



SIX MILE RUN REFORMED CHURCH

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VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be so filled by the spirit of God that we obey God's revealed will in the Holy Scriptures, especially in the Gospel of Jesus Christ; loving one another, stewarding the resources God has given us and seeking to be transformed into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, being his hands, feet and voice in the communities in which we live and work.

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"PALM SUNDAY"



Pastor Steven Clark
Sunday, March 24, 2024
10:00 AM Divine Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MARCH 24, 2024
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

LUYH refers to the Red Hymnal - *Lift Up Your Hearts*.
PAS refers to the Blue Hymnal - *Psalms for All Seasons*.
*is the invitation for worshipers to rise in body or in spirit.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Stilling Silence

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

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 Hymn:** *"Mantos Y Palmas"*

LUYH #143

Mark 11:1-11
(NRSVUE)

1 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples

2 and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

3 If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,

5 some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

6 They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it.

7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the coming of kingdom of our ancestor David!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 24 2024

EASTER FOOD BASKETS DONATIONS DUE TODAY

All donations for the Easter Food Baskets are due today. Please see Jane Casey with any questions.

EASTER BASKETS FOR FRANKLIN PARK SCHOOL FAMILY

DUE TODAY—**Easter Baskets for the Children:** 7 month old girl; 2 year old girl; 5 year old girl; 7 year old girl; 8 year old boy; 11 year old boy and 16 year old girl. **Suggested items for Easter Baskets:** Books, coloring books, crayons, age appropriate toys, games, socks, t-shirts, outfit for 7 month old, Easter eggs and candy! Please see Jane Casey with any questions.

GRANDPARENTING SEMINAR, AFTER SERVICE ON APRIL 14

Do you want to be a better grandparent? Then stick around after church on April 14th for a seminar and Q&A with licensed child and family therapist, Sharon Gianneschi, LMSW. Ways you can help: Invite 3 of your friends! We are also looking for 2 volunteers to provide childcare during the event.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Please join us for our services during Holy Week, and invite your family and friends! Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel (light refreshments). Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Easter Sunday: sunrise service 7:00 a.m. in front of the Sanctuary; congregational breakfast and fellowship, 8:00-9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall; 10:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary (no fellowship hour after).

ARTS AT THE CHURCH

Next up in the Guest Artist Recital Series: Alexander Covelli, violin and Julian Jensen, piano. Six Mile Run Reformed Church welcomes back Alexander Covelli for another evening of classical hits on violin. Saturday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Always, the program is free to attend, and donations are welcome.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IN HONOR OF HOLY WEEK

Please join us today after worship as your hospitality team hosts an extra special Fellowship Hour in honor of Holy Week.

Call to Remember and Confess

Prayer of Confession:

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill at the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out His sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from His presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet You continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to Your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

***Kyrie:** “*Lord Have Mercy*”

LUYH #639

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy on me.

Words of Reassurance

***Hymn of Peace:** “*God is Love*”

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.
Beloved, let us love one another, for God is love.”

***Passing of The Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

L: Share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear, read, mark, learn, and digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choir Performance: “*Hosanna, Sing!*”

By Douglas E. Wagner

Scriptures: Mark 11:1-11

(see page 7)

Sermon: “Palm Sunday”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Call to Self– Offering

Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology:** “*We are People on a Journey*”

We are people on a journey, following where our Savior walks.
We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross.
What compels? The face of Jesus! Who protects? Our faithful guide:
He who treads the road of service, Christ the Lord, the crucified.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gathering of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The 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.**

***Closing Hymn** “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

LUYH #145

***Benediction**

Postlude

Today’s liturgical color is **Purple/Red** for *Palm/Passion Sunday*.

