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Sixth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnals.

GATHERING . . .

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

by Kaufmann

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR PRELUDE**

Hosanna!

by Besig, Price

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Let all creation shout!

P: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

L: He comes in humility to claim God's own.

P: May he claim us this day and heal our hearts!

L: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: Hosanna to the blessed son of God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 213** (black hymnal)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Go to Dark Gesthemane

by Redhead

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR GOD'S WORDS . . .

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S HAND BELL CHOIR**

*In the Garden
Cares Chorus*

by Miles
by Willard

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE Luke 19: 29-40

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .

HYMN NO. 216 (black hymnal)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

REMEMBERING HOLY WEEK

(10:30 AM) **ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM**

Silent Was The Night

by Martin

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem -- singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES . . .

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 198 (black hymnal) *Lift the High Cross*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile* by Morrison

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in honor of my brother in law Bill McMinn's birthday, and to recognize the wonderful father that he is, by Anne Henry.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of the dedicated volunteers who made the candy making a huge success by the Ridgerunners.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our son Jeff who passed away a year ago, by Dick & Barb Everhart.

Thank you to our Lenten Worship Planning Team for planning worship today. The Lenten team is made up of: Jen Cooper, Dave Firestone, Nancy Sleeper, Pastor Danielle & Pastor Jeff.

Thank you to our 4th-6th Grade Children's Hand Bell Choir and to our Worship Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today.

Members of the 4th-6th Grade Hand Bell Choir are: Layla Beyer, Jonathan Butcher, Hayden Dallam, Holt Dallam, Hunter King, Rachel Mulligan and Kasear Ray.

8:00 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8:00 AM Welcoming Team: Brent & Kerri Ames, Jodi Graham, Dave Strine

8:00 AM Acolyte: Holt Dallam

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Clyde Snyder

10:30 AM Welcoming Team: Scott, Jen & Sydney Cooper, Tori Everhart

10:30 AM Acolyte: Anson Morcos

10:30 AM Nursery Care (birth to 5 years) in Rm. 3 on lower level: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

10:30 AM WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹ The Call to Worship is from Ministry Matters, Worship Connection, March 29, 2015.

² The Prayer of Confession comes from Ministry Matters, Worship Elements, Palm Sunday 2016.

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