

Morrisville Presbyterian Church

Morrisville, PA

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 28, 2010

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hosanna!

Theodore Dubois
Jennifer Moyer-Harrington, Acolyte

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rosenau

INTROIT

Hosanna! Christian Gregor (arr. Roberta Bitgood)
Cherub, Agape and Chancel Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP from *Psalm 118*

Pastor Hancock

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the LORD has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

All: his steadfast love endures forever.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM – *Luke 19:28-40*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88** – *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Congregation Standing (Those Who Are Able) ***Ushers Will Seat Worshipers

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION – Unison**

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you, and the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. Forgive us for our fickle faith. Give us constancy in our commitment to be your faithful disciples, and courage to take up our cross daily and follow you. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS – from Psalm 118**

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

All: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

All: **the Lord answered me and set me free.**

One: The Lord is my strength and my song;

All: **he has become my salvation.**

One: Friends, believe the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

***RESPONSE TO GOD’S PARDON – HYMN 567 – Glory to the Father**

GLORIA PATRI

***THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

As a sign of their reconciliation in Christ, the people share the peace of Christ, greeting one another with these or similar words:

“The peace of Christ be with you,” “Peace be with you,” or simply, “Peace.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 50:4-9a (Old Testament, page 640)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL READING – Luke 23:1-49 (New Testament, pages 83-84)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Pavonne
Chancel Choir

Klouse

SERMON

What Wondrous Love

Pastor Rosenau

SOLO

My Song is Love Unknown

Peter De Mets

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Unison**

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

***Doxology**

Solemn Procession

George Blake

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Now to Your Table

Peter De Mets

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One: It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God . . . Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

The congregation and choir sing Hymn 568:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ . . . Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

One: And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

One: May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way. In him we offer ourselves to do your will . . . Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Solitude (Edvard Grieg)

Marilyn Shenenberger, organ

Wondrous Love (Dale Wood)

O Sacrum Convivium (Biery)

Chancel Choir

O sacrum convivium!

in quo Christus sumitur:

recolitur memoria passionis ejus:

mens impletur gratia:

et future gloriae nobis pignus datur,

Alleluia.

How holy this feast

in which Christ is our food:

his passion is recalled,

grace fills our hearts,

and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.

Alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION – *Unison*

We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

***HYMN 101** – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Lift High the Cross

Sidney Nicholson (arr. Proulx)

***POSTLUDE**

Grand Choeur

Richard L. Purvis

WORSHIP NOTES

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION: Paul Clough, Beth Curtiss, Beth DiTulio, Ted Fletcher, Jim Harveson, Bob Holloway, Ken Junkins, Joe Keller, Lynda Kita, Scott MacDonald, Dee Ann Martin, Dave Mays, Hal Prosser, Curt Rimler

COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE FAITH.

At each celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, it is our custom to remember with gratitude the lives and witness of those members of this congregation who have died since the last time we gathered around this Holy Table. Today we give thanks to God for the lives of

Roy Schleicher who died February 19, 2010

Joanna Mershon who died February 22, 2010

Together with their families we take comfort in the promise of Christ: "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25-26)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 12 Noon, Chapel and 7:30 pm, Sanctuary

Good Friday Community Service, April 2, 12 Noon at Morrisville United Methodist Church;

Easter Sunday, April 4, 8:30 and 10:30 am, Sanctuary, child care provided

EXTRA PARKING ON EASTER SUNDAY – Extra Parking is available next Sunday at the Bank of America Parking Lot on Pennsylvania and Trenton Avenues (please don't park in front of the ATM Machine) and at J. Allen Hooper Funeral Home on Trenton Avenue.