



Palm Sunday March 24, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

**Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully
called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain
where the welcome never ends.**

Please silence all communication devices. †indicates to stand, if you are able.
The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

PRELUDE

Above the Treetops

Pat Metheny

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

Ride On, King Jesus

trad. Afro-American Spiritual

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The crowds took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!

Hosanna!

Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Hosanna!

Look, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!

Hosanna!

Let us praise the Incarnate Word, the Lamb of God!

Hosanna!

Let us sing to our Lord and Savior.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
 we want to run into the streets and sing your praise!
 We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel.
 However, too often we find ourselves standing against the wall.
 Too often we stay quiet.
 Too often we let others carry the song.
 Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade
 but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines.
 Show us which songs are ours to sing.
 Show us which parades are ours to lead,
 and then give us the courage and conviction to do both.
 With hope and honesty we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news.
 In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace!

† RESPONSE

Day By Day

S. Schwartz

*Day by day, day by day
 O Dear Lord, three things I pray:
 To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
 Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you!

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

David Carter Florence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-16

SERMON

Save us! Please!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 727

The Servant Song

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

Bob Tuttle

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory ***Allegro from “Concerto for Two Trumpets”*** A. Vivaldi
Karen and Richard Plyler, trumpets

†Doxology 267.1 ***Come, Christians Join To Sing
(Alleluia, Amen!)***

***Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia, Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia, Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
praise is His gracious choice, Alleluia, Amen!***

†Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 196 ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor*** VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION ***O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High***

***O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy
That God, the Son of God should take our mortal flesh for mortals' sake***

CHOIR For us, to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked in purple robe arrayed
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath
For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign
For us he sent his Spirit here: to guide, to comfort and to cheer
***All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad
The Trinity, whom we adore, forever and forever more!***

We welcome the musical gifts of trumpeters, Richard and Karen Plyler.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Family and friends of Art DeJong following his death

A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m.

Alan Hetzel in hospice home care at the Quaker retirement community
where he and Ellen Farrior live in Maryland

Jessi Stitt, volunteering with Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas
providing hospitality to refugees, immigrants, and migrants

We list names for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add someone to the list (with their permission), please call 669-2725, or email jackie@bmpcnc.org

Mission Partners: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar;

Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**; *This Child Here/Ukraine*: **Robert Gamble**;

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer**, in Guatemala

Levi Bannerman, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;

Susie Burns, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

Tom Cannon, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Ellen Gibson, Kevin Griffin,

Becky Hughes, Mary McElrath, NeGrete Family, Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada,

Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Callie Shaffer, Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young

Connect with us on our website: bmpcnc.org

Visitors: let us know of your interest or questions about BMPC.

Members: share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

FirstLight Usher Barbara Gaw FL Greeter James Robinson-Long Bus Blake Martin

11:00 Greeter Perry Sprawls 11:00 Ushers Margaret Fouse, Dave Johnson, Gay Ferguson

Sunday, March 24

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 2:00 p.m. Handbells
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 25

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Group
- 6:00 p.m. Session

Tuesday, March 26

- 1:00 p.m. PW Coordinating Team
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:15 p.m. PW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Lydia Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

Wednesday, March 27

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 6:00 p.m. Jeannie DuBose in CR1
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29

- Youth Egg My Yard fundraiser
- 12:00 p.m. Weekday School Flowering of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

- 9:30 a.m. Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi

Bread For The World

Lenten Prayers for an end to hunger
Holy Week – March 24-30

Jesus teach us to trust in your power

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 31:9-16 Mark 14:1-15:47

These are the Scripture readings appointed for the Sunday of the Passion. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" —Mark 15:37-39

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ, Jesus, who 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.
—Philippians 2:5-8*

PRAYER

O God, we know that you are more powerful even than death. Teach us to trust in you, to put our lives in your hands, so that we may action according to your will. Help us put the world in your hands so that we might keep going even when we see the brokenness around us. Amen.

ACTION

On Easter, we celebrate that we, who are buried with Christ, are raised with him to new life. One way to express this new life in Christ is to join others in ongoing prayers for an end to hunger. To make that commitment and receive prayer suggestions every other week, visit Bread.org/Prayer.

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