

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Via Dolorosa*

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano

Tom Fettke

### \*DOXOLOGY - Hymnal #815

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING

### \*HYMN #297

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

### \*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE POSTLUDE

*Toccata in C-minor, from Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

The ominous sounds of C minor cascading above the troubling tune rumbling in the lowest pipes: the music portrays the turmoil in the lives of Jesus and the disciples in the coming week. The final four chords reassure us that Jesus will be triumphant!

### Church Staff

Fred G. Garry, Senior Pastor  
Marti Montovani, Interim Associate Pastor  
Sara D. Gleason, Director of Music  
Carl A. Bingle, Organist  
Jennifer M. Whitenack, Bell Choir Director  
Regina Banks, Nursery Coordinator  
Jillian Norris, Nursery Staff  
Aleesha Gill, Nursery Staff  
Mitch Farney, Sexton  
David Kandler, Sexton  
Sue Beaman, Administrative Asst.  
Penny Levos, Business Manager  
Donna Dunkle, Youth Coordinator  
Linya Bell, Parish Outreach Coordinator  
Gail Parsons, Parish Associate

### Mission Statement

*Seeking God's help, we will pursue growth  
and renewal as a united Christian body.  
We will nurture people within our church  
and provide Christian leadership and care  
throughout our community.*

## PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Prelude on Ellacombe* (Hymn 297)

*A Welsh Hymn* (Hymn 309)

*The King of Heaven* (Hymn 1)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

John Carter

Arthur Frackenhohl

Andrews/A. L. Page

### GREETING

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRELUDE

*Festive Voluntary: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Arthur Frackenhohl

Crane professor emeritus and First Pres./Potsdam musician Frackenhohl paints a musical picture of the street party in Jerusalem - its people hailing Jesus as their Messiah, unaware that on Friday they would shout for his death.

### CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 118

Leader: Open unto us gates of righteousness;

Let us enter through them with joy

And give thanks to the Lord.

**People: The gates of the Lord are humility and meekness;**

**The righteous shall enter and abide.**

You have answered me;

You have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;

It is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day the Lord has made;**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Save us, lift us from darkness, O Lord.**

**Rescue us, bring your light within our heart.**

### \*HYMN (see insert)

*The Palms*

FAURE

## INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us if we make too little of this week that we call Holy. Keep us from shortening it into two days of praise and omitting the time between that recalls the passion of our Lord. Do not let us move too quickly from a day of triumphal entry to a day of triumphant victory. Help us to see that in our own lives there are going to be times of suffering that give added meaning to times of joy. Help us to embrace all of life, even as we seek to understand fully the last week of our Lord's life. In His name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

God is the leader of the parade. God calls us to the celebration. God calls us to sing and dance for joy because in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Blessed is the One whose kingdom comes on a donkey!**

### \*HIS GLORIOUS NAME - Hymnal #130

*His glorious name shall be called Wonderful. His matchless name shall be called Counselor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace thro' all eternity. The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace thro' all eternity.*

### LITURGIST WELCOME

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Luke 19:28-40 (New Testament, page 83 in pew Bibles)

#### HANDBELL ANTHEM

*And Can It Be*  
Adult Ringers

arr. Bill Ingram

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

"Eco-Palms"

Rev. Dr. Marti Montovani

Following the children's message, the young people will parade around the sanctuary waving their palms as the congregation sings "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (see insert).

Afterwards we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School. Please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.

#### Hymn #209

*This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.*

#### DUET

*Pië Jesu*

Andrew Lloyd Webber

"Blessed Jesus, who carries the sins of the world, give them eternal peace."

Sara Gleason and Clancy Cox, soloists

#### SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:13-35 (New Testament, page 90 in pew Bibles)

#### SERMON

"The Space Between the Gates"

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

#### \*HYMN #602

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

ASSAM

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ from A Brief Statement of Faith

**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.**

#### PASTORAL PRAYER 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. Amen.*