



March 24, 2024 ~ Palm Sunday; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *Have you **checked in** for worship today?*

*please stand as you are able

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Way of the Week #22: Rest and Reflect

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

Ideas for Action: Can you make your Sunday more of a Sabbath day of rest for you and your family? Connect with God using worship music. Unplug from the devices for part or all of the day. Seek the joy of the Lord in Creation. Eat a meal together. Be silent with God and pray. Prioritize wholeness and rejuvenation in Christ.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Ride On!

Michael Ryan

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Introit

Down In My Heart

Sawyer McNab, Piano

Primary Choir

Traditional

*Call to Worship

Elder Paul Booker

Jesus entered into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, seeking to transform the people.
People gathered from everywhere to wave palm branches and praise him as royalty.

Jesus enters into our lives humbly, seeking to transform our hearts and lives.

Let us worship Jesus Christ together, and receive him into our presence.

Hosanna in the highest!

*A Call for Allegiance

Elder Booker

And so, we cry, from our hearts:

Hosanna, Save us. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn No. 204

All Glory, Laud and Honor

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Booker

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, Lord God; we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Booker

Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:

Christ has come to save us! Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest.

Anthem

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Clap Your Hands

Owens

Primary and Junior Choirs; Juliet Barton and Taylor Clayton, Sopranos

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Wes Allen

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

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Offertory; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



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Offertory Music

Rebecca Neindorff, Piano

Hosanna to the Son of David

Michael Bedford

Junior Choir

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

“Meal of Memories”

Scripture: Matthew 26: 17-30 (Pew Bible page 30 NT)

Sermon Series: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

*Hymn No. 203

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Music in Preparation for Service

Fanfare for Bells

Bell Choir

McCleary

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Rachel Long)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Sam and Alex Long; **Beadle:** Elder Paul Booker; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Michael Welch, Paul Grossmann, Sherrell Fitts; **Flower Arrangers:** Karin Miller and Rumi Sinunu; **Trustee Greeter:** Bill Mueller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Clinton; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Laurie LaMonica; **Nursery Caregiver:** Chelsea Margerum; **Coffee Hospitality:** Volunteers TBD

Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Slemmer from his family Renee, Michael, John and Sandy.



*Volunteers are now needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee and bagel service. Chelsea Margerum has moved to the nursery. We would like to get several teams so the obligation is just a week or so per month. Please contact coordinator Carol Wiggans at 267-496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com if you can step up to help with this ministry with this Grow The Kingdom opportunity.

I Will Give ... Food Donations Desperately Needed

Since Easter Sunday March 31 is a “Fifth Sunday,” the Deacons are asking for members to bring in a non-perishable food donation. The donations will go to our Blessing Box and the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Please leave on the table in the Commons Lobby.

- ◆ 6:30 am Sunrise Service (Cemetery Cross)
- ◆ 9:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- ◆ 11:00 am Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)

TODAY we will have the opportunity to support PCUSA's Special Offering for [One Great Hour of Sharing](#). This offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. When giving online use the OGHS drop down.

TONIGHT (7:30 pm): West Jersey Chamber Music Society ends its concert season with Festival Music for Choir, Brass, Organ and Percussion being performed by members of the West Jersey Chamber Symphony and Chorale and Adult Choir. John Rutter's celebratory *Gloria* anchors a program of polychoral works from A. Gabrieli, Leisring and Schutz. Tickets online at www.wjcms.org.



Invite a friend to worship. **New Holy Week/Easter postcards** are available throughout the church so you can pick one up and invite someone to Holy Week or Easter events March 28-March 31. There are address lines if you would like to mail it as well.

PARENTS: Be sure to check the church calendar for our Easter break schedule for activities, fellowship groups and choir rehearsals March 26-April 7. See Page 4 of "Connections"



It's that personal touch. The Deacons are seeking deliverers to help deliver **Easter flowers** to our less mobile members. Can you provide an hour or so to support this ministry? Great. Please contact [Bobbi Voglesong](#) (856-206-7190) or [Gail Sorin](#) (609) 760-7471.

Adult Spiritual Formation: 1 Corinthians study (10:15-11:15 am, Fellowship Hall) led by Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles and Paul Gordon. Indicate interest online and stop by on Sunday mornings. Runs through May 19.

"At The Table" Maundy Thursday Drama & Communion – Thursday, March 28 (7:00 pm), a special event presentation of monologues and duets to mark Holy Week (Miller Commons)

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship – Friday, March 29 (7:30 pm), a service of light and darkness marked by the gradual extinguishing of candles and loud sound or *strepitus* marking Jesus' death.



Celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday with three worship services: 6:30 am Sunrise Worship (at the Cemetery Cross); 9:00 am Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:00 am Contemporary (Miller Commons). Invite someone to join you. A Love Feast or Agape Meal will be passed at each of the services.

The church office/campus is closed Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter Monday.

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office.

Save the date for a Dine and Donate on **Monday, April 15** at Iron Hill Brewery to support mission events. Iron Hill is located at 124 E. Kings Highway in Maple Shade. Dine in, take out or order to go. Be sure to mention the church! Visit ironhillbrewery.com for the menu.

Spring Prayer Retreat (register by April 19): Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery, for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day retreat affords the time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. Retreat dates: **May 21-24**; [sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app.