



First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

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April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

Prayer of Preparation

by Joyce Rupp

God of Joy and Arrival, enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem. "My feet take me through each day but the rest of me just drags along, wondering if I will ever feel at home, doubting if this path is right for me. Assure me with glimmers of peace that this transition can be a source of growth. Grant me hopeful eyes to see beyond today to the time when joy will tumble freely. Lift up my heart and comfort me."

We Enter Into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prophetic Word

Zechariah 9: 9

*Processional Call to Worship 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle, Halle . . . lujah.

Halle, Halle, Halle . . . lujah.

Halle, Halle, Halle . . . lujah.

Halleluja . . . Halleluja

Hymn 616

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God
Who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love;
Our God is an awesome God!

The Pharisee

John the Disciple

Congregational Response 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Prayer of Affirmation (read in unison)

I am not putting down my palms. I believe that Jesus is my Messiah no matter what others say about riding on a donkey. It has been a long time coming, and I am no longer afraid to humble myself and claim Jesus as the Son of God. I believe that I have been forgiven and no longer need to beg when I stand with others who want to be healed. I can follow the light of this world. Because Jesus promised us when he left that the Holy Spirit would be with us, I too, can do great things and no longer need to live in the darkness that has overwhelmed me. Amen.

Choral Response

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
Chancel Choir

William Mathais

Prayer of the Day & Candle Meditation

Welcome

*The Passing of the Peace of Christ

Turn to your neighbor and pass the Peace of Christ

Joys and Hopes of the People of God & Lord's Prayer

+++*Latecomers may be seated at this time.*

We Hear God's Word

Song of Illumination

Kum ba Yah
Youth Choir

African American Spiritual

Gospel Lesson

Mark 11: 15 - 18

NT Pages 47-48

The Beggar Woman

Song of Expectation 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(v. 1 & 5)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 14: 1 - 11

NT Page 51

Mary of Bethany

Reflection

Rev. Eddie Jusino

We Respond To God's Word

*Confessing Our Separation from God (read in unison)

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago. We hunger for a hero, crave a glimpse of greatness, and starve for the spectacular. Yet, we doubt, Lord; we doubt you can deliver your people. From a crowd that waves palms with shouts of Hosannas we turn into a silent, fearful crowd. We wonder if your light can defeat the darkness of our fears, even the darkness of death. Strengthen us, Lord, so that we can return to you transformed. Amen!

Offering of the Gifts of the People

Processional

William Mathais

Signing of the Friendship Registers

*Doxology 698

Take, O Take Me as I am (2 times)

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (read in unison)

We have the means to give, we have the reason to give, and there are many waiting for us to give. Yet often, our hands hold back, and we hoard what we have for ourselves. God of grace, help us live and give in your kingdom of love, where there are no enemies, only brothers and sisters, and kindness is the air we breathe. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Enter Into the Mystery

*Hymn 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

John the Disciple

The shrouding of the Cross in purple

We hold in our prayers: names available in print version

Assisting in Worship

	April 9	April 16
Lector	Jerry Custer	Deb Lum
Ushers	Irwin Moyna Eddie Matteson Mitchell Cressman Pat Morgan	Howard Caylor Irene & Manny Sharpe
Greeters	Rusty Soronen	
Welcome Center	Carolee Caylor	Sue Carlson
Sunday Sextons	Jeff Ely Martha & Dale Countegan	Dave Carlson Nancy & Ron Prieskorn
Coffee Hour	Fellowship Ministry	Easter Brunch at 9:00 AM

A heartfelt word of appreciation to the cast:

Phil Maus – Zechariah, the Prophetic Voice

Paul Mc Vey – The Pharisee

Manny Sharpe – John the Disciple

Sally Kirsten – The Beggar Woman

Laura Hedgecock – Mary of Bethany

Chancel Choir

Youth Choir

Shari Fiore – Organist

Dr. Jerry Custer – Director of Music

Pam Jusino – Drama Choreographer

Ushers

Greeters

Congregation

Friends and Guests

*Return on **Maundy Thursday** at 7:00 PM for a Taize Candlelight service. Remember to “bring your own candle” representative of the light within as we prepare to share the Lord’s Supper and wash each other’s hands.*

***Ecumenical Good Friday Service** at 12:00 noon at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile Rd. (between Drake and Halstead roads). A combined choir from participating churches will sing. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please meet at the church at 11:00 AM to rehearse.*

***Easter Sunday** – Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 AM, brunch at 9:00 AM in Knox Fellowship Hall and Traditional Worship Service at 10:00 AM.*

Next Sunday on Easter morning: the mesh cross will be placed outside the entrance to the church. Please bring flowers from your garden or ones you purchased to insert into the cross and help beautify our church for Easter.

Notice! There will be no Shepherding calls made this spring because the Caregiving Ministry Team is reorganizing this ministry. More information will be forthcoming.

There is an opening for the church Administrative Assistant Position: If you are interested in this position or know of someone who might be, please contact Matt Mataya, Personnel Committee Chair.

Rebuilding Together Oakland County – Saturday, April 29, 2017

Rebuilding Together Oakland County

- a One-Day Project on Saturday April 29, 2017

Work on a FPC Farmington sponsored house! Register today online at

<http://rebuildingtogetheroaklandcounty.force.com>

- Complete “Volunteer Jobs”
- “City of Farmington Hills Rebuild Day 2017”

Questions? Contact House Captains:

- Tom Neal
- Dan Cressman

CROP Walk is May 7: The CROP Hunger walk brings our community together to assist hungry people at home and around the world. The money raised supports Church World Service work around the world in emergency response situations, as well as long term solutions, such as sustainable safe water supplies and food safety. Additionally, 25% of the money raised will go to local organizations; Neighborhood House, Baldwin Center, Salvation Army, Alexander’s Food Pantry and Yad Ezra.

Help by walking or supporting walkers! Checks can be made to CWS CROP and will be collected at church on Sunday, April 23rd and 30th. New this year: you can go online at www.crophungerwalk.org/farmingtonmi to make a donation anytime (click on Register, Donate, and donate to a team – Farmington 1st). Walking and sharing together with our community, we can help eradicate hunger and poverty in Oakland County and worldwide. Please join us by walking or donating!

Help restock the shelves at Neighborhood House: The shelves of Neighborhood House are nearly empty and they need our help! Neighborhood House serves Farmington/Farmington Hills residents who need assistance with food, shelter and clothing. While searching for permanent housing, many are aided by Neighborhood House in finding short term housing in hotels with a hotplate for cooking. On April 2nd and 9th we will collect canned food (fruit cups, canned chicken, ravioli, chili, stew, pudding cups, cereal, and diapers). Thanks for your consideration!

This Week At First Presbyterian

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:20 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

Monday, April 10

6:00 p.m. Piano lessons

7:00 p.m. Soul Stretch Yoga

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Men's breakfast at Leo's Coney Island

10:00 a.m. Lenten Study Group

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 12

6:30 p.m. Handbell rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m. ESL

6:00 p.m. SE MI Celiac board meeting

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday service

Saturday, April 15

12:00 p.m. Easter worship rehearsal

Sunday, April 16 Easter

8:00 a.m. Easter worship service with communion

9:00 a.m. Easter brunch

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Little Flock Bible Study

Monday, April 17 Easter Monday

Church building and office closed