



McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Meade

Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

Prelude

"The Palms"

(YouTube)

Centering words for worship *based on Matthew 21*

On the back of a humble donkey, Christ looks beyond the shouts of "Hosanna in the highest." He is traveling a slow journey to the cross and he will pay the price of turning the tables on the money changers, upsetting the status quo, and living authentically before God. Will he travel that road alone?

Opening hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *(Palm Sunday Virtual Processional Video)*

Prayer of confession

God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions than admit to ourselves that we too could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Scripture reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

"Celebration Sunday"

Thanksgiving and Intercession

Satisfy us with your love in the morning, and we will live this day in joy and praise. Fill our souls to overflowing with the fullness of your grace. In this season, remind us of your triumph over the tragedy of the cross, and your victory for us over the powers of sin and death, so that we may reflect your glory as disciples of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Traditional)*

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.

Closing hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(See link)

Charge and benediction

To God be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

Bless the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

1 Timothy 1:17

Tithes and Offerings

McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Churches Locked Drop Box

OR Mailed to 695 West Stuart Street; Bartow, FL 33830

First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Meade:

Mailed to Post Office Box 176; Ft. Meade, FL 33841

Rev. Anthony Gilbert will be available in Ft. Meade- Tuesday afternoon & Bartow- Thursday mornings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to visit the church website and Facebook page during Holy Week. Starting Monday, Rev. Anthony Gilbert will share a devotional/prayer for the members to use each day of the week till Easter Sunday.
- Presbytery of Tampa Bay will live-stream a Presbytery-wide communal Passion worship service at 7p.m. on Maundy Thursday and available for viewing through Easter. Look for the Facebook event on <https://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfTampaBay/> or go to the YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkBW67yziu45eNLQdOjY8w/featured>
- "These Days" daily devotionals are in the small mailbox located at the church office or you can go to this free link to read: pcusastore.com/TheseDays
- Armored Youth remember to join Jennifer, Wendi and Becky each Sunday at 5:30-6:30 p.m. for the Live Zoom Meeting. Tonights "CHILLAXIN FUN SUNDAY" meeting. Just hang out and catch up with everyone! Easter Sunday, use this time to establish a time for prayer with family. There will be no Zoom Meeting, we will plan to meet back on April 19th. Contact Jennifer Hallberg, Youth Leader for the Zoom ID#'s to attend each meeting. She is also extending tutoring service by Zoom for any Armored Youth who needs help in math, since she was a middle and high school math teacher before going into Seminary.

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Music for Palm Sunday:

****Palm Branch Processional (Lift Up Your Heads): "Lift Up Your Heads",
Music and Words by Steve Fry, c. 1974 Birdwing Music/Cherry Lane
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