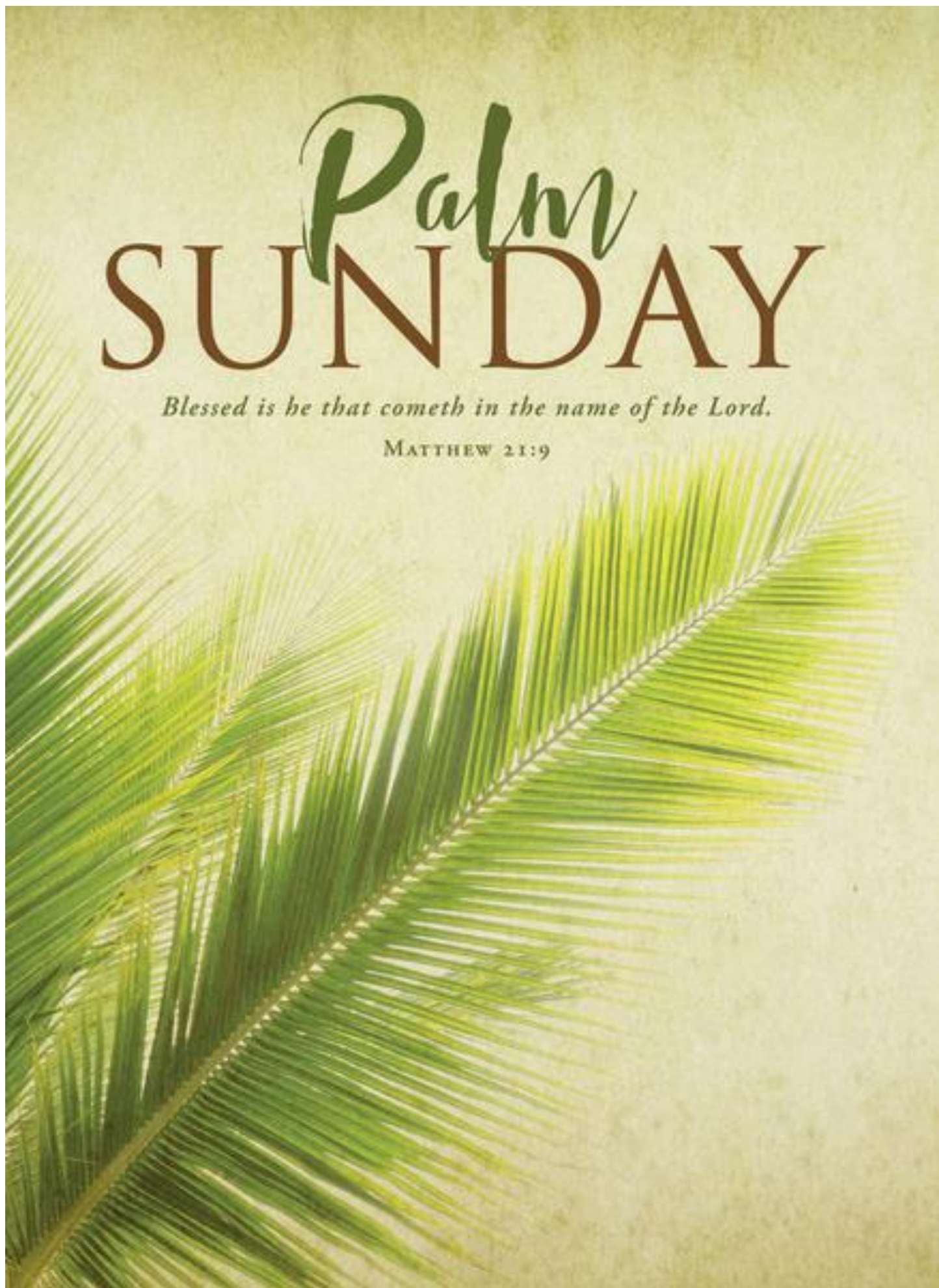


Palm SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

MATTHEW 21:9



**Service for the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday**

April 14, 2019

10:30am

** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race, you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. In your mercy enable us to share his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #89** (blue)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Call to Confession

The Lord sees our hearts and knows our innermost thoughts. We can deny our wrongs to ourselves, but we cannot hide them from God. As we confess our sins, let us do so knowing we say nothing that is not already known to God, who is not fooled by our strength, but loves us in our weakness.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully, and love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.***

Assurance of Pardon

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and reconciliation with one another.

***Sung Response**

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Overwhelm us with Your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as Your Word, made known to us in Christ the Lord. Amen.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Anthem

In the Upper Room
Chancel Choir

Gaither

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:39-46

Sermon

"He Didn't Give Up"
Sixth in a Series, "Don't Give Up"

Pastor Christina

***Hymn #91 (blue)**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People

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.

Sung Response

In His Time

***In His time, in His time; he makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say in your time.***

Morning Offering

***Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Litany for the Beginning of Holy Week

Today we have cheered you on as our champion
and hailed you as our hero.

Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.

Today we have entrusted you
to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

**Forgive us on Tuesday when we decide
we can take care of ourselves.**

Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

**Forgive us on Wednesday when we forget
to remember who you are.**

Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

Forgive us on Thursday when we pretend that we've never met you.

Today we have stared at you with
the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.

**Forgive us on Friday when we avert our eyes
because it's too painful to see you on the cross.**

Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness
in the future you have in store for us.

Forgive us on Saturday when we believe all is lost.

Today we have been boldly certain
of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

Restore us on Sunday when we are startled and awed by your rising.

*Hymn #88 (blue) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today's Reading

Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens." Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!" He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

Luke 22:39-46

Jesus left and made his way to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived, he said to them, "Pray that you won't give in to temptation." He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed. He said, "Father, if it's your will, take this cup of suffering away from me. However, not my will but your will must be done." Then a heavenly angel appeared to him and strengthened him. He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he got up from praying, he went to the disciples. He found them asleep, overcome by grief. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so that you won't give in to temptation."

Prayer List:

Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.

Concerns:

The family of Ann Gabrion Hull, who died April 7; Sally Nester; Garret Miniard; Jim Elliott; Barb Elliott; Ralph Brillhart; Lois Palmer; Al Bartholomew; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gayle; Jan Felton; The Rev. George Gillette; Mackenzie Brown; Susie Page; Bonnie Smith; Pat MacDonald; Brenda Bollman; Rhonda Handley; Geneva Foster; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country;

Thanksgivings:

Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

Continuing Prayers:

Geneva Alasadi & family; John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Randy Jenison; Christina Latoski & family; Barb Pharr; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Randy Smith, David Thum; Shelley Zamarron & family

If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.

Happening this Week:

- Women's Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Session – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Downstairs Lounge
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, 6:30pm – Fireplace Room
- FPC Good Friday Service – Friday, 12:00pm – Sanctuary
- Community Good Friday Service – Friday, 6:30pm – Ithaca UMC

Next Week's Volunteers – April 21, 2019:

- Vickie Thum, Liturgist
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Greeters
- Brad & Vickie Thum, Ushers
- Dale Nester & Kathy Vanderbeek, Counters

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Join Us for Holy Week



Maundy Thursday - April 18
Supper & Service - 6:30pm
Ithaca First Presbyterian Church

Good Friday - April 19
Tenebrae Service - 12:00pm
Ithaca First Presbyterian Church

Community Worship Service - 6:30pm
Ithaca United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday - April 21
Sonrise Service - 8:00am
Easter Brunch - 9:00am
Traditional Service - 10:30am

Holy Humor Sunday - April 28
Service - 10:30am
Followed by a luncheon by
the Caring Team

WHOO knows the Beatitudes?

8-Part Sermon Series Begins May 5



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