



CAHABA SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Service for the Lord's Day

April 2, 2023

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

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Palm Sunday

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand, as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to Worship

David Perry

*Prelude and the Procession
of Palms*

L. Smith/ J. Carter

*Call to Worship

David Perry

- One: Where is he going? Isn't he from Nazareth? Can anything good come from Nazareth?
Many: Is he headed to Jerusalem? Do you think Jerusalem is safe? Does he know that Pilate is here?
- One: Where is he going? Does he know the city is dangerous? Does he see the Pharisees watching?
Many: Is this the one we've been waiting for? Could this be the Messiah?
- One: Where is he going? The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"
Many: Should I lay down my cloak? Is this the beginning of the end? Should we follow? Should we watch? Should we sing, "Hosanna"? Stay awake! He's on the move. Where is he going?
- One: Listen.
Many: Where is he going?
- One: Watch.
Many: Where is he going?
- One: Stay close.
Many: Where is he going?
- One: Sing, "Hosanna."
All: Hosanna! Amen.

*Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

We are trains on a track, moving through life at warp speed. Please keep all arms and legs inside the moving vehicle at all times. The years pass like a flipbook, faster than we can absorb, but the train does not stop. We press our faces to the windows to try and get a good view and we ask each other, Where are you headed? And there on the train we decide—we want to head toward the promised day. We want to head toward crowded tables and long, healthy lives. We want to move in the direction of joyful children, and hopeful communities. We want to move closer to God with every mile of track, and that does not happen by accident. So, it's time to ask, Where are you headed, and who's driving that train? Amen.

A Moment with the Children

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

CONFESSING TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Responsive Reading)

- One: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."
- All: **God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.**
- One: This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
- All: **God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.**
- One: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
- All: **Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.**
- One: The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- All: **Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us**

the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”

One: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”
The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

All: **With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*** Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

David Perry

First Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied himself taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Hosanna in the Highest!

David Music

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Daughter of Zion, rejoice and see your King comes to you.
Shout now, O daughter of Jerusalem, your King comes to you.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

1When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2saying 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. 3If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” 4This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 5 “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.” 6The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; 7they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9The 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!” 10When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” 11The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

seeking: Where are you headed?

deNay Kirkpatrick

* **Hymn 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

* **Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world’s suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars. We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another. We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day. That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory

God So Loved the World

arr. Hustad/Smith

* **The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

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PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you
Many: **And also with you**
One: Lift up your hearts
Many: **We lift them to the Lord**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Sacraments (Intinction)

We will be celebrating Holy Communion by intinction. You will come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you prefer to remain seated, please let one of the ushers know and we will gladly bring communion to you.

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God,
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Hymn 269	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal!</i>	LANCASHIRE
*Charge and Blessing		deNay Kirkpatrick
And all God's people say: Amen!		
* Choral Benediction	<i>Three-fold Amen</i>	Traditional
*Postlude	<i>The Palms</i>	Jean Baptiste Faure

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April Happenings at Cahaba Springs

Fellowship Luncheon – today immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

Community Holy Week Services – Monday, April 3rd - Friday, April 7th at noon with lunch to follow at Trussville 1st United Methodist Church. Schedule is as follows:

Monday—Rev. Gerald Holloway
Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church
Tuesday – Rev. Massey Gentry
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
Wednesday – Dr. Buddy Champion
1st Baptist Church, Trussville
Thursday – Rev. John Stirewalt
Faith Lutheran Church
Friday – Rev. James Dickson, Jr.
Christ Church, PCA Presbyterian

First Tuesday Dinner – Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 PM. Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another. Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. On Thursday, April 6th, we will have a service celebrating both the Last Supper associated with Maundy Thursday and the Passion associated with Good Friday. We will begin the service celebrating the Lord's Supper, by gathering in the Narthex, enjoying a simple meal and fellowship as we read scripture. Following the meal, we will move into the sanctuary as we read scripture regarding Jesus' arrest and crucifixion or the Passion. We will end the service in silence.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM.

Easter Monday Holiday – The church office will be closed Monday, April 10th.

PHFC Workday – Friday, April 14th. We will meet at CSPC parking lot, leave for the Home at 8:30 and plan to return by 3. Please confirm availability with George Fritsma.

Knit Wits – Saturday, April 15th from 10 AM-noon in the Ladies' Room.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – Sunday, April 16th immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will study Lesson 8 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel.

XYZ Monthly Luncheon & Movie– Tuesday, April 18th at 11:00 in *Harmony Hall*. We will have a light lunch and then move to the Conference Room to watch *A Man Called Otto*. Linda will have a sign-up sheet of what to bring for lunch.

TEAM Food Collection – Sunday, April 23rd. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville. Please remember those in need.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, April 25th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month's discussion will be on *If I Were the Boss of You* by Melinda Rainey Thompson.

3 Hots & Cot Collection – Sunday, April 30th. We will be collecting coffee (no decaf, please) and paper products for our vets.

Session Retreat—Sunday, April 30th from 12:30 -4:30.

Coming Soon

CSPC Yard Sale – May 26-27; rain date June 2-3. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture for our huge yard sale! Items may be brought to the church now during normal business hours or on Sunday. We will need lots of volunteers to do the pricing, staging, etc. prior to the sale & many others the days of the sale. Please see Lynda McLean or Karen O'Brien for any other information. All proceeds go towards the general fund.

Pentecost Celebration – Sunday, May 28th. Details to follow.

Weekly Classes & Events:

Inter-Generational Sunday Morning Class --Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Ladies' Room studying "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss".

Reel to Real -- Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

Birmingham Youth Group -- Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to Southminster Presbyterian Church. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize, and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Rainwater for additional information.

Thursdays Together --Thursdays at 10:00 AM in Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *Why Faith Matters* by David J. Wolpe which reveals just how important faith is in today's modern society.

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Chordmakers -- Fridays at 5:30 PM in *Harmony Hall*. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship and of course music.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Haley Crew
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for our extended family...

Lisa Kraymer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Dan Southern	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Mary Hammett	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Mac & Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Susie Abbott
Laura Rainey	Joy Martin & family	Debbie Lambert	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Carol Bos	Amy Baughman	Laura Stalls

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