

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 9, 2006

11:00 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

Welcome and Announcements Moments of Friendship

PRELUDE "Les Rameaux" Baptiste-Fauré/Gabriel
(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Zechariah 9:9 Miriam King, Liturgist

Liturgist: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Liturgist: Lo, your king comes to you;
People: triumphant and victorious is he,
Liturgist: humble and riding on a donkey,
People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Liturgist: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***HYMN No. 89** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*CONFESSION OF SIN *(In Unison)*

Lord Jesus Christ, we are like the people who welcomed you to Jerusalem, we are happy to be with you when things are going well and inclined to run away when the going is tough: Lord have mercy. Sometimes we are even ashamed to confess that we know you: Christ have mercy. We know that you are a special friend to people who are poor, or hungry or sick, but we do not always love your friends: Lord have mercy.

(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579)*

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 643)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Hosanna to Jesus" arr. Shackley

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon Notes

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SOME KING OF A JOKE

Mark 11:1-11

- I. The Gospel of Mark
- II. The Noble Steed
- III. A Revelation of Leadership

EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 182)
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No. 151** Crown Him with Many Crowns

SERMON LESSON: Mark 11:1-11 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 44)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Some Kind of a Joke Jonathan P. Fetting

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *(In Unison)

Apostles' Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

PRESENTATION, The Doxology *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)

**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. Amen.**

***HYMN No. 88** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Those who are able, please stand**

About the music for our Palm Sunday Worship

Lucas Weiss, Music Director

Today's Prelude, *Les Rameaux*, or *The Palms*, composed by Jean Baptiste-Fauré and Charles H. Gabriel, was for many years, considered a 'required' piece for Palm Sunday worship services.

The hymn arrangements for our first and last hymns are settings by Lloyd Larson, a well-known sacred choral clinician and composer, as well as an active church musician. We thank the various choirs of this church for their participation this morning, as well as percussionists, Gary Hyman and Kristin Noll.

The anthem, *Hosanna to Jesus*, an arrangement by Larry Shackley, is a modern setting of a hymn text written by Fanny J. Crosby. Living from 1820 to 1915, Ms. Crosby, who left blind in infancy, following a medical procedure, was known as one of the most prolific hymn writers in history. She wrote well over 8,000 hymn texts and to keep publishers from rejecting her work, because she was a woman, she used nearly 100 different pseudonyms. We give thanks for the many, many gifts Fanny J. Crosby gave to this world through her moving hymn texts.

We welcome Flutist, Dr. Emily Butterfield, into our midst this morning.

Dr. Butterfield teaches Applied Flute and Flute Choir at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Muskingum College. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30 at 2pm, when Dr. Butterfield will present her Faculty Recital here, in our Sanctuary.

Friend of the Congregation, Mr. Mark Wagner, joins us at the organ console this morning. Mark will graduate from Mount Vernon Nazarene University next month, with a degree in Music Education. While at MVNU, Mark studied organ and piano, and served this congregation as Brass Choir Director and Choir Accompanist. We thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today and during the past two years, and wish him well as he enters the world of Music Education.

GIVE US A PIECE OF YOUR MIND!

Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

Matt.25:35-40

One of the ways YOUR CHURCH fulfills its Christian ministry is to identify and financially support those individuals and organizations whose activities share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known in our community and throughout the world. Over the years, this congregation has helped support ministries here in Knox County, and as far away as the Sudan. Some of the local programs receiving assistance have been Interchurch; Care Net, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, with membership open to high school students; and our own Monday night "Hot Meals". Internationally, we have helped spread Christ's message through Hands to Honduras, South American Mission and the Nile Theological Seminary.

Over the last several months, the Mission Outreach Committee, which, with Session, determines the allocation of mission spending, has been reviewing programs that have received funds in the past. While all the programs have merit and are deserving of support, the Committee is seeking to identify programs that are of particular interest to members of the congregation so that we can not only provide financial support, but become personally involved as a church. If you know of a Christian outreach program you would like to see your church support, please pick up a funding application at the back of the sanctuary or from the church secretary.