



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude *Prelude on All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Bach

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David* Moe

Building the Lenten Cairn

Call to Worship

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. We confess that our faith is often more show than substance; our discipleship capricious. We confess that we mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king, a friendly companion, or problem-solver. This Lenten Season, though we have tried, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus on this journey to the cross. Forgive us, O God, and mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. In the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... All this is from God, who reconciled to herself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise

Hosanna

*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Walking the Path

Sarah Harris Wallman

Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (p. 735)

Psalm

Psalm 118:19-29

Second Lesson

John 12: 12-27 (p. 106)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Loving Life

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

From Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of humans in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on inhumanity and the awful consequences of complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates
from *Messiah*

Handel

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn 250

In the Bulb There Is A Flower

PROMISE

*Benediction

Postlude

O Sacred Head

Brahms

*Those who prefer to do so may remain seated.



Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven. We are glad you are here. We seek to be a warm and welcoming community of Christian people. If you are new to this congregation, please introduce yourself to others sitting around you, and to the pastor, so that we may welcome you personally. During the Words of Welcome, add your name to the Friendship Pad. Please plan to stay for the Friendship Hour following the service.

Participating in worship leadership this morning are:

Liturgist: Ralph Jones

Ushers: Sadako Ohki, Mary Webber, Paula Burkhard

Cantor: Bruce Peabody

Friendship Hour Hosts: Brian and Candice Gray

The Bulletin cover art was drawn by Lindsey Miller.

The Reverend J.C. Cadwallader may be reached at her email: PastorJC@fpcnh.org or the church phone (203) 562-5664. Mondays are her day off.

Nursery care is provided each morning in the Owens Community Building nursery. Infants and children are also welcome in the service and encouraged to participate fully in worship. A rocking chair is available nearby in the Copeland Room, and bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7-12 are found at the entrance.

Building the Lenten Cairn: A stone is provided for you each Sunday to build your own cairn through the course of the Lenten Season. You are invited to build it in a place where you need it. Consider where you need to be reminded most of the direction God is leading you and build your cairn there. It might be here in this church—find a place important to you and build it there. It might be in your home, at work, in our garden, at you bus stop. Wherever it is that it would be helpful for you to have the reminder that you are on a path, and God is with you—build your cairn there.

Lenten Communion: Each Sunday during Lent, communion will be shared in the sanctuary. The Reverend Arthur Shippee will preside this morning following the worship service's postlude.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected today. This offering addresses hunger, disaster assistance, and programs to make people and communities healthy and self-sufficient.

April Inkling Deadline is Tuesday morning, March 27th. Please send your articles and notices to the church office at firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com

Poor People's Campaign: The Rev. William Barber, the other Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign, will speak at Yale's Battell Chapel, this Tuesday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. A couple of weeks ago, we heard The Rev. Liz Theoharis preach about the Poor People's Campaign here at First Pres - here's a chance to learn more!

Food Donations for Needy: Pick up an extra item at the grocery store to help fill the green wheelbarrow in the Copeland Room. At the end of each month the food is delivered to Christian Community Action's emergency food pantry. These are the items most in demand at CCA's food pantry: Top: white (not brown) rice, cereal, canned fruit (fresh fruit on last Sunday of the month), peanut butter and jams/jellies. Secondary: macaroni & cheese, pasta (not whole wheat), tomato sauces, canned/dry beans, ground/instant coffee, sugar, oils for cooking, cake mixes. Note that they do NOT need canned *green* vegetables.

Sunday Church Parking: Please remember that our small church lot is reserved on Sunday morning for those with limited mobility. For everyone else, there is plenty of parking on Whitney Avenue, Huntington Street, the front lawn (weather permitting) or the Worthington Hooker School lot across the street.

Holy Week and Easter Morning Services at First Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Like those in the Upper Room, we will gather as a community around the table and listen to the voices of the disciples as the scriptural story of Jesus' last supper unfolds. Dinner will be provided. Style of worship will be reader's theater meets dinner church.

The Good Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. Come and hear the narrative of Jesus' final hours in the quiet of the sanctuary. We will celebrate a service of Tenebrae - a service which originated among early Christians as a remembrance of the Passion of Christ, progressing from light to darkness. Mattie Long will conclude the service singing "Were You There."

Easter Sunrise, East Rock Park, April 1, 6:30 a.m. Join ecumenical friends and neighbors in welcoming the glad news of Christ's resurrection. As the sun rises on the new day, we rejoice together that He is risen!

Easter Breakfast, April 1, 9:30 a.m. Celebrate the Resurrection in Miller Gathering Hall where tasty treats will be prepared. Strata and pastries, as well as juice, coffee, and tea are on the menu. Children and youth will also present an Easter play in the Gathering Hall at 9:30 a.m. Come and share the joys of Easter morning with friends and families from our congregation and beyond.

Easter Worship, April 1, 10:45 a.m. Join us for our celebration of the Resurrection, in word and music. Special music is planned for the whole service—Easter hymns and anthems, a joyous psalm, and the congregation, choir and organ all joining in the "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah* to send us on our way.

An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow the Easter morning's worship service. All children are welcome to participate.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

People who are homeless.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

This Week

Sunday, March 25	9:30 a.m.	Intergenerational Palm Sunday Celebration
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	11:50 p.m.	Lenten Communion
	11:55 a.m.	Friendship Hour
	6:15 p.m.	Session
Wednesday, March 28	2:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 29	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 30	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
Saturday, March 31	9:30 a.m.	Women's AA
Sunday, April 1	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Play
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:45 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Friendship Hour
	12:15 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018	Gary Cline	John Dinkler
	Phillip Phiri	Robert Williams
Class of 2019	Lucy Ambach	Rona Johnston
	Fiona Scott Morton	Mary Porterfield
Class of 2020	Sue Balakrishnan	Jennifer Ballew
	Jennifer Herbst	Timothy McConnell
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Treasurer	Mike Spicer	

First Presbyterian Church of New Haven is a More Light Congregation and part of Presbyterian Promise. Both organizations are dedicated to the full inclusion of lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and questioning individuals.

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

Pastor:	The Reverend J. C. Cadwallader
Music Director:	Patrick McCreless
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Nursery Care Provider:	Emily Landino

The church office welcomes your announcements and prayer requests for the bulletin. Please send the copy to firstpresbyterianchurch@gmail.com by Tuesday before noon to be included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Please remember that parking is available at the Hooker School on Sunday mornings when lawn or street parking is unavailable.

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