



Palm Sunday
Fairmont Presbyterian Church
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FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

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10:30am
Palm Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

All Glory Laud and Honor

Alex Wyton

Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it

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

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. (Refrain)
2 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (Refrain)
3 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (Refrain)
4 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

Holy Lord, we confess that we join the crowds who one day celebrate your name and the next day deny you. We join with crowds who insult and alienate and blame. Forgive us when

we turn aimlessly away from you and your claim on our lives. Forgive our sin. Make us bold to follow you alone and not our desires. Open our hearts to see each other as you see us and open our ears to hear your Word that we may become your people...(time for silent prayer)...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response #576

Lord, Have Mercy

Singapura

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Children's Choir Anthem

Prepare the Way for Jesus

John R. Paradowski

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, You show us your more excellent way, the way of your Kingdom you intend for us and for all people.

People: **Blessed are the poor in spirit, who do not rely upon themselves, for they are open to receive everything from God.**

Leader: Blessed are those who mourn, who open space within themselves to be vulnerable and experience heartbreak, for in their emptiness they touch Divine Compassion.

People: **Blessed are the meek, who face and tame the wild anxieties and pervasive fears within, for they will inherit the earth.**

Leader: Blessed are those who hunger and search for righteousness, who yearn to find their deepest aliveness in God, for they will be filled with God's presence.

People: **Blessed are the merciful, who trust and participate in the giving and receiving of God's own life and love, for they will be filled with all they need.**

Leader: Blessed are the pure in heart, whose hearts are not divided, for they will see through the eyes of God.

People: **Blessed are the peacemakers, whose hearts are gentled and undivided, for they will live compassionately spreading harmony among God's children.**

Leader: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, who have learned to trust in Divine Mercy, for in their courage they model the life of God's Kingdom.

People: **Rejoice and be glad! You are on the same pathway to true life and freedom as the prophets and saints who walked before you.**

Leader: Teach us now this your way, O Lord, through the power of your Spirit that we may follow and make your life our life today. Amen.

First Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to

fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Treasures in Heaven
Chancel Choir

Joseph W. Clokey

Second Reading

Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

And the Parade Went On

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

Wild Mountain Thyme

Refrain:

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

3 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*unison responses in bold*)

Invitation to the Table

We Call Upon the Lord

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with 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 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.

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

We thank you O' God that through Word and Sacrament you have shared with us life and belonging in your Covenant through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Strengthen us by these your gifts so at that we may courageously live into the fullness of our identity as your children. Amen

Hymn 209

My Song Is Love Unknown
(verses 1-3)

Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from heaven's throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend!

3 Sometimes we strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all our breath,
and for his death
we thirst and cry.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

What Wondrous Love

Dale Wood

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Liturgy: The Beatitudes – Adapted with language and Insights from "Wisdom Jesus" by Cynthia Bourgeault.*

Within the Fellowship

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For emergencies, contact Rev. Brian Maguire at (937) 269-2864 or Rev. Kelley Shin at (937) 751-0752.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm—Join us as we celebrate Jesus' mandate to his disciples: to remember his sacrifice and to serve. You are welcome to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion in commemoration of our Lord's command.

Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00pm—Join us as we remember Jesus' final words and sacrifice on the cross.

Holy Saturday—A day when all creation waits in silence; a day to remember and to hope. The Good News of Jesus According to Matthew. Join us for our recorded reading of the Gospel of Matthew as we remember Jesus' life, mission, and teaching. A link will be sent via email on Saturday, April 8th, early morning.

Join us for worship Easter Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am!

Announcements

April 2023 Connections: The World of the New Testament

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be exploring the context of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew. Together we will explore the ways in which Jesus' world was so different from our own.

April 5 The Great Revolt

April 12 **No Connections** Happy Easter Season

April 19 **No Connections** Happy Easter Season

April 26 Matthew and Sectarian Judaism

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

No Bible Study this week. Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm.

There is NO Theology on Tap for the month of April due to Holy Week and Good Friday. We will meet again in May.

The Women of Fairmont will be having their Spring Gathering April 22 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 for lunch. Our speaker will be Leigh Ann Fulford who will be talking about suicide prevention. She for many years (with Sallie Luther) organized a walk to build awareness on this issue. She has now organized a high school GEM art Contest for Suicide Prevention. As a group we have supported these efforts. Please plan on attending! Let your circle leader know or let Jennifer in the office know that you will attend. Thank you.

Mark your calendars! Join us for a fun summer evening of baseball and fellowship at the Dayton Dragon's on Saturday, June 3rd! Starting in April, you will be able to sign up through a link on the Fairmont Presbyterian Church website. Reach out to Kelly Coan with any questions at (937) 470-3427.

2024 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked and sail on the Sea of Galilee? Join us on our Holy Land Pilgrimage January 29, 2024-February 8, 2024. This pilgrimage journey, sponsored jointly by Fairmont and Hilliard United Methodist Church will visit all the important locations in Jesus' life and ministry as well as visiting many of the important locations of the Old Testament. Pastor Brian, who has now led 16 Holy Land trips for pastors, seminary students, and the United States Army, will be leading the trip sharing his knowledge and helping us to more deeply experience the reality of God's revelation in this land that so many call Holy. A brochure with more information is available at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary and is available from the office as well.

Kettering Schools Mission: The Mission Team will be gathering items to help stock the Kettering High School nurse's station. They are serving nearly 2400 students. The items requested are for students who have medical needs (think diabetics and such) and right now they could really use a supply of the following: **saltine crackers (small individual packs are best but could also do bigger boxes), peanut butter crackers, juice boxes, and fruit snacks, tissues.** Please place your donations in the box labeled MISSION in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kerri Miles at kmjdjp53@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generous spirit.

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Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B \flat F B \flat C7

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B \flat C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B \flat Gm7 F B \flat F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B \flat F B \flat

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B \flat C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B \flat 2 B \flat *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.