



Hosanna
in the
highest
heaven!

MARK 11:10, NIV



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March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

March Memory Verse - John 14:6

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The service is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING & WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: The Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Please pass the Peace of Christ to your neighbor.

PRELUDE “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

MOMENTS OF INFORMALITY

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150**

L: ¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

P: ... **praise God in his mighty firmament!**

L: ²Praise God for his mighty deeds;

P: ... **praise God for his exceeding greatness.**

L: ³Praise God with trumpet sound;

P: ... **praise God with lute and harp!**

L: ⁴Praise God with tambourine and dance;

P: ... **praise God with strings and pipe!**

L: ⁵Praise God with sounding cymbals;

P: ... **praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

L: ⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

P: **Praise the Lord!**

All: AMEN

***HYMN No. 280 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”, v. 1 & 4**

Chorus

All glory, laud, and honour, to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children make 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.

Chorus

4. To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Chorus

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY –Chris Baker and Mike Andrison

WORD OF GOD Philippians 2:5-11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!
⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY “For Me to Live Is Jesus”

***LENTEN DOXOLOGY (tune: “Old 100th)**

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise,
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS**

***HYMN No. 2069 “All Hail King Jesus”**

Chorus

All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And for all eternity, I’ll sing your praises;
and I’ll reign with you throughout eternity.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

SPECIAL MUSIC “Messiah Comes” – Chancel Choir

JOYS AND CONCERNS

**For our joys we say: “Praise the Lord.”
For our concerns we say: “Lord, hear our prayers.”**

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

L: The Word of God for the children of God.

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON “Into the Fray!”

HYMN No. 261 “Lord of the Dance” v. 1,3, and 4



1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

Chorus

Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung Me on high;
and they left Me there on a Cross to die.

Chorus

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried My body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.

Chorus

***BENEDICTION**

***MUSIC OF PARTING “With Palms Before Him Went”**

(Please allow the ushers to direct you as you leave the sanctuary.)

***Please stand if you are able.**

ASSISTING WITH TODAY’S SERVICE

Worship Host – Robbyn Slavin

Song Leader – David Lyons

ANNOUNCEMENTS – 3/28/2021



Camp Candy Fundraiser ... Candy can be picked up at the church office following both services on Palm Sunday, March 28th. If you prefer, your candy order can be delivered to your front porch for a \$5 donation. Please note: **"I will pick up"** or **"Please deliver"** on your order form.

Thank you for supporting our Camp Funding through this Candy Sale and by continuing to donate clothing to our Blue Bins in our church lot! What a great experience camp provides -

enjoying the outdoors, meeting new friends and learning about Jesus! Buy some sweets and help retreats! Any questions on ordering, please contact Laurie Saporito, Camp Steward at 724-864-5649 or cts72@hotmail.com



PRAYER GROUP: We still have a Prayer Group that meets at 10 o'clock on Wednesday mornings. Until we can meet again in person, the group will meet on Zoom (Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)

Everyone is welcome to participate.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Feel free to contact Pastor Bruce at any time if you are in need of a pastoral visit.

724-747-6098 (call or text) or email at preacherptl@gmail.com

Please note: Our church Secretary/Receptionist is in the office Monday through Friday until noon. She can be reached at 724-863-6858 or fumc.jeanne.secrep@comcast.net Our church Financial Secretary/Office Manager is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. She can be reached at 724-863-8658 or joyce.shaffer@irwinfirstumc.org Please call before coming in to make sure someone is in the office to assist you.

Sunday, Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

Easter Candy pick-up

8:15 Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)

9:30 Confirmation Class & New Member Class
Harvesters Adult Class,
Prayer Shawl Group, BYKOTA

9:30 Toddler – 5th Grade Sunday School
(see announcement)

10:45 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM) Facebook, YouTube, and
Zoom (Meeting ID# 633 303 454 Password
104289)

5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park

Monday, March 29

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6:30 Cub Scouts

Tuesday, March 30

5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
7:30 NA

Wednesday, March 31

9:30 Salvation Army
10:00 QC Meeting
10:00 Prayer Group Meeting
(Zoom Meeting ID#311 4389 930, Password 3U22u3)
1:00 Bible Study
(Meeting ID: 89493128220, Passcode 104289)
5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
5:00 Youth Center
6:00 Healing Service 7:00 AA

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday

5:00 Puppies, Pounds & Prayers at Oak Hollow Park
6:00 Girl Scouts
6:30 NA
7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service
with Communion

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

6:00 Brown Bag Meal
7:00 Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 3

6:00 PM Contemporary Service with Dinner
(Communion)

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

Confirmation & Reception of New Members

6:30 Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast
8:15 In-Church & Drive-in Church
(Radio 87.9 FM)
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BLESSING BOX: We stock our Blessing Box almost daily with toiletry items for the needy in our community. If you have donations of new toiletry items please bring them to the church when you come for Saturday or Sunday services. **Please, no food items.** If you have any questions about the Blessing Box, please contact Pastor Bruce or Pastor Ron. Additional Blessings Boxes are located in Irwin at the First Assembly of God Church on Oak Street (canned goods) and at the Cheesecake Café on Main Street (books.)

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HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Holy Humor Sunday at both services on the Sunday after Easter, April 11. What IS Holy Humor Sunday?

The idea behind it is that God played the greatest practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. One website about this special Sunday states:

“Holy Humor Sunday services not only give Christians an opportunity for ongoing celebrations of the greatest miracle in human history - Jesus' resurrection - it also gives each of us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for, our own smaller resurrections in this world and this life.

“From time to time in our earthly lives, many of us have been dead - from illness, depression, physical injuries, emotional wounds, the loss of loved ones, financial losses - and yet have come alive and endured while looking forward to the Great Resurrection.

“Laughter releases tension, and we have enough of that these days. We all need to stop taking ourselves so seriously. We need to recognize that this is really God's world, and He has so much in store for us. We put too much emphasis on what's wrong and what's bad with it.”

Since we are still requiring masks to come to church, there is a change for this year’s celebration. As a part of the festivities, we are proclaiming April 11 as Holy Humor Mask and/or Headpiece Day. We are asking everyone in attendance to wear your brightest or funniest mask and/or SOMETHING on your head and the BRIGHTEST COLORED CLOTHING in your closet. Feel free to be as silly as you can. This is a chance for everyone to relax, smile, even (GASP!) LAUGH in church! Celebrate the joy we find in our faith! Remember – laughter is the best medicine!

Hello Quilters! The Stitch in Faith Ministry will be restarting our quilting in April on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9:00 AM to 11:30AM in the quilting room. Hope to see you there!

TODDLER – 5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL: this age group has not yet returned to in-church Sunday school. Please use the contact information listed to participate in the Zoom classes:

Toddler Zoom Sunday School - 2-4 year old children - please email or call Dawn Capecci 412 651 2503, missdawn25@yahoo.com or Donna Weber 724 864 4954, donnam_weber@yahoo.com for more information and the Zoom instructions.

Preschool - 5th grade Sunday School - 9:30 AM on Zoom. For more information please contact Becky at 412-816-1906.

BROWN BAG MEAL: The meals will be handed out every Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM while supplies last. This will continue until further notice.

Monetary donations to help fund this mission are always accepted. Please make your check payable to “FUMC” and put “Community Dinner” in the memo line. If you would like to help with this mission, please contact Robbyn Slavin.



PUPPIES. POUNDS & PRAYER!

Join us for the last week of our Lenten

walks, Sunday through Thursday beginning at 5:00 PM near the basketball court/picnic tables at Oak Hollow Park. This is for anyone who wants to walk with their dog, or perhaps wants lose weight, or wants to connect with prayer.

There is a lot of flexibility in this group. Suggested walking paths range from ¼ mile to 5 miles. You can come by yourself to walk and meditate alone with just you and Jesus, or walk in fellowship with others (following social distancing guidelines).



When we gather we will offer prayers of joys and concerns. After prayer, each participant can choose the walking path that best fits their personal journey for Mind (Puppies), Body (Pounds), and Soul (Prayer), and we will break out to walk.

Also, you can stay for 15 minutes or 2 hours – whatever fits your schedule and works with your physical needs and abilities. God wants to work with us in caring for our body and soul. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you at Oak Hollow for “Puppies, Pounds and Prayer.”

Contact Darlene Simpson at 724-309-4277 or AMsunshine4@hotmail.com

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For computer or smartphone:

Go to Zoom.com Click-Join a meeting

When prompted enter Meeting ID, then a screen will pop up to enter password.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting)

You will enter the “meeting space”. If you move your mouse to the bottom of the box, it will show you the different options, like chat and video.

For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 1-646-558-8656. Enter meeting number and follow the prompts.

(The Meeting ID & Password are noted with the service or meeting in “This Week at our Church.”)

MICROSOFT TEAMS INSTRUCTIONS: For laptop or desktop computer, Smart Phone & Tablet: Please follow the instructions on the reminder email that you receive from your committee. For landline or cell phone (Audio only):

Dial 724-936-1197. Enter the Conference ID when prompted.

Follow the prompts.

Please contact Eric Platt at eric.platt@irwinfirstumc.org or 412-841-7655 if you have questions.



THE SALVATION ARMY UNIT OF IRWIN has its own phone number. If you know anyone in need of our services please have them call 724-331-7832. The office hours for the unit are Wednesday mornings from 9:30 until 11:30.

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS: If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit from the pastor please call the office or Pastor Bruce. *Remember, Pastor Bruce cannot provide care to our congregation if he doesn't know there is a need.*

Pastor Bruce receives calls or texts at his cell phone number 724-747-6098

****** IN PERSONAL CARE & REHABILITATION FACILITIES ******

- Dorothy B. ~ Asbury Heights, Mt. Lebanon Marge O. ~ The Grove at Irwin
- Wanda H. ~ Redstone, N. Huntingdon James R., Sr. ~ St. Anne's Home, Greensburg
- Doris C. ~ Golden Heights (Harrison City) LaVerne F. ~ Walden's View
- Altozoe S. ~ Hempfield Manor

Bill Mayes is in the UPMC East Rehab Center. He's working to regain his strength to return home.
Shirley McCune is at Redstone, Greensburg.

******* CONTINUOUS PRAYERS *******

Brent L., Kurt W. & Family, Cheryl & John M., Tim & Diane N., Rick H., Marlin A & Nancy P., Joe S., Joe L., Virginia, Jennifer N., Curt E., Cheryl H., Valerie M., Patty H., Jeff M., Donna H., John B., Joe and Wava, Dean and Dorothy, Chris E., Rose N., Sara C., Jeanne and Larry A., Fred & Barb S., Mischa & Suzanne S., Diane B., Les H., John G., Noah C., Craig C., Red, Dawn, Amy P., Chuck K., Pat M., Jane I., Ashley, Stu S., Shawn S., Christa L., Rhonda, Beverly and Tom D., Laura, Marlin F., Stephanie S., Dave W., Bill & Elaine M., Kim V. Paul & Iva Lou B., Jackie S., Andrea, Lesley K., Debbie N., and Cliff R.
Bob & Natalie F. & Family (Missionaries in India) Connie Wieck (Missionary)

******* THIS MONTHS PRAYERS LIST *******

*We will change the prayer list the first Sunday of each month.
Contact the church office at 724-863-6858 with names for the list.*

Vi, Tom and Peggy, Sandy L., George and Kelly, Paul and Michelle, Neil and Alma, Yvonne I. and family, Rolan and Janice, Eugene W., Joe K., COVID 19 Concerns, Our world, Medical & Emergency Personnel, First Responders and Military, All Essential Workers, Teachers and Students, Businesses, The Unrest in Our Country, Connie B., Our Country and Leaders, Pastor Bruce & Bonnie, Ron, Burnetta G., Royce A., Bob, Cindi P., Bill & Elaine M., Kathy, Amy Haley, Bob Noll, Bella D., Helena G., and Sandra W., D. White, The Marie Harrison Family, Trish, Bill B., Mary Alice, Susan M., Audrey P, Jesse D.

******* SERVICE PERSONNEL *******

- Brandon D. – Korea Colby S. – Iraq Sara D.
- Angelo W. – Oklahoma City Nicholas P. – Schofield Barracks, HI Jeremy L.
- David J. – Afghanistan Amanda M. – Texas Carl B.
- James G. – Texas Emery M. – Japan Mark Russak Edward J. III



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Welcome

Announcements

Memory Verse

Opening Prayer

Worship Music:

Only King Forever

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Prayer

Offering

Worship Music:

Hosanna

O the Blood

Scripture & Message

Closing song:

The Lion and the Lamb

Prayer Requests

*“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge” (Psalm 62:8)*
