Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016

*for those who wish to stand
Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude


*Procession of the Palms  Pave the Way with Branches
(Children will process in to the Sanctuary with palm branches, remaining up front.)

Jesus is coming. Pave the way with branches.
Jesus is coming, Hosanna!
(Repeat several times)

*Call to Worship  Shelby Dickson

One:  Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!
All:  Hosanna in the highest!
One:  Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
All:  Hosanna in the highest!

Children’s Time
(Children may now be seated with their parents or those 5 and younger may leave for the nursery)

The Peace
One:  The peace of Christ be with you.
All:  And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise  All Glory, Laud, and Honor  #196
PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING  
*Philippians 2:5-11* (p. 265, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM  
*Silence the Stones*  
Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING  

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that too often we pass judgment on others, because their behavior seems excessive and extravagant to us. We neglect to realize that there is no one right way, but there are a diversity of ways to serve you. Forgive us for trying to control the abundant ways that others express their love and service to you. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and sin. Give us the strength, O God, to glorify and enjoy your abundant love.

You are invited to write down on the piece of paper in your bulletin a time when you have been quick to judge another or a time when you have not honored Jesus. Then bring your paper up to the front of the sanctuary and use a push-pin to place it on the cross.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear and trust in the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PARDON  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
#221 v.3

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, 
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, 
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

SCRIPTURE READING  
RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS
   Opportunities to serve this week
   Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing
   Invitation to Give
      (Please sign the Act of Friendship sheet and pass it down the pew.)

OFFERTORY               Abba               Courtney

*DOXOLOGY               Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  #606
   Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
   Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SCRIPTURE READING        Luke 23:1-56 (p. 119, NT)

SUNG RESPONSE           What Wondrous Love Is This  #215

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD’S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SILENT REFLECTION AND RECESSIONAL
   (As the Light of Christ recesses, please stand, turn,
   and face the back of the sanctuary to receive the charge and benediction.)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION            Rev. Rebecca Chancellor

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE        Amen  #600
   A-men, a-men.
   A-men, amen, amen.

*POSTLUDE
COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:

SUNDAY, March 20  Palm / Passion Sunday
Adult Education Class – Hope Room, 9 am
Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am (Readers’ Theater)
Mid-High Youth - Youth Room, 11 am
Sr-High Youth - Youth Room, 11 am

MONDAY, March 21
Side-by-Side: Mary Exline
Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 11 am
Session Meeting - Conference Room, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, March 22
Side-by-Side: Heather Smith
Wired Word Adult Class – Hope Room, 12 pm
Rehearsal-Maundy Thursday Worship - Blair Hall, 5 pm

WEDNESDAY, March 23
Side-by-Side: Bette Timmel
FBI Children’s CE Programs - Blair Hall
3:45 - 5:30 pm

Did we make a mistake? We want to correct it!
Email office@fpccsalina.org and we’ll fix it.

WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE HYMN?
In last Sunday’s bulletin and the most recent newsletter, we included a bracket listing hymns and their page number in the Glory to God hymnal. Your challenge is to determine winners in each matchup, and if your favorite hymns are not listed, you have the option to list two in the blank boxes at the bottom of the bracket for each round. Results from each week will be compiled and the next round will be included in the following week's bulletin, until a champion is selected. We'll use the top 16 winners as our worship hymns during the summer. Last week's bulletin included Round 1, and the newsletter included the entire bracket, but we ask that you only return the newsletter bracket with Round 1 for this coming week. Forms are due to the office by March 22nd. Forms are available in the office or on the website.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & WORSHIP, MARCH 24
All are invited to Dinner and Worship on Maundy Thursday, March 24th in Blair Hall. We will join together for a meal—just like Jesus and his disciples did for the Last Supper—at 5:30 p.m., and then move into a meaningful Tenebrae Service, or a service of the shadows, at 6:00 p.m. Worship will include the sacrament of Communion. Childcare will be available for children age 5 and younger. A boxed meal will be provided by the church. Please contact Marilla in the church office to reserve your meal.

FRIDAY, March 25
Side-by-Side: Roger Morrison

SUNDAY, March 27  Easter Sunday
Nursery Open – 8:45 am
Adult Lent & Easter Trivia - Parlor, 9 am
Easter Egg Hunt - Courtyard/Blair Hall, 9 am
Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am
(Flowering of the Cross)

NEW MEMBER MEETING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY
On the 2nd Sunday of each month, there is a New Members Inquiry Meeting following worship. Come to the Hope Room if you would like more information.
CANTATA ON APRIL 3
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come! Jesus Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! On Sunday, Apr. 3rd, we will continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection with a cantata, In His Own Words, sung by our choir and accompanied by a chamber orchestra! Come!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING
Fish Banks and Sharing Calendars have been passed out to our children; many more are available in the Parlor if you would like one to collect money for One Great Hour of Sharing! We will collect the special offering, supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, this Sunday, and again on Easter. If you would like to “give now,” you may text OGHS at 20222 to donate $10. Thank you!!

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: BRING FLOWERS TO WORSHIP ON EASTER
During Lent, we symbolically nailed our sins to the cross as part of the Prayer of Confession. Easter and Jesus’ resurrection are God’s triumphant answer that death is defeated and sin is pardoned. On Easter Sunday, (NEXT Sunday) March 27th, please bring a flower -- or a bunch of flowers to share with visitors -- for a Flowering of the Cross to symbolize the victory of life over death and the forgiveness of our sins.

EASTER EGG HUNT, MARCH 27
The FPC Youth Groups will lead an Easter Egg Hunt for all children in 5th grade and younger on Easter Sunday, March 27th at 9:00 a.m. Meet in Blair Hall for refreshments before the hunt! Families are asked to bring one dozen filled plastic eggs per child for the hunt; please fill the eggs with age-appropriate treats (which don’t have to be candy)! Youth will hide the eggs in different areas for the different age groups, while the children have craft and story time. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place outside, weather permitting. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

LENT & EASTER TRIVIA IN THE PARLOR, MARCH 27
Adults of all ages are invited to join Rebecca and the Adult Education Committee for a fun game of Lent and Easter Trivia in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 27th! We will have sweet treats and drinks for all—come and join the fun!

ADULT ED CLASS ON FATHER GREGORY BOYLE’S WORK WITH GANGS
Our Sunday morning Adult Education Class is reading and discussing the book: Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle, Founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. Each week through April 17th, we will read and discuss one chapter and a spiritual discipline to practice. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Hope Room for powerful conversation!!

OUR NURSERY NEEDS NEW OR GENTLY USED TOYS
Do you have Spring Cleaning on your calendar or To-Do List? Our FPC Nursery is in need of some new or gently used toys for children ages 18-36 months. If you have any in your home that you would like to donate, please bring them to the FPC Nursery on the 2nd floor. Thank you for thinking of our youngest ones as you clean out your toy chests and closets!
**WALK TO JERUSALEM BY EASTER, MARCH 27**

As we journey with Jesus this Lent, the Walk to Jerusalem encourages us to take care of the bodies God gave us through walking, running, chair exercises, and aerobics. *Physical activity will add years to your life, and life to your years.* From Salina to Jerusalem, it is **6,711 miles** “as the crow flies.” Kids and Adults: Pick up a passport to track your miles and activities each day, and we will track our distance as a congregation. *Walk to Jerusalem Devotional Packets* are also available to help you reflect and pray as you walk and move! Please turn your miles in to Brigid Hall who will track our progress!

**SUMMER VBS DAY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Again this year, First Presbyterian Church is partnering with Sunrise Presbyterian Church to host a Heartland Traveling Day Camp for all children currently in Kindergarten through 6th grades. VBS Day Camp will be held at Sunrise Presbyterian Church (825 E Beloit Ave, Salina) June 13th-17th. This is a week-long, Christ-centered and activity-based camp including singing, games, arts & crafts, Bible activities, water games, and horseback riding. Online Registration is open NOW! To sign-up, go to: heartland.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/camper/App
If you have any questions, talk to Shelby Dickson or Penni White.

**FPC FAITH FAMILIES THIS SPRING**

Are you in one of our five FPC Faith Families? (It’s never too late to join if you’re interested in getting to know people of all ages in the church!) What is your Faith Family doing this Spring? Your Faith Family might… sit together in worship, meet for a picnic lunch, go for a walk in the park, do a service project, meet before worship for breakfast, make Easter cards for homebound members of the church… If you need any help coming up with ideas or communicating with your group, please talk to Rebecca! Our next planned event for all Faith Families will be an ice cream social in June or July, so stay tuned!

**FPC WOMEN’S RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!**

Registration will begin soon, but all women are encouraged to mark their calendars for Friday-Saturday, **April 29-30** for a women’s retreat on *Sharing Our Faith Journeys* at Knox Ranch! We will share meals, walk and spend time outdoors, engage in study and conversation, and enjoy time away for an evening or 24 hours! More information to follow.

**SIGN-UP TO SERVE ON VOLUNTEER SPOT**

Share your time and talents by serving on Sunday mornings as a coffee host, greeter, usher, worship assistant, and/or communion server (ordained officers); you can also sign-up to provide a meal for our youth groups! On Volunteer Spot, you can sign-up to fill any of these roles through May. The direct link is: [http://vols.pt/yaQsT4](http://vols.pt/yaQsT4) You may also contact Marilla in the church office to sign up.
SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS!

You are invited to sign up, using the form below, as a Sunday Chancel flower donor for any 2016 Sunday. Perhaps there is a particular date that is important to you to honor or memorialize someone. All donors (whether there is one or ten!) and those memorialized or honored will be listed in the bulletin on the date desired. The cost is $20.00. Please contact Melanie in the office with any questions at melanie@fpcsSalina.org or 825-0226.

Please list date desired:________________________________________

Please list EXACTLY the way you want your name(s) listed as donor:

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Given in Memory of

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OR

Given in Honor of

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Return the form, with your payment of $20.00, to First Presbyterian Church
308 South 8th
Salina, KS 67402-0585
The flowers in the chancel are given:
- by David D. Robb in loving memory of Mildred H. Robb.

TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS:
Coffee Hostess: Seara Weir
Ushers: Randy Hardy, John Knutson, Karol Mobley, Tina Ralston, & Deb Sheltar
Scripture Readers: Shelby Dickson, Harper Johnston, Peter Johnston, Ann Knowles, Tina Ralston, Seara Weir, & The Choir
Candle Lighter: Azbey Peckham
Manor Bus Driver: Pat Putzier
Sunday Volunteer: Deb Shetlar
Greeter: Jane Driver
Deacons Flower Deliverer: Diana Smith
Worship Recorder: JR Lidgett

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
- FPC’s Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for infants and children ages 5 and younger.
- FPC encourages children ages 6 and older to remain in worship. Worship bags for children of all ages are located in the lobby. When you are finished with the bag, please put it in the basket so that it can be replenished and straightened. Pew Art cards are also available in the pew racks.
- Extra hymnals, including large print, and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Please switch your hearing aid to t-coil to use. Headsets are also available. An usher will be happy to help if you need assistance.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:
- Tan “Prayer Request” Cards are used for prayer requests or concerns. As requests are received, the Board of Deacons will offer prayers.
- Blue “We Care” Cards are for messages of care to persons of the congregation, these cards are mailed the next week. Cards are available in the back of the room. Please place the cards in the offering plate.
- Your “Prayer Concerns” can now be submitted online. Please visit www.fpcsalina.org/ministries/prayer-concerns and they will be forwarded to a pastor.

Switch hearing aid to t-coil. Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven’t done so yet. For more information on t-coil & Hearing Loop, you can find information packets on the credenza in the narthex.

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Lead Pastor/Head of Staff: Rev. Charlie Smith
Director of Music: Richard Koshgarian
Director of Youth Ministry: Tricia Cobb
Head Custodian: Ed Zoch
Nursery Coordinator: Debb Homman

Designated Associate Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Chancellor
Organist: Angie Koshgarian
Director of Children’s CE: Shelby Dickson
Custodian: Tony Griggs
Nursery Caregivers: Emily Montgomery, Trista Shuler