



*Worshipping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of
God's vibrant energy and grace for all.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 29, 2026 // 10am
Palm Sunday - Sacred Protest

CENTERING WORDS: Real worship is not performance – the words we speak to God and to one another - but justice in motion—love that moves through streets and hearts.

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GREETING

One: The God of life be with you.

All: And also with you!

PROCESSIONAL

Hosanna in the Highest (Bulletin/Screen)

ANTHEM

Palm Sunday Hosanna

arr. Joel Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daphne Teutsch

One: Come into God’s presence,
you who imagine and you who seek,
you who disrupt and you who repair.

All: By the Spirit, we gather in hope.

One: Come into God’s saving grace,
you who shout, “Hosanna,”
you who pray, “save us,”
you who wave branches to welcome Christ.

All: In Christ, we gather in celebration.

One: Come into God’s presence,
singing for joy and for justice;
bringing prayer and worship, your most faithful acts of resistance.

All: To God be the glory! We gather to praise!

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN # 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of the manger, the hillside,
the farmer's field, and the sheep's pasture,
you are no stranger to humble beginnings and simple places.
We know the stories.
We hear you calling us away from the hypocrisy
of external shows of piety,
and toward the quiet places of prayer and service.
But our hearts remain divided.

**All: Forgive us for being so easily impressed
with the trappings of power and wealth,
for turning our backs on your quiet, persistent working
among those on the margins.
Forgive us for accepting worldly standards
for beauty and status that foster discrimination.
Forgive us for perpetuating lies of worth and value
that exist outside your righteous economy of justice.**

One: We focus our endeavors, our appreciation,
and our worship around that which you find
beautiful and praiseworthy.
Help us expand our imaginations
to see beauty where you are most glorified. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN #727 *The Servant Song* (vs. 1-2) Rev. Dr. Paul Van Kempen

HANDBELLS *We Worship You, God* arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21: 1 – 17

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: “Hosanna, I cry.”

Exhale: “Save us, we pray.”

SERMON *Justice in Motion* Rev. Cathy C. Hoop

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Let us affirm our faith as we participate in the holy work of imagination.

All: **We believe that disruption can be holy.**

We believe that without justice, true peace cannot exist.

One: We believe that Jesus disrupted the temple
bringing a holy, liberating chaos
to confront an order rooted in injustice.

All: **We believe that Jesus entered Jerusalem
to stir up necessary trouble
and challenge the forces that kept people bound.**

One: We believe that even when disruption feels unsettling,
God calls us to courage.

All: **We believe that the strong must stand with the vulnerable,
even when doing so unsettles the status quo.**

One: We believe that truth must be spoken aloud,
even when it discomforts those who hear it.

All: **We believe that peaceful protest is a vital voice of the oppressed,
and that such voices must be uplifted and protected. Amen.**

***HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Bulletin/Screen)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request, you are invited to fill out a prayer card (found in the pew-backs) and put it in the offering plate. The ushers will deliver it to the pastors.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

By My Side

by Jay Hamburger and Peggy Gordon
Jan Brashler and Beth Magennis

***DOXOLOGY #606**

**All: Praise God whose image we all bear.
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share.
Praise Spirit making justice grow.
One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**All: God of palms and parades,
receive these gifts as our "Hosanna"—
our praise, our plea, and our promise.
As Jesus rode humbly into the city,
take what we bring and send it where mercy is needed
and justice is overdue.
Make our giving more than a moment in worship—
make it a way of life.
By your Spirit, turn our gratitude into courage,
our worship into witness,
and our prayers into love made visible,
through Christ our hope. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**One: God, this world
gets us down on our knees
and up on our feet.
We bow our heads
and we beat the pavement.**

We call for peace
and we march our prayers.

We remember the story of your procession,
and in this silence, we ask that you would guide our steps today.
(time for silence)

One: You who journey with us,

All: lead us on paths of justice and liberation.

One: We remember the story of your turning over tables,
and in this silence, we ask that you would harness our passion today.
(time for silence)

One: You who kindle the flame in our hearts,

All: make us burn for truth and righteousness.

One: We remember the story of your faithfulness to your friends,
and in this silence, we lift to you our prayers for those we love.
(time for silence)

One: You who never give up on any of us,

All: deepen our faith in each other.

One: We remember the story of your love that knows no bounds
and in this silence, we lift to you our prayers for all the world.
(time for silence)

One: You who took it all into your heart,

All: send us out to serve and heal the world you so love. Amen

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

**All: 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.**

*HYMN #200 *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd*

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #205 *Live in Charity*

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Holy Week and Easter Sunday Service Times

April 2 - Maundy Thursday service at 6pm.
This is a family friendly event. Join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and a brief intergenerational service that will include an opportunity to wash each other's hands and feet.

April 5 - Easter Sunday
6:30 am Sunrise Communion service in the FPC Memorial Garden
9-10am Easter breakfast
9:30am Easter egg hunt
10am Worship with Communion

Taizé Prayer // All are welcome to this ecumenical prayer service. **March 30** at 7pm at St. Francis de Sales Church (171 W.13th St., Holland). For more information, Christians United in Song & Prayer, www.CUSPholland.org

Ecumenical Good Friday Service // **April 3** at 12 noon at Maple Avenue Ministries (427 Maple Ave). All are welcome.

ADVOCACY FOR ALL

Palm Sunday

Walter Brueggemann sees lament as essential to faith and justice. He argues lament is the language of people who refuse to accept the world as it is and dare to voice their pain, grief, and protest before God. Lament interrupts denial and makes space for truth-telling about suffering and injustice. By lamenting, communities resist silence and passivity, opening themselves to God's new possibilities.

Advocacy is the holy work of imagination. Once we lament, we must take loving action to help make things right. Advocating for ourselves and others is central to our faith because God imagines a world of wholeness, healing, and equity for all people. Scripture calls us not only to love God but also to love our neighbor in tangible, restorative ways. When we seek justice, we participate in God's work of making all things new.



LAMENT: CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM

God of peace and prophets, we cry out as your name is twisted to serve empire. We mourn the way Christian nationalism has claimed your story to uphold white supremacy, silence dissent, and bless violence. We grieve sacred symbols used as weapons, pulpits turned into platforms for fear, and the cross wrapped in flags instead of love. We lament the harm done to communities of color, queer and trans people, migrants, and all who are othered in the name of "God and country." The damage is real. The truth is buried beneath power's thirst. How long, O God? How long until love is no longer used to wound? Lord, have mercy.

Silence: Take a moment to reflect and lament as you prepare your heart for action.

ACT: WHAT DOES YOUR CHURCH SAY?

What impression does your church give to someone driving by or visiting your website for the first time? What signals—intentional or not—does your congregation send to the wider community?

With the rise of Christian Nationalism, many progressive Christians feel conflicted about claiming the name "Christian" publicly. Yet it's important for those alarmed by Christian Nationalism to know that not all who follow Jesus look the same. Hiding our identity doesn't help; clarity does.

This week, take a fresh look at your church's public presence. Walk by your building as a stranger might. Browse your website as a newcomer would. What do you see? What values come through—and what might be missing or unclear? If possible, ask someone outside your congregation for their honest impression. Consider what small changes to signage, language, or online presence might help your community's beliefs and welcome become clearer to those searching for a different kind of Christianity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fifth Sunday Offering // Today we hold a special offering to support one of our outreach partners, the Good Samaritan's housing ministry. For over a decade Good Samaritan has served Ottawa County as the designated Housing Assessment and Resource Agency. In support of their philosophy that safe, stable and affordable housing is a basic human right, they provide supportive housing services and rental assistance to households in crisis. Your generous prayers and support are truly appreciated. You can find more information about Good Samaritan in the Outreach kiosk or online.

Lenten Book Study // Continues today at 11:15am in the Michigan Room as we study the book, *Turning Over Tables*, by Kathy Escobar. Or, you can join via Zoom.

Member in Need of a Ride to Church // Bob Morris is looking for a ride on Sunday mornings. He lives near the church. Though he has a bike, the weather has not been very conducive for riding lately! Please look him up in the church directory and give him a call if you can help. Questions? Contact Cathy.

Maundy Thursday Service April 2 at 6pm // Join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and a brief intergenerational service that will include an opportunity to wash each other's hands and feet. Sign up on the sign up table to contribute soup, salad, bread, or fruit. Volunteers are also needed to help to help set up and clean up.

Easter Breakfast // Our annual Easter Breakfast (9am) plans are in the works. The menu includes baked French toast, ham, beverages, fresh fruit and baked goods including gluten-free and nut-free. The breakfast is free (donations are accepted) but we do need volunteers to help make this breakfast enjoyable for all.

Please volunteer on the sign-up table in the lobby. Hope you can join us!

- Saturday, April 4th at 10am to set up
- Sunday, April 5th at 8:00am to set-up and serve
- Clean-up at 11:00 after the service.
- Sign up to bring baked goods (No nuts, no nut oils, no nut extracts or flavors)
- Sign up to bring Gluten-free baked goods
- Sign up to bring fresh fruit

Habitat for Humanity // Next Habitat for Humanity workday is **April 9**. Questions? Contact Bill Haines, wehaines@icloud.com

Presby What? // Would you like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), or about First Presbyterian of Holland? Curious about membership at FPC? Join us on **Sunday mornings (4/12 - 5/3)** at 11:15 - 12:00 in the sanctuary for an opportunity to learn about the history, theology and mission of the PC(USA) and FPC. A sign-up sheet is available on the entryway table. Questions? Contact Cathy at cathy@fpcholland.org.

Rev. Doug Brouwer invites you to join him for: Faith Speaking Into Crisis: What does the church say when it can no longer be silent? The church does not confess its faith in a vacuum. The great Reformed confessions of the modern era were forged in moments of crisis — when the comfortable formulas of routine religion were no longer adequate, when the gospel itself was at stake — not unlike today. Each of the documents studied in this series was the church's answer to the question: What do we say in this moment? Class runs: April 12 - May 3 in the Michigan Room. Virtual option will be available.

Session 1) The Barmen Declaration (1934),

Session 2) The Confession of 1967,

Session 3) The Belhar Confession (1986), and

Session 4) The Accra Confession (2004)

Men's Book Group // All meetings are held at FPC on the second Monday of the month at 2:30pm. Join us! Our next meeting is **April 13:** *Gales of November* by John U. Bacon. Questions? Please contact Don Cowie.

Community-Wide Song & Prayer // Celebrating together the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. "There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." Ephesians 4:4. **Sunday, April 19** at 5pm at Maranatha Church (918 Central Ave, Holland). For more information go to www.CUSPholland.org.

4 Week Spring Taiji Class // Discovering the Health & Balance Benefits of Taiji (tai chi)
Taiji is a natural exercise to do and is one of the most effective workouts today to enhance mobility, improve balance while bringing relaxation. Taiji is an uplifting healing exercise for the body & mind promoting overall health & well-being. Known as an internal martial art, taiji has evolved over the years into an effective way to relieve stress and anxiety because it promotes relaxation and now well known for improving balance on many levels. It is an exercise for every age. Questions: chris@timefortaiji.com or call 616-541-5933

What: Four Week Spring Taiji (tai chi) Class

Dates: Tuesday April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th // Time: 5:30pm - 6:15pm

Location: First Presbyterian Church 659 State Street, Holland Michigan

Cost: \$40.00 includes access to free online practice and lesson videos

Justice Reads // Justice Reads Book Group is currently reading *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. Grab a copy and plan on joining the conversation on Thursday, April 30th at 7pm in the cafe. For more info, contact Jan Brashler or Cathy Hoop.

Holland Community Theatre // Join us for the next HCT play on **Saturday, April 11 at 7:30pm** to see “ Suite Surrender”. It is a fast-paced farce full of old-world glamour and nonstop laughs. A delightful homage to screwball comedy where the only thing louder than the headlines is the drama. Optional dinner at the Curraugh at 5:30pm. Sign up in the lobby.

First Reformed Church of Holland (Right across the street!) is starting a new service, “Prayers for Peace” // Join us the first Monday of each month beginning **April 6** from 5:30-6:00pm. We invite members of other churches and the wider community to come together to pray for peace in our world, in our country, our communities, our churches, and our lives. *All are welcome!*

Gilmore Car Museum Visit! // Once again the First Presbyterian Men's Group is sponsoring a visit to the Gilmore Car Museum on Wednesday, May 13th. The feature display this year will be GM Motorama Marvels from the Joe Bortz Collection!

We'll meet at church at 8:00am and take the church bus to the museum (Thank you Jon Kreple!). Should be back to the church around 5:00pm. Admission for the day is \$20. Also bring money for lunch and \$10 for gas for the bus. This is open to anyone interested who wants to go, not just the Men's Group. There are 3 motorized carts available to rent for \$30(first come first serve) and 4 wheelchairs for those needing assistance.

If you have any questions please contact Bob Gansen at (269)753-7024 or robert.s.gansen@charter.net. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Escape Ministries // If you need help with a project and want to give youth a job, hire a youth team from Escape Ministries to do it! We show up with a truck, an adult team leader, three insured-youth workerd, and most of the tools needed for spring or summer projects such as weeding, mulching, cleaning, moving, or whatever else you need. Inquire at escape-out.org/hire or call 616-396-4481 x210.

Save the Date // As you start making summer plans, consider joining us at Mystery Creek Campground for our paddle weekend, July 10-12. Come and camp or come for just the day - paddle or just hang out with us. It's a wonderful way to spend time outdoors growing friendships and having fun! Watch for more details.

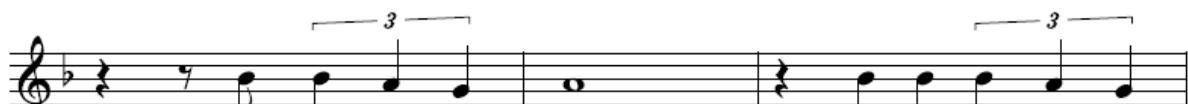
Hosanna in the Highest



Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho - san - na, Ho-



san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est! Lord, we lift up your name!



With hearts full of praise! Be ex - alt - ed O



Lord our God, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orléans, 9th Century

Translation: John Mason Neale

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of
O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al line, the one called "God's be -
As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day, whose jus - tice and whose
chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring! The peo - ple of the He - brews with
lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine, To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they
mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to
palms a - dorned your way; our praise and prayer and
sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high ex -
you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of
an - thems we of - fer you this day.
alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King,

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

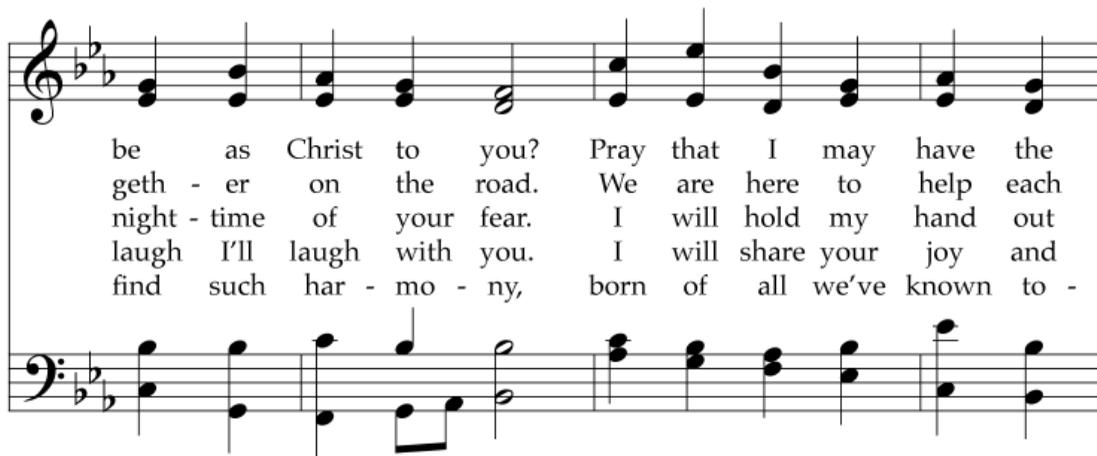
the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

Live in Charity

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Ubi caritas

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and melodic lines, including a triplet in the second system.

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

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Chris Urbaniak

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Children's Programming During Worship:

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn - 3 years of age. Available for the whole service.
- Celebration Time - 4 years of age through 1st grade. Available after Children's Time.

Education Offerings After Worship:

Education hour is from 11:15a -12:00p. *All are welcome to participate!*

- Adult Class - Michigan Room
- Youth - Youth Room
- Worship Center - PreK - 5th grade
- Nursery - Newborn through 3 years

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