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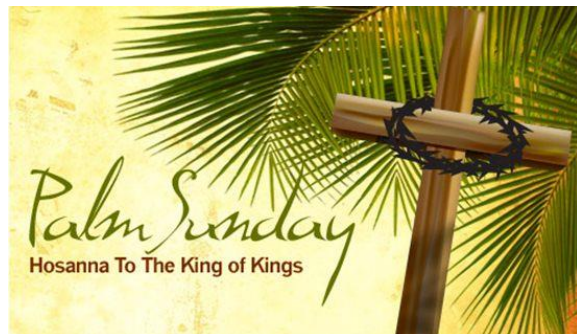
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March 25th, 2018

Palm / Passion Sunday

Jeremy I. Troxler, Pastor
Glenna Tasedan - Children's Church

Kathey Hollifield, Music Director
Kathy Miller, Organist

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! THE WORD "WORSHIP" COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR "WORTHY." WHEN WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD, WE ARE DECLARING THAT GOD ALONE IS "WORTHY" OF OUR LIVES AND OUR PRAISE. TODAY IS THE SIXTH AND FINAL SUNDAY IN THE CHRISTIAN SEASON OF LENT, A TIME OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT EASTER CELEBRATION. CHRISTIANS CALL THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER "PALM SUNDAY," BECAUSE TODAY WE REMEMBER HOW JESUS RODE INTO JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY AND WAS GIVEN A WELCOME FIT FOR A KING. TOWARDS THE END OF OUR WORSHIP TODAY HOWEVER, WE WILL ALSO REMEMBER JESUS' PASSION, OR SUFFERING: HOW THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ONCE WELCOMED HIM AS KING WOULD SOON ABANDON HIM, PUT A MOCKING CROWN OF THORNS ON HIS HEAD, AND SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH ON A CROSS. AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP, ASK GOD TO HELP YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE FULL MEANING OF THIS HOLY WEEK BEFORE EASTER.

GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

(All children are invited to gather in the narthex to prepare for the procession of the palms)

AARON BUCHANAN

Prelude

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

ARR. ROBERT LAU

Entry of the Light of Christ

PLEASE USE THIS TIME TO FOCUS YOUR WHOLE SELF - MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT -
ON WORSHIPPING GOD, THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

OFFERING OUR PRAISE, GIFTS, AND PRAYERS

^Scripture Reading

MATTHEW 21:1-11

^Choral Call to Worship & Children's Procession

"Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem"

^Liturgy of the Palms

(Please raise your palm branch.)

Today Jesus our king comes to us riding on a donkey.
Let us praise him in word and deed. Hosanna to the Son of David!

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Hosanna to the King of kings!

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

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

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

^ **Song of Praise** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

^ **Sharing of the Peace of Christ** "The peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you."
(Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we have been granted forgiveness and peace with God and with one another. As a sign and celebration of the peace we have been given, we invite you to turn to your neighbors, extend your hand, and greet/bless them with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

Offering our Praises and our Gifts to God

Offertory "Lamb of God" SHARON DRUM

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

Children's Message CHELSEA THAYER

Children's Change Offering M-Y MEDS MINISTRY

(Following the children's change offering, parents of small children may choose to escort their little ones to our church nursery: our nursery volunteers will meet you in the welcome center just outside the sanctuary.)

Call to Prayer "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" UMH 352

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

^ **Scripture Reading** Matthew 26: 36-45 NT 28/29

Proclamation of the Word "The First Way We Deny Jesus" REV. JEREMY TROXLER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND SENDING FORTH

Choral Anthem "Arise, My Soul, Arise" CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Responsive Reading** The Passion of Jesus Christ: Mark 15:1-29 (SEE INSERT)

^ **Benediction**

^ **Choral Response** "In the Quietness of This Moment" CHANCEL CHOIR

^ **Postlude**

^IF ABLE, PLEASE STAND

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **IF YOU'RE NEW HERE . . . WELCOME!** We're glad you could join us, whether you're new to the community, new to our church, or if you might be new to this whole "church" thing altogether. We hope you won't be nervous: it doesn't matter who you are, what you've done, what you're wearing, what you believe, or what you don't believe – you are welcome here. You are among friends, and we hope you feel at home in this place of grace.
- **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO CHILDREN!** Parents, we are so grateful that you and your children are here to worship with us! We believe that children have much to teach us about how to receive the Kingdom of God, so please don't worry about your kids being a distraction in worship: the sounds that children make are music to our ears, and we are genuinely grateful that they are in our midst.
- **CHURCH NURSERY** - If it is helpful, you are welcome to leave your child with the caring and trained volunteers in our church nursery, which is located in our Sunday School hallway; or, if you prefer, you can make use of the "family room" which we set up each Sunday in the blue-carpeted foyer at the back of the sanctuary: that way your child can play and roam freely while you can relax and listen in to the service. Contact our nursery coordinator Glenna Tasedan at 336-908-8075.
- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 10 am** - We currently have two adult Sunday School classes. The Hickey Memorial class meets in the church parlor and the FaithLink Class meets in the last room on the left near the bell tower.

APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN IN HONOR OF AND IN GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF GLENNA TASEDAN AND DEBORAH VERLA** to our Sunday morning children's program. Thank you for all you have done Glenna and Deborah!
- **IMPORTANT PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING** - today immediately after Worship in the FaithLink Classroom.
- **SUMMIT STUDENT MINISTRIES AND HILLTOPPERS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY- TODAY** - All teenagers (Summit) and children K-5 (Hilltoppers) are invited to meet at the church at 5:30pm for a time of food, fun, fellowship, and faith.
- **INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP - THIS WEDNESDAY, AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY.** All are invited to welcome and join us as we pray for the needs of our congregation and world: we especially welcome those who are new to prayer.
- **MISSION TRIP**- Hurricane Matthew devastated several communities in eastern NC in October 2016. We are sending a team to Tarboro, NC from April 15 to April 20 to help rebuild homes in that community. As our previous trips have proven, building skills are not required. We are provided with a place to sleep and cook. United Methodist Committee on Relief provides case management and construction coordination. Please prayerfully consider joining this team for part or all of this week of service. For more information contact Aaron 467-5130 or Marvin 766-5379
- **WONDERFUL SUNDAY OR WEDNESDAY???** - Date & time TBA, the Missions Team will provide the meal and information on their upcoming trip for Hurricane Matthew relief. Contributions will help fund that trip, Come enjoy the food and fellowship! Menu - Chile, soups, bread, salad and desserts.
- **"WERE YOU THERE?": MAKE PLANS TO WORSHIP WITH US AND WALK WITH JESUS DURING THIS HOLY WEEK:** Holy Week is a sacred time when we remember what Jesus experienced for us in the last week of his human life: his entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), his Last Supper with his disciples and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane (Maundy Thursday), his death on the Cross (Good Friday), and his joyous resurrection (Easter Sunday). Bring a friend and please join us during Holy Week for the year's most powerful experiences of worship:
 - MAUNDY THURSDAY** (*w/ Holy Communion*) Thursday, March 29th, 7:00pm
 - GOOD FRIDAY** Friday, March 30th, 7:00pm
 - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** (*the Orchard*) Sunday, April 1st, 7:00am
 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE** (*w/ new members*) Sunday, April 1st, 11:00am

(w/ refreshments and flowering of cross at 10:15am)
- **SPUMC BOOK CLUB** - Tuesday, April 10 at 10:00 am in the parlor. The selection is **Force of Nature** by Jane Harper.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **AL-ANON MEETING** - Every Thursday evening here at the church at 7:00 pm in the youth room. Contact numbers for more information are 467-1193 and 704-609-3360.
- **LEFT BEHIND IN THE HIGH COUNTRY - SUPPORT GROUP FOR SUICIDE LOSS SURVIVORS** - Meets at 6:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month in the Oak Room, Sloop Medical Offices Building, Cannon Hospital, Linville, NC. Contact Bob at 321-243-1640 or Sandy at 828-467-5379.
- **SONS OF THE SON & BRIDGE OF HOPE HOMELESS MINISTRY** - Needs: coats, gloves, hats, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps, food, toiletries and your prayers. Thank you & God Bless, Phil White
- **WE INVITE EACH FAMILY TO BRING AT LEAST ONE CAN OF FOOD EACH WEEK** for the Shepherd's Staff food assistance ministry. There is a box in the Welcome Center...let's fill it each week! Please check the "Best Used Before" date on the items you donate and make sure it is more than 30 days before expiration. Thank you.
- **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** are collected to help Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Please continue to save the box tops. Thanks to each of you for your participation. This is an on-going project so keep placing your donations in our Red Bird Mission box on the table in the Welcome Center. - Marie Brown
- **PLEASE FILL OUT THE PEW REGISTRATION PADS** by the windows at the end of each pew. **Pass them to the inside** and the ushers will pick them up after they receive the offering.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE:

(If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please exchange dates with someone and let the church office know.)

DATE	LECTOR	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	NURSERY
4/1	Chelsea Thayer	Greg Hoilman	Mary Robinson & Donnie Peters	Glenna Tasedan / Debprah Verla
4/8	Tim Drum	Melanie Murphy	Susan Basini / Clara Ahlquist	Tracy Deyton / Ginny Downs
4/15	Meredith Hoilman	Tracy Carroll	Marvin Walker / Frank Baskin	Grace Buchanan / Joey Stout
4/22	Dwight Willett	Glenna Tasedan	Lloyd & Nelle Glenn	Meredith Hoilman / Jen or Josh Newton

OUR COMMUNITY COVENANT

When a person becomes a professing member of the body of Christ at Spruce Pine United Methodist Church, he or she covenants to participate faithfully in the ministries of the congregation and in life in the world by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

- **GENERAL PRAYERS:** For all who do not know the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord; for the well-being of our community; for local, state, national, and world leaders
 - **SUSTAINING PRAYERS:** Our homebound members (Ruth Buchanan, *Shirley McManus, Barbara Henline*); Brian Center, Smoky Mountain, and Mitchell House Residents; Staff, and Families (*Mabel Whiton, Audrey Davenport, Bea White, June Wilson*; Grace Buchanan - Audrey's roommate); M-Y Parish Food Bank; Lamplighters Children, Families and Staff; *Bretta Walker; Charles Hale*; All expectant mothers and unborn children (*Jessica Hoyle, Carolyn Boles, Taylor Byrd - high risk pregnancy*); Larry Boone; *Beth Wyatt & Reg Bezzola; Laura Curtis Hodges*; Nichole Hoyle; *Grace Buchanan (adrenal fatigue)*; Libby Miller & husband; Luke Deyton; for those in addiction: for recovery and sobriety in 2018; Jonathan; *Katie, Dwight, Lila and Paul Marshall Willett*; Jo Thomas; Van McClintick; Gary Baskin
 - **FOR THOSE WHO MOURN** the family of Sharon Deyton; the family of Jim Begley; Gene Lanier & family (death of mother); the family of Jeremy Swofford
 - **FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR/RECOVERING FROM TESTS OR SURGERY:** *Melanie Murphy*; David Woodard (foot); Howard Hoilman (lung transplant); Joe Stanton (heart surgery)
 - **FOR THOSE WITH CANCER:** Nora Murray (*Neil Brown's sister*); *Jim Smith (radiation)*; Judy Rinard; Maggie Snyder (breast cancer); Diane Meatyard; Tom Wilson (tumor); Susan Wilson; Chip Smith (colon cancer); Barbara Miller; Joyce Woody; Carol Batton (breast cancer); Laurie Norman (esophageal); Susan Wilson; Holly (brain tumor); Randy Chambers (chemo); Jada Daniels (lung cancer); Larry Metcalf (liver); Debra Geer (Stage IV colon cancer); Ken Anderson (prostate)
 - **FOR THOSE LIVING WITH PAIN, ILLNESS OR INJURY:** *Sandra Woodard*; David Hoepfner; Wayne Hoilman; Mike Snyder (Parkinson's); Kent Brock (Parkinson's, Pneumonia); Bruce McKinney (Parkinson's); Mary Hampton (fibromyalgia); *Evelyn Hughes (hip)*; Jeff Dirk (flu); Aubree (encephalitis); Jesse Wray (accident - neck)
 - **FOR SURVIVORS OF INJUSTICE OR TRAGEDY:** Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Irma & Maria; Victims of Human Trafficking; Survivors of Parkland School Shooting; Survivors of sexual abuse or harassment; Survivors of child abuse
 - **FOR AREA CHURCHES:** The Toe Valley UMC Charge (Mt. Zion - Pine Grove); Bakersville UMC, Red Hill - Deyton Bend UMC; The Newdale UMC Charge (Celo-Martin's Chapel-Windham) ; SPUMC (Pastor, Staff & Members)
 - **FOR THOSE TRAVELING, ON MISSION, OR IN THE MILITARY:** Dallas Martin (Marines); Tucker McElrath; Lindsey Potter (Army National Guard); those on Mission Trips; Jacob Potter
- We want to join with you in prayer for your concerns and needs. Simply contact Pastor Troxler or the church office and tell us about your prayer concern. Please submit names to the church office by Thursday morning to be included on the weekly list.*

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK					
25 th - Jeb Bell		27 th - Meredith Hoilman		30 th - Tom Ledford	
PRESENCE:		March 18 th , 2018		11:00 - 106	
GIFTS	March 18 th , 2018	General Fund - \$4,915.00		Weekly budget need - \$4,397.00	
		Year to Date - \$51,176.62		YTD Budget Need - \$48,367.00	
		Children's Offering - \$74.82		M-Y Meds Assistance Fund	
		UMCOR Sunday - \$30.00		Mission Trip - \$50.00	
		Community Assistance - \$100.00		Shepherd's Staff Food Donations - 24	

SERVICE: Thanks to those who are serving in special ways throughout the past week and today ...
 Lector: Aaron Buchanan Greeters: Wayne & Wanda Henline Children's Time: Chelsea Thayer
 Head Usher: Vernon Coulter Nursery: Chelsea Thayer/Jessica Hoyle/Emree Hoilman Offertory: Sharon Drum

WITNESS: THERE IS NO MORE SACRED TIME THAN THIS WEEK OF HOLY WEEK. THE SERVICES WE WILL EXPERIENCE ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER SUNDAY ARE AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL OF THE YEAR. THIS WEEK, MAKE BEING PRESENT AT CHURCH YOUR #1 PRIORITY. TREAT THESE SERVICES LIKE A MINI-REVIVAL. AND DON'T COME ALONE! BE A WITNESS THIS WEEK. MANY PEOPLE ARE MORE OPEN TO PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP THIS TIME OF YEAR! SO INVITE SOMEONE TO COME WITH YOU.

****Next Week's Scripture - Easter! - April 1st, 2018****

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8