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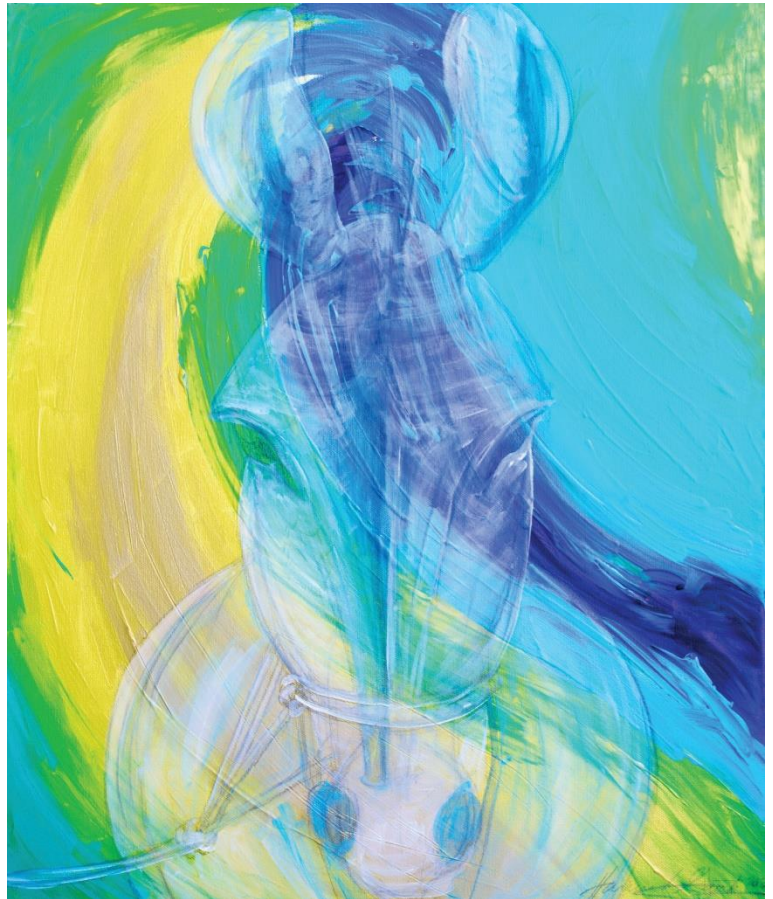
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

Excerpt from "The King of Glory"
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Smith

God of the seasons—

Help us to let go of to-do lists and anxiety,

So that we can hold onto you.

Help us to let go of the need for certainty,

So that we can trust in you alone.

Help us let go of fear and comparison,

So that we can grow in love for you and each other.

God of the seasons, as we enter this space,

We strive to let go of everything that keeps us from being with you.

With honest hearts and open minds, we pray—

Let us worship Holy God.

OPENING PRAYER

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Teaching Elder Nathan Royster

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

Ellacombe

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, when we are reluctant to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives:

Forgive us.

When we fear that humbling ourselves would be seen by others as an embarrassing weakness rather than your true wisdom:

Forgive us.

When we betray your love for us through our lack of love for others:

Forgive us.

When we value comfort and familiarity over following in your way of the cross:

Forgive us.

*A WORD OF ASSURANCE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lift High the Palms!"
Chancel Choir

Joseph M. Martin

(Young people through age four may now be excused to childcare.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 19:28-40 NT p. 83

SERMON

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt
"Cultivating Faith, Letting Go of Aggression"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

Look upon us with mercy.
With compassion remember us.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

Paul Carpenedo

OFFERING AND REFLECTION

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21
WaYouth hosting Easter event at Mercy Center for Women

OFFERTORY

"In the Garden"
Sanctuary Bells

C. Austin Miles
arr. Kevin McChesney

*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 606

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

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

Holy God, thank you for the great deeds of saving love and power that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings that they may further your realm in all the world. Amen.

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN NO. 213**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Rathbun

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Everyone who is able may stand.

Bold lettering is to be read responsively by the congregation.

Bold lettering that is italicized is to be sung by the congregation.

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Sunday Take Home for March 24, 2024

Questions for Reflection

The events of Holy Week make up the central story of our faith.

Can we see the suffering of others in our world
in the passion of Jesus?

What are some ways
that the daughters and sons of humanity
are crucified today?

How are we called to respond?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, as I enter into this new day,
I ask that you keep me mindful
of the profound messages of this Holy Week.
Help me to go beyond the joyful parade of the palms
and to follow Jesus into the suffering of this world,
mindful that he was obedient to you,
even to the cross. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day.
If I remembered today,
or repeated, my betrayals of you,
remind me now of your steadfast love for me,
as I give this day into your hands
and rest in peace. Amen.

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2024

WELCOME!

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God’.” (Hosea 2:23)

Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit.

Be who you are and be welcome here.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Children’s worship activity bags are available for children remaining in the worship service. Please return them following worship.

AUDIO AND VISUAL ASSISTANCE

A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Thanks to all those who helped with the worship service today:

Church Opener:	Steve Porter	
SNE Greeter:	Sarah Jay	11:00 Greeter:
Slides: 8:30:		11:00: Bobbi Jo Fye
Worship Assistant:	Mark Smith	Fellowship Time:
Ushers: 8:30:	Louise Martin, Jill Gomes	
11:00:	Kenny Momeyer, Andy Potocki, Katie Potocki, Marilyn Russell	

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week, March 31:

Church Opener:	Matt McCullough	11:00 Greeter:
Slides: 8:30:		11:00:
Worship Assistant:	Mac Pollard	Fellowship Time: Nancy Ebinger
Ushers: 8:30:	Tom Momeyer, Jill Gomes, Ed Snyder, Tim Feltmeyer, Steve Porter	
11:00:	Eli Fuchs, Kallan Fuchs, Aurora Fuchs, Claus Fuchs, Sarah Jay, Marilyn Russell, Mark Smith	

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24-MARCH 31

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:15 PM	Confirmation Class
Monday, March 25	9:30 AM	Stronger Seniors
	6:30 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	Symphonic Singers
	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Bells
Tuesday, March 26	7:30 AM	Online Lenten Prayer Practices
	1:00 PM	Newsletter Collating
	5:30 PM	HAAEQG
	7:00 PM	Raucous Readers
Wednesday, March 27	9:30 AM	Stronger Seniors
	5:15 PM	Lenten Prayer Practices
Thursday, March 28	9:00 AM	Yoga with Cathleen
	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle
	6:00 PM	Al-Anon Newcomers
Friday, March 29	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday, March 30	10:00 AM	Easter Eggs-perience
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday	8:30 AM	Celebration of Easter
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Easter

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad that is on the aisle end of your pew! This is a way to be known to others and share information with the church. Our deacons like to deliver homemade bread to guests; please leave your address.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Paul and Grace Zarenko. If you would like a bouquet, please come to the front following the second service.

ISSUES OF FAITH

Today Rev. Aaron Kerr is joining us to share about Groundwork Erie. No class March 31. Lena Surzhko-Harned, Ph.D., Penn State Behrend, is sharing an "Update on Ukraine" on April 7.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through your donations to One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Mission Agency is able to serve people in our community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression. There are envelopes in the pews today; you may also give online at <https://www.wayside-erie.org/giving/> --Fund: Mission Giving; Sub-Fund: One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your generosity.

WAYSIDE RAUCOUS READERS

The Wayside Raucous Readers book club meets on Tuesday, March 26, at 7 PM in the Parlor to discuss "Take My Hand" by Dolan Perkins Valdez. The discussion will be led by Linda Wilkinson and all are invited. For questions contact Mary Marsh (mmarsh43@gmail.com or 814-392-3241).

WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAY

There will not be WOW Club, Primary Choir, and Fellowship Dinner this week due to Holy Week.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

The Elizabeth Circle will meet Thursday at the home of Wilma Valentz.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday service will be held in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM on March 28.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Tenebrae will be in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM on March 29.

EGGS-PERIENCE

On Saturday, March 30, young children and their parents are invited to attend Eggs-perience from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Our annual Easter Party will have a lesson, craft, games, and a snack. Guests are welcome; there are cards in the narthex to give as invitations.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH RETREAT

6th-12th graders mark your calendar for April 5-7 for a presbytery-wide retreat at Lamppost Farms in Columbiana, OH. See Pastor Nathan to register.

SPRING SPEAKER: FAITHFUL RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

On Saturday, April 13, Wayside, in partnership with Covenant and the Episcopal Cathedral, will host Avery Davis Lamb from Creation Justice Ministries. The morning session, 10:00-1:00 at Covenant, will be "Scripture and Our Calling to Creation Justice"; lunch is provided. The evening session, 6:00-7:30 at St. Paul's Cathedral, is "Hospitality in a Time of Climate Crisis." Mr. Lamb will then preach and lead Issues of Faith Sunday morning at Wayside. There are cards in the narthex to invite your friends and neighbors, and don't forget to share on Facebook!

PW SPRING GATHERING

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery are having a Spring Gathering on April 20th at Girard Presbyterian Church from 10 AM-1:30 PM. Information is on the table in the lobby. Registrations are due by April 8th. All women are welcome to attend!

SPRING GROUNDS CLEANUP

Our annual outdoor cleanup and mulch day will be Saturday, April 20, from 9 AM-Noon. There will be opportunities in the coming weeks to prepare the garden beds ahead of time.

FRIENDLY FACES WANTED

Do you have a friendly face or enjoy meeting new people and greeting fellow Waysiders? Sign up in the lobby to be a greeter at the 11:00 Celebration of Worship.

OFFICE HOURS

The Wayside office will be closed Monday, April 1, and Monday, April 8. Regular office hours are 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, and 8:30 AM-2:00 PM Friday. Karen Pastewka works remotely Thursdays and Fridays and can be reached by email or cell (814-600-4586) those days.

TALENT AUCTION

The Wayside Talent Auction is coming on April 20, from 3:00-6:00 PM. We are accepting donations of time and talent, as well as donation baskets. All proceeds will benefit Wayside operating costs and One Great Hour of Sharing. See the table in the lobby for more information and to sign up. Plan now to attend the auction to bid on the talents of your fellow Waysiders and enjoy a great time of fellowship!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School for 4-year-olds through rising 5th graders will be July 29-August 2. Registration opens May 1! *"God So Loved the World": Caring for ALL of God's Creation*. Pick up a save-the-date card to share with friends and neighbors.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

The suggested donations for this week are **cereal** and **baked beans**. Non-perishable items such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, and pet foods are always appreciated. Checks can be made out to "West Millcreek Food Pantry;" there is an envelope for donations in the lobby.

DEPLOYMENT ADDRESS

Jonathon Sidorowicz is currently deployed to Africa with the PA National Guard. His address is on the bulletin board across from Nathan's office.

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