

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023



*Composition Green Background, Gouache, cut papers, and pencil on paper*  
The Menil Collection, Houston, TX  
Matisse, Henri (1869-1954)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS\*\*

PRELUDE *Hosannah!*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens  
(1823-1881)

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

John Colmers

Humble and riding on a donkey,

**We greet him.**

Cheered by crowds, he comes.

**If we were silent, even the stones would shout aloud.**

He gives those who long for redemption a new song to sing:

**With them, we shout Hosanna to our King!**

Filled with power made perfect in humility, he approaches.

**We welcome Christ, our Lord.**

\*HYMN 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Christ, you know us completely, and still you love us – loving us even to the end. We have denied you, and we have neglected your calling to serve one another. Our faith wavers, our hearts are fickle, and we don't want to follow where your road goes. Yet you are the lover of the lost; you say "forgive" even when we shout "condemn!" Have mercy on us, and by your grace, teach us to love and serve you faithfully as you have loved us. Amen.**

KYRIE 834 *Precious Lord, take my hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand;  
lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*ACT OF PRAISE 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

Judy Sperling

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,  
'God's steadfast love endures forever.'

Open the gates of justice for me,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of YHWH;  
Only the upright can enter!

I thank you that you have answered me and saved me.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous to see.  
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 prosperity now!

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, who  
has given us light.  
Join the festal procession! With palm fronds in hand, go  
up to the horns of the altar.

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

MUSIC *Siciliano*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Holy wisdom, holy Word...

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*To the Streets*

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.*



OFFERTORY *Sing to the Lord Hosanna!*

Patrick Liebergen  
(b. 1949)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

*...the prayer continues, concluding with*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF COMMUNION

*In the sanctuary, you may either receive the juice by intinction (dip the bread in the cup), or with the sealed cup to take back to your pew. Gluten free bread is in a smaller dish on each plate. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the outside aisle.*

*If you are joining us from home, please break your bread when the bread is broken in the sanctuary. When the cup is poured, please pour it at home, or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.*

#### PRAY IN COLOR

*People greeted Jesus with joy, shouting "Hosanna!" which means "save us!" From what do we need to be saved today? When you come forward to receive communion, write your word/prayer on a piece of purple paper and cut it into a narrow strip to adorn our banners and return it as an offering.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of grace, as we look ahead to Holy Week, we long to be faithful disciples, serving as you have served us. We long to be steadfast companions, awake in the darkest hour. We long to follow in your footsteps, even if they lead us to the site of an execution.**

**May the meal we have shared strengthen us for the road ahead. May the bread we have broken and shared join us as Christ's body in the world. May the cup we have poured be for us his love and life, poured out for the world. We ask this in the name of our savior, Amen.**

#### SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

#### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccatina and Fugue in d Minor BWV 565*

Johann Sebastian Bach

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

REV. CAT DODSON GOODRICH, *Pastor*  
DR. SAMUEL SPRINGER, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
JOHN COLMERS, *Liturgist*  
THE CHANCEL CHOIR  
ED KITLOWSKI, *bagpipes*  
DAWN SHIREY, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*  
ANDY FULLER, *Audio/Camera*

*Please join us following worship in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Bill Hyde's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**\*\*JOYS AND CONCERNS:** We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com).

#### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

*Faith's homebound members and  
those receiving long-term care  
Our partners in Cuba*

*Victims of gun violence  
The people of Ukraine*

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES. Please see the schedule for this week's services and plan to observe Holy Week with Faith!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY *11:00 a.m. on Zoom*

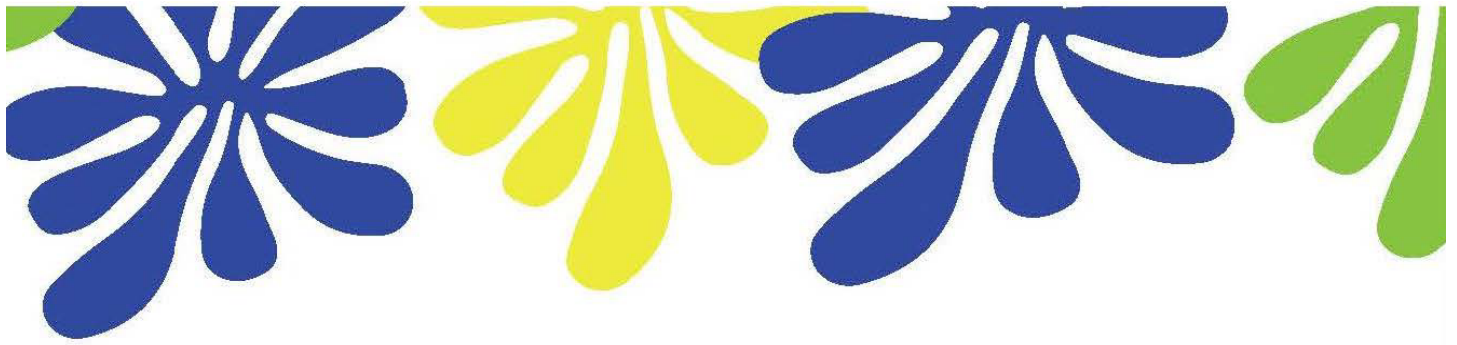
Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

THE FORUM: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom

ECO FEST! On Earth Day, April 22, noon-3pm, (rain date, April 23, 2-4pm) come and celebrate Faith Church's new green space! We'll have food trucks, live music, and a raffle; free trees, seeds, and books; art and nature activities for all and exhibitors with environmental resources.

Faith will host a screening of the *BELLY OF THE BEAST CUBA*, a docuseries on Cuba, Tuesday, April 25 at 7pm in the Woodmont room. The series host, Liz Oliva Fernández, and members of the production team will join us for a discussion.

The REV. LAURA INGERSOL will preach and lead worship on Sunday, April 16. Plan to stay after for further conversation with Rev. Ingersol over a light lunch in the Woodmont Room about her participation in a Living Legacy Pilgrimage (LLP), an experience of the history of the Civil Rights movement.



# HOLY WEEK

## AT FAITH

**PALM SUNDAY, April 2** at 10:20 gather in Jackson Lounge for a Parade of Palms; Worship at 10:45. Stay for lunch to celebrate Bill Hyde's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6** Simple Supper at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall, followed by a progressive Tenebrae service to remember the last days of Jesus' life. Worship will begin at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall and concludes in the sanctuary.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 9**

**SUNRISE SERVICE:** Worship in Courtyard at 6:30  
(weather permitting)

**FELLOWSHIP:** Potluck Brunch in Jackson Lounge at 9:45  
Egg Hunt in Courtyard at 10:15

**WORSHIP:** in the Sanctuary at 10:45, with a Children's Parade, the Celebration of Communion, and Joyful Music with Brass, Organ, and Choir

