



First Christian Church

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Weekly Worship

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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to Worship from today's live-streamed worship service.

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Many: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Many: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Public Worship WILL be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

If you are not quite ready to join us for public worship, we invite you to follow along with this printed service.

Community Prayer

In the midst of our busy lives, it is easy to lose sight of you. But if we center our hearts, our minds can be opened to perceive your presence all around us. It could be in the smallest thing: a seashell, a card from an old friend, maybe a scar from a hard time in our lives. As we look to the cross this Holy Week, may we shout 'Hosanna,' 'Save Us,' from ourselves and the burdens we hold on to. Blessed be Jesus, the one who bears your image and comes in your name. We pray to you, Amen.

Check out our weekly video at www.fcclincoln.org, First Christian's Facebook page, or search for First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska on YouTube.

www.fcclincoln.org/youtube

Even if you are worshipping from home, please continue your regular giving to the church in addition to your faith giving. The FCC office is accepting checks at 430 S. 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. We can also mail you a debit authorization form to do automatic withdrawals. Finally, there is a "GIVE" button on the top right-hand side of the fcclincoln.org website to make an online donation via PayPal.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!
- ² Let Israel say,
'His steadfast love endures for ever.'
- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to
you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Luke 19:28-40

- ²⁸ After he had said this, he went on
ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
- ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage
and Bethany, at the place called the
Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disci-
ples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of
you, and as you enter it you will find tied
there a colt that has never been ridden.
Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks
you, "Why are you untying it?" just say
this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³² So those who
were sent departed and found it as he had
told them. ³³ As they were untying the
colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you
untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord
needs it.' ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus;
and after throwing their cloaks on the
colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode
along, people kept spreading their cloaks
on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching
the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples be-
gan to praise God joyfully with a loud
voice for all the deeds of power that they
had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

- ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said
to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to
stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these
were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Reflection

Meditation for Palm Sunday

“Shouting Stones”

In his remarks for *Presbyterian Outlook*, John Wurster, pastor at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston, reminds the reader that our Gospel lesson for today has none of the trappings we associate with Palm Sunday. There are no palm branches and no “hosannas.” We have to look to the other Gospels to find those familiar and beloved elements. So, one might wonder “what is familiar about this story?” Actually, one of the distinctive and unique features of this story is the presence of stones. Although the Pharisees asked Jesus to silence the crowd, Jesus told them that even if they were silent the stones would shout out. Wurster goes on to comment that the bedrock truth (yes, every pun intended) is that Jesus is “the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

But, as Wurster continues, this is not the first time we see stones in the life of Jesus. At the beginning of Lent the Adversary tempted Jesus to take a stone and turn it into a loaf of bread. This stone remained a stone and still proclaimed the glory of God as Jesus resisted the temptation to glorify himself and make it something else. A stone played a key role again in a week’s time. Next Sunday we will hear one of the stories in which we learn that the stone was rolled away which enabled Jesus to leave the tomb. Wurster elaborates:

From the wilderness to the entry into Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives to the empty tomb, Luke places stones at key points of Jesus’ journey. I wonder about the stones that line the paths we travel? There are the small stones we might carry in a pocket or place on a shelf, stones bearing witness to a moment, an experience, a promise, a prayer. There are stones on the hills and in the rivers of the sacred places we visit or the pavement stones that support us in our going out and our coming or the headstones in cem-

eteries marking the passing of generations. What do these stones have to say about us?

I found myself pondering the stones, literal and figurative, that I collected throughout my life. I thought of the small stone I have that came from the Berlin Wall when it was destroyed. I thought of the stone I love that I found on a beach in northern California that looks like a bread roll and reminds me of my time there as I worked on my Doctor of Ministry degree. I also thought of the stones given to me by Deb Ortega adorned with the words, compassion, joy, love, hope, and hospitality.

I know many of you have similar stones given out at our leadership retreat a few years ago. Perhaps you have others; small stones you carry in your pocket, stones placed in your prayer space or stones spread out in your garden. The stones that mark your journey may not be literal ones. Sometimes the stones we carry are heavy and weigh us down. Whatever the case, we also have stones that mark our journey. Stones that may seem unimportant to others, but we know they mark important parts of our journey. Stones, like the ones painted by Deb, proclaim truths about ourselves, our faith, and our perceptions of God. These stones, like those on the path into Jerusalem, praise God even when we are told to be silent.

This year as we enter Holy Week we may not have the energy to shout hosanna or wave a palm leaf. Wherever we may be, we can be sure that the stones will shout out “blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” even if we remain silent. If we are too weary to shout or if we shout out with great gusto, we know that all things proclaim the coming of Christ in our midst and in our world.

AMEN

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Dick & Roxie Pickel
- Our sympathy to the family of Arlene Heimer, *upon her recent passing*
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Jessica Vocasek
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Greg Ogren, *prayers for healing, still ill after surgeries and treatments, son of LaVonne Ogren*
- Mark Carpenter, *with colon cancer, brother of Jill Carpenter and Dick & Roxie Pickel*
- Lorie Chrastel, *Mark Carpenter's fiancée, prayers for recovery from a stroke*
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Annie DeLosSantos, *with liver cancer diagnosis, sister of Vince Ortega*
- Our sympathy to the family of Alice Stehlik, *upon her recent passing, grandmother of Jessica Vocasek*

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- Carson Mousel, *grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer*
- Dr. Bob Kunz, *prayers for healing after second surgery for pancreatic cancer*
- Derek Sailors and family, *prayers for recent cancer diagnosis*

Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge *at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, *Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE*

In the Nebraska Region:

- Faith Christian Church and Rev. Lisa Sherman

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Emmanuela Loccident serving in Morocco

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Song of the Week

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Words: Theodulph of Orleans

Music: Melchior Teschner

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

