

Astoria First United Methodist Church
March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances Gunn

CENTERING MUSIC

Kristin Hammond

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Michael

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Frances Gunn

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks. We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts. Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us. We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk. Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes, modeling humility and obedience for all of us. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michael

PSALTER READING

“Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29”

Mary Frances Gunn

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, God’s 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 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 pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is everyone who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and the Lord God has given us light from heaven to shine on us and bring light to our lives. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you. You are my God. I highly praise and glorify you. Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good and God’s unwavering love endures forever!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

Kristin Hammond

NT READING

“Philippians 2:5-11”

Mary Frances Gunn

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has

highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor Michael

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Frances Gunn

With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Mary Frances Gunn

Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: Christ has come to save us! Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. AMEN

HYMN OF PREPARATION **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

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GOSPEL LESSON

“Mark 11:1-11”

Pastor Michael

SERMON

“The Long & Winding Road”

Pastor Michael

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Michael

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

**There will be a virtual Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2021
with Seaside UMC.**

We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.

Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.

If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.

[We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.](#)
