

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 13, 2025



First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to

“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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BOLD TEXT – All participate

* - Stand if you are able

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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hermann Ball

PRELUDE

“Palm Sunday Glory”
Chancel Bells

Sharon E Rogers

***SONG**

“Lift High the Cross”

#371

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We claim God’s salvation in Christ our Savior with the word:

All: Hosanna, hosanna!

Leader: An unlikely king, he rides into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey never before ridden

All: and still we recognize him:

Leader: we find God’s majesty in this humble man who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

All: Let us worship Christ with thanksgiving for his hope-filled entry into our lives.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Peace be with you!

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

INTRO SONG SUNG BY CHILDREN’S CHOIR

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

***SONG**

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

#88

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord. Save us from ourselves, when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear. Save us from the systems that keep us bound, when we cannot see the way out. Save us from our sins, when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts. Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting “Hosanna” will soon be screaming “Crucify him.” Save us we pray, O Lord, and do not let us be among them.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

"Lamb of God" STF 2113

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O
wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 23
Luke 23:44-46

SERMON

"Thin Places"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

SONG

"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" vs. 1

STF 2112

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Were You There?"
Chancel Bells

arr. Barbara Kinyon

*OFFERING RESPONSE

("We Give Thee But Thine Own #428)

**We give Thee but Thine own. Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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

SENDING

***SONG**

"Holy Ground"

Insert

LENTEN CANDLE READING

L: Today is Palm Sunday. It is the day when the crowds cheered and shouted:

P: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

L: But the cheers were short lived, for in the background the chief priests, the scribes and Pharisees were –

P: buying their spy with thirty coins, and setting traps with tricky words.

L: Today is Palm Sunday. Only the Christ candle burns through our service.

(The sixth candle of Lent is extinguished)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Ithmar Conley