



United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street
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Sunday — April 6, 2023

Guest Minister
The Reverend Susan McGhee

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United Presbyterian Church Worship Guide

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday



Processional *Selections from Op. 120—J. Brahms*
 Guest Artist Darius Bennett, clarinet Benjamin Watkins, piano
 The UPC Quartet
 Elder Lance Like
 The Reverend Susan McGhee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Allen Pease

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Deacon Lance Like, liturgist

Liturgist: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph

and was proclaimed Messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

People: Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: Let us share the peace with one another.

*Opening Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison with Liturgist)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.... *(all pray in silence)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Liturgist)

Liturgist: Family in Christ, hear the good news:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Glory to God! Amen.

The Gospel Lesson *Matthew 21:1-11* (pew Bible p. 754; large print p. 1520)

Reverend: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

On a Borrowed Donkey

Reverend Susan McGhee

MUSIC MEDITATION

Sarabande from Suite in A Minor—J.S. Bach

Darius Bennett, clarinet and Benjamin Watkins, piano

HOLY COMMUNION: Rev. Susan McGhee

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed (traditional)

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Today is the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. OGHs envelopes are in the Narthex.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Susan McGhee

THE POSTLUDE *Palm Sunday Medley*

Darius Bennett, clarinet and Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Shea Henry Patti Lucas Olivia McKenzie Kathleen Olds

Rev. David Rosen Patricia Spir Anita Steverson Virginia McCartney Berta Wenneker



Youth Flower Sale Fundraiser

It's that time of year again, think spring!
Get your flowers and support our UPC Youth.
Orders will be taken in April and delivered in May.
Thank you for supporting our UPC Youth.

