to let go of control. Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week were not what the people hoped for or imagined when they dreamed of a Messiah. Christ is doing a new thing among us, so lay down your cloaks, shout hosanna, and risk following Christ all the way to the cross. (*Silence*)

As we extinguish this light, we let go of control. We let go of our assumptions, our own plans, our hopes, so that we can see Christ in our midst, transforming the world. (*The candle is extinguished.*)

Holy One, as we enter the coming days of darkness, remind us that you are the one who calls new life out of death, light out of darkness. Give us the strength to follow you to the cross. Amen.

*HYMN 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

As we face this day of palms and Jesus' journey to the cross with honesty, let us confess our sin before God. Let us pray:

Hold us close, patient God, for we know how hard this week can be. We see our own failures mirrored in the Passion story. We know we betray the trust given to us. We let our children down. We avoid the eyes of the homeless. We treat your creation with indifference and abuse. We deny your love by covering up our talents, hiding behind low self-esteem, looking to others to lead the way. We are frightened by the costliness of following you and fear that we will be found fleeing the scene or joining in with the accusing crowd. Loving God, hold us close and forgive us so we may move through the shadows, confront the

darkness and rejoice in the surprising triumph of your stronger-than-death love. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: **Christ has come to save and forgive us! Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, and new life. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5-11
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The Palms"

Fauré

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Unstoppable Faithfulness"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 199

"Filled with Excitement"

HOSANNA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From Romans 8)

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither
death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Lord As to Thy Dear Cross We Flee"

Donald Boston

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (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 OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

From Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, may God's infinite mercy grant you a journey of renewal and hope in prayer and reflection.

In joyful anticipation of our Lord's resurrection, we will live and serve this Holy Week in remembrance of Christ's love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Chaconne"

Louis Couperin

*Those who are able, please stand.

(You are welcome to be seated for the postlude or to leave the sanctuary directly after the benediction. Because our worship is primarily toward God and in response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, we refrain from applause. In our culture, applause is how we show appreciation for a performance. However, in worship, we are the "performers" for God. Thus, our singing, the music played, a solo or any other musical offering is an offering to God.)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

The Rev. Margie Osborn, Liturgist

Jim and Elaine Trent, Ushers

Judy Harnish, Martha Garber, Virginia and Jessica Gardener, Greeters

Ernie and Jennifer Abel, Lenten Readers

Tim Quist, Organist

Michael Beery, Music Director



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Today, St. Andrews will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering** which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self Development of People program. Through our gifts to OGHS we enable these organizations to become "repairers of the breach" (Isaiah 58:12) for people facing disaster, hunger, and oppression. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing. From your Mission Ministry Team

EASTER SUNDAY

Breakfast

March 31st at 9AM
Sign up in the Gathering Space

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024 - WORSHIP 10:30AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024 - WORSHIP 12:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29, 2024 - WORSHIP 12:00PM

BREAKFAST 9:00AM

Easter
— HE'S ALIVE —

MARCH 31, 2024 - WORSHIP 10:30AM



ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“ARTS ON THE HILL”
PRESENTS
CANTICUM NOVUM
JEFF COBB, CHORAL DIRECTOR
MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Friday, May 17, 2024

7:30PM

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

8190 Lincoln Rd.

Beulah, Michigan



ATTENTION!! ARTISTS!!!

The newly formed ARTS ON THE HILL MINISTRY TEAM (sponsored by the Bob McQuilkin Memorial Fund) is happy to announce that, once again, we'll be holding a VISIO DIVINA event in May. Visio Divina is defined as “the slow, thoughtful contemplation of a picture, photo, work of art, or really anything visual that invites God to speak to us in a deeper way”.

Back in 2018, we held an art event here in our Gathering Space. It was a grand success and our St Andrews community was able to provide examples of their creations. We're planning to do it again. The theme this year will be **SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF GOD'S WORLD.**

WHO? Those who attend our church

WHERE? In our Gathering Space

WHEN? May 17-26

WHAT? Art projects in a variety of mediums: paintings, drawings, photography, fabric art, sculpture, ceramics, needlework. Something newly created or created in the past.

WHERE DO I SIGN UP? There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space by the door. Forms will be given to you at a later date.

QUESTIONS?

Call Peggy Hawley (231-352-6197)
or Judy McQuilkin (231-383-5352).

We're eager for you to contemplate, during these winter months, what you might choose to display in May.

