

CALL TO CONFESSION

The shouting and waving palm branches inevitably dies out as we enter the time of trial. Lord, hear our prayers as we make our confession to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Heavenly Father, we confess that we love the idea of a Savior, of a Messiah; the idea excites us. Yet when we find out that we must go to the cross with Him, that we must be crucified in Him, we aren't so enthusiastic any more. We're not that crazy about the idea of dying to our old selves. Forgive us for the times that we hold back our devotion. Please meet us where we are and embolden us by your Holy Spirit to embrace fully a life in Christ. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Just because we have dropped our palm branches doesn't mean we can't pick them up again. God's grace will go before you and enable you to be in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

O God, your Word is more precious than gold and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace, so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses. May we respond with wonder, faith, and trust. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

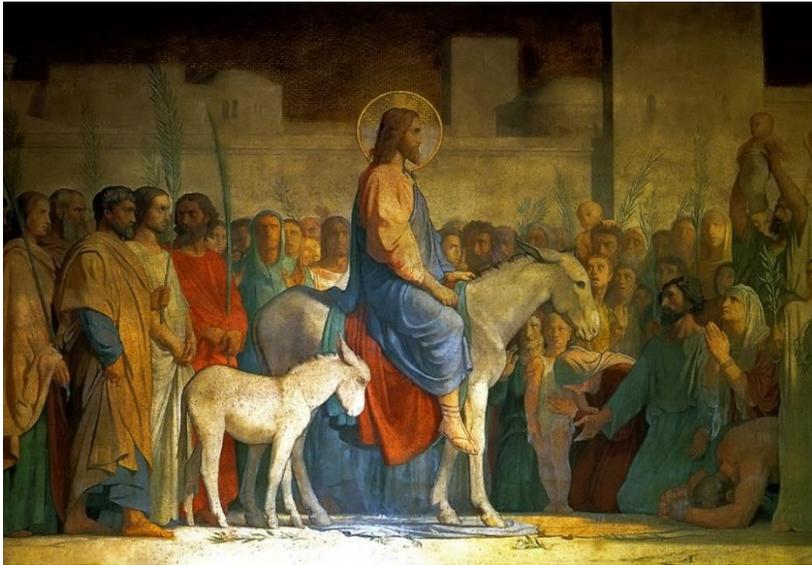
"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING

A graphic titled "3 WAYS TO GIVE" with a dark blue background. It features three white circular icons: a smartphone for "TEXT", a computer monitor for "ONLINE", and an envelope for "MAIL". Below each icon is the corresponding contact information: "Text \$ amount to 336.489.4483", "www.frontstreetumc.org/give", and "PO Box 2597 Burlington, NC 27216".

OFFERTORY

Doxology
Aldersgate Praise Band

Sandra McCracken

BENEDICTION

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WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude

"Valet will ich dir geben" is a Lutheran hymn written by Valerius Herberger (1562-1627) in response to a plague in his hometown of Fraustadt in 1613. It is a *Sterbelied* (hymn for the dying). The tune was composed by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) in 1615. The hymn tune is also known as "St. Theodulph" after Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans (750-821), who was the author of the Latin hymn which became, in John Mason Neale's 1845 English translation, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (No. 280 in The United Methodist Hymnal). Bach's organ setting places the chorale tune in the pedal in long notes. In the hands, ascending motives of fast, sixteenth-note triplets ornament the melody. Perhaps the jubilant nature of this setting highlights the theme of life after death from the original chorale text.

Valet will ich dir geben
Du arge, falsche Welt;
Dein sündlich böses Leben
Durchaus mir nicht gefällt.
Im Himmel ist gut wohnen,
Hinauf zieht mein Begier;
Da wird Gott herrlich lohnen
Dem, der ihm dient allhier.

("I want to bid you farewell,
You evil, false world
Your sinful, wicked life
It is not all pleasing to me.
In heaven it is good to dwell,
My longing is set on what is above
There God will reward forever
The person who serve him here.")

Opening Hymn

This joyful children's hymn comes from the pen of Jeanette Threlfall (1821-1880), an Englishwoman whose life was filled with pain and misfortune. Her hymn is based on the Mark 11:1-10 account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The text concerns the experience of the children who followed the procession through Jerusalem. It recounts Jesus' blessing of the children and tells that the children sang his praise. It ends as a hymn for today's worshiper, as the Church takes up the children's song of old. The tune ELLACOMBE is of German Roman Catholic origin, first appearing in a book used in the chapel of the Duke of Württemberg. Its present form and harmonization are that of William Henry Monk (1823-1889) for *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1868.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of their parents, Elizabeth and Bill Canaday and Dorothy and Art West, by Don and June West.

Bible Study and Coffee with a Pastor: Join Pastor Ross on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. via Zoom for a Bible study. This study is ongoing with Pastor Ross hosting the gatherings in April. Look for the Zoom link in Tuesday's *Front Street Happenings* email. If you would like to participate but are unable to join us on Wednesday mornings, these gatherings are recorded and posted on our website and available to view at a time that suits you.

Bible Summer Camps: Ms. Marcy will be hosting four exciting Bible camps this summer where children can grow in their faith through stories, crafts, games, and more. The camps offered are:

"Mystery Island" Preschool* Camp: June 21-24

"Mystery Island" Elementary Camp: June 28-July 1

"Rainforest Explorers" Preschool* Camp: July 26-29

"Rainforest Explorers" Elementary Camp: August 2-5

All camps are from 9:00 a.m. - noon. **Registration opens April 1** and spaces are extremely limited, so don't wait to register. These camps are open to children and grandchildren of Front Street members. There is no cost to attend. Register at www.frontstreetumc.org. *Preschoolers must be born before August 31, 2018.

Holy Week at Front Street:

Maundy Thursday ♦ April 1

Outside worship with Holy Communion @ 7 p.m.

Good Friday ♦ April 2

Outside worship at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday ♦ April 4

Sunrise Service: Outside worship at 7:00 a.m. Come and celebrate the resurrection.

Worship: Aldersgate service at 8:45 a.m. and traditional worship service at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Note: The outside services will be located in the grassy area beside the playground and parking lot (Webb Ave.) You are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair for these services.

Flower Cross: On **Easter Sunday (April 4)**, you are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the cross. This reminds us that through the cross and Christ's resurrection, we can have new life. The flower cross will be located on the grassy area beside the playground.

Sanctuary Flowers: The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **April 18 and May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

Cereal and Canned Goods for the Salvation Army: We continue to collect cereal and canned/dry goods for the Salvation Army. Please feel free to drop off these items any time during the month. You may deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet in the Welcome Center or call Betty Huneycutt (336-212-0704) for porch pick up. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.