



United Presbyterian Church
1701 E. Second Street
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Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
Guest Minister
Reverend Martha FrizLanger

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Allen Pease
Presentation of infant Elias Haddad – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* – #89, verse 1

Today's sanctuary flowers are placed by Darin and Melanie McBride in loving memory of their grandson Elliott Andrew McBride on his birthday

PRELUDE

Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118:1, 19-29)

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

Liturgist: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

People: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

People: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

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

People: From the house of the Lord, we bless you.

Liturgist: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

People: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Opening Prayer The Reverend Martha FrizLanger

***Hymn of Praise** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* #489

PRAYER of SUPPLICATION (E.B. Pusey) In unison with the Liturgist Vera Heitink

After our Prayer of Supplication, there will be a time of silence, after which, instead of hearing the Words of Assurance, we will be led by Benjamin into singing our Words of Assurance together.

O Lord, prepare my heart, I beseech you,

To reverence you,

To adore you,

To love you;

To hate, for love of you, all my sins and imperfections, shortcomings, whatever in me displeases you;

And to love all you love.

Give me, Lord, fervor of love

Shame for my unthankfulness,

Sorrow for my sin,

Longing for your grace,

And to be wholly united with you.

Let my very coldness call for the glow of your love;

Let my emptiness and dryness, like a barren and thirsty land, thirst for you,

Call on you to come into my soul,

You, who refreshes those who are weary.

Let my heart ache to you and for you,

*You, who stills the aching of the heart.
 Let my mute longings praise you, crave you...
 You, who satisfies the empty soul that wits for you.
 [time of silent prayer]*

Hymn of Assurance *Hosanna Loud Hosanna* #89, Verse 3
Hosanna in the highest! that ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heav'n, our King
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

MUSIC for ME DITATION *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UPC Quartet

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (sung) *Open My Eyes That I May See* Verse 1
Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my eyes—illumine me
Spirit Divine



The Scripture Lesson *Luke 19:26-44* – Reverend FrizLanger
 Reverend: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Hidden from Our Eyes* Reverend Dr. Martha FrizLanger

*Sermon Hymn *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* #91

CALL TO OFFERING – Liturgist Heitink
 One Great Hour of Sharing will also be received
 Offertory
 *Doxology #592
 Prayer of Dedication -- Deacon Vera Heitink

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER – Elder Don Root
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.

*Hymn of Faith as We Enter Holy Week *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* #171

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Martha FrizLanger

POSTLUDE

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.
 Roby Lorimer Kathleen Olds Anita Steverson Diana Trowbridge
 His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka Global in Uganda
 The people of Georgia, Lebanon, Nigeria, Middle East, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine
 Our friends and neighbors throughout South Central Indiana devastated by floods & winds
 The people of Southside Christian Church who lost their roof to last Sunday's tornado

The First (and only) Presbyterian Church of Paoli, pastored by Rev. Robert Turner, is planning its 200th anniversary celebration. Founded on September 10, 1825, the congregation overcame a disastrous fire Christmas week of 2000 just as it did after the September 1907 fire. Both times we rebuilt to bring a Reformed ministry to Orange County. We view ourselves as a family sized congregation with a community-wide vision. Our inclusive ministry encourages people who consider leaving The Church to try us before they do.



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- Support refugees.

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- Encourage Earth Care Congregations.
- Address how climate change is affecting our food sources.

Self-Development of People to:

- Help communities advocate for their own needs.
- Provide opportunities for people to develop skills that improve their communities.

And so much more!

The One Great Hour of Sharing PC(USA) Special Offering will be received at United Presbyterian during morning worship on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Two leaflets with more information on One Great Hour of Sharing are on the table in the Narthex along with One Great Hour of Sharing Offering envelopes.