

SUNDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

PRELUDE “Blessed Are They that Are Persecuted for Righteousness’ Sake”

WELCOME

Alex Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Leader 2: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader 1: Lo, your king come to you;

Leader 2: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader 1: humble and riding on a donkey,

Leader 2: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

HYMN 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TC Anderson

God of Justice, forgive us when we fail to act in just ways toward others.

Remind us of the widow and the unjust judge. Show us how to work with purpose to create more just institutions. Forgive us when we perpetuate the injustice that abounds in this world. Remind us that each of us is created in your image and filled with your love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUKE 18:1-8

MESSAGE

“Chasing Justice”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Judy Hockenberry

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 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 OUR GIFTS

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Johnson & Johnson

“Lift ev’ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list’ning skies. Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun. Let us march on till victory is won. Stony the road we trod. Bitter the chast’ning rod felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way. Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light. Keep us forever in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.

Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand true to our God, true to our native land.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Alex Lang

HYMN 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

We Are Called

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

arr. Samuel Metzger

Worship led by: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Music: Adam Hendrickson and Chris Urban

Flowers: Bruce and Wendy Blanck—In loving memory of Isabelle Blackwood

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS
MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY — What is Palm Sunday without a palm branch to wave? We are planning to decorate the front steps of our church with the branches on Saturday morning, March 27. You are welcome to come and take a branch any time after 1:00 pm on Saturday.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP — We will celebrate virtual communion during the streaming of our **Maundy Thursday** worship on April 1. We encourage you to have some juice and bread or cracker so that you can partake when we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday worship will be offered via streaming on Friday, April 2.

Easter Sunday worship will be offered in person, outdoors, weather permitting at 11:00 am. A service will also be available via live stream. Let us celebrate the Lord's resurrection together!



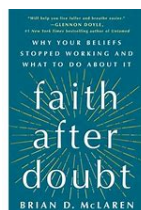
EASTER GOODIE BAG FUN — Easter goodie bags will be available beginning on Palm Sunday, March 28, at Door 9 under the portico at the main entrance. Goodie bags will be available through Easter Sunday, April 4, or while supplies last. Bags contain activities appropriate for preschool - 5th graders.

PANDEMIC REFLECTIONS — Over the last few months of the pandemic, several people have reached out wanting to chat about their lives. They don't want advice, rather they're looking for an outlet to process the feelings of loss, anger, grief and sadness that are all too present as a result of the coronavirus. Some have lost jobs, others have lost friendships, and still others have lost loved ones. Perhaps more than anything else, many have lost experiences that they can never get back. Alex, Judy, and TC want you to know that, if you feel the need to tell your story, they are here to listen. We hope you will take this opportunity to be vulnerable and share how this unique moment in history has impacted you. To share your story, visit firstpresah.org/pandemic-reflections/ and fill out the form. Everything you tell us will be held in confidence.

ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN: SMALL GROUP CRAFT SESSION (FINAL WEEK!)

Children's Ministries is hosting the final small group craft session for K-5th graders on Sunday afternoon. We will meet in the parlor from 1:30-2:30 pm on March 28. Groups will be limited to six children (with a minimum of four to hold the session). Facemasks are required and standard COVID safety protocols will be followed. Sessions are drop-off, and will be led by Children's Ministries volunteers. Sign up with the link in Weekly Highlights. Please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org with questions.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY/TWEEN SUMMER PROGRAMMING — Mark your calendars now and watch for details about family and tween summer programming. Family evening VBS will take place Tuesday, June 22 - Thursday, June 24 for preschool-4th grade families. MissionFactory will take place Monday, June 21 - Friday, June 25 for incoming 5th & 6th graders. Registration for church members will begin in early April. Community registration will begin mid-late April. Please contact Katy Allen at katyallen@firstpresah.org with questions.



NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS — Wednesday Evenings, April 7 – May 12 / 7:00-8:00 pm / Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do About It / via Zoom — Even before the current pandemic, sixty-five million adults in the US have dropped out of active church attendance, and about 2.7 million more are leaving every year. Most of these adults are not leaving in anger over the church's conservative or liberal position on social issues; they are leaving quietly because their faith is falling

apart as they struggle with doubt. Brian McLaren, author of *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What To Do About It*, maintains that our honest doubts are an integral part of our faith, and boldly asserts, "Only doubt can save the world and your faith!" Join instructor, Ken

Hockenberry, for our Wednesday Engage and Encounter Adult Education Class as we explore this new book together, and honestly face our own doubts, which can indeed strengthen our faith. Book can be purchased on Amazon. Click on the link in Weekly Highlights to register for this class.

LENT IN A BAG — Bags are still available for pickup at Door 9, while they last. Lent in a Bag provides an opportunity for you to explore the meaning of Lent at home. Each bag will contain symbolic items and explanations that will encourage discussion and contemplation as we prepare for this holy season. Each bag will also contain a fish bank for our One Great Hour of Sharing collection.

JOIN THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY! — The Men's Bible Study is meeting via Zoom, every Monday at 8:00 am. If you are interested in joining the group or if you have questions, contact Bill Dillon at (847) 956-2871 or Dave Berkow at (847) 323-2800.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT — As we continue to stream worship services until further notice, we ask that you keep your giving to the church up-to-date by mailing in a check or by going online. By continuing to give, you continue to help your church pay its bills, make its payroll, and be a light in the world. To give online:

1. Go to www.firstpresah.org.
2. Click on "DONATE" which is the top line of the website.
3. Select the fund from the drop-down menu.

Online giving can be done on a one-time basis or you can set up a recurring gift. It is easy and our website uses Secure Socket Layering (SSL) to protect personal credit information before it travels over the Internet.

PASTORAL CARE — If you have a death in the family, an anticipated surgery, the birth of a new baby, or if you or a loved one are struggling, your pastors and church family want to be there to support you. Please contact Pastor Judy Hockenberry, at judyhockenberry@firstpresah.org or (847) 255-5900, or call the church office to share your pastoral needs.

JOURNEYS MEAL DONATION AND DELIVERY HELP WANTED — First Pres continues to deliver meals to two Arlington Heights hotels where guests from our PADS program are currently staying. We anticipate providing these meals for the foreseeable future. Through your generosity, we continue to provide three meals a day, once per week, for 90 people. Also, we will provide 24 people with a box of food that will provide breakfast and lunch for a week. We need food donations, cash donations, and volunteers to pack and deliver. Sign up through the link in Weekly Highlights. If you have any questions, please contact the PADS food team at padsfood@firstpresah.org.



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP — All have enjoyed the beautiful touch of flowers in worship even though we view them from far away. The Presbyterian Women Flower Committee wishes to thank all those who have faithfully contributed. Please consider contributing to the PW flower fund so that we may all enjoy the beauty they add each Sunday! Suggested donation is \$25.

There are two ways to donate:

Online at firstpresah.org:

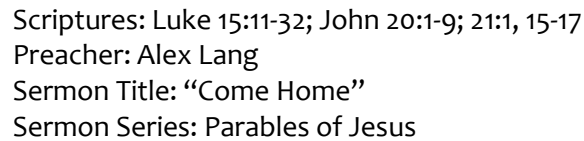
1. Click on "DONATE" at the top of the website.
2. Select "Sunday Flowers PW" from the drop down. **Important:** In the "Optional Memo" line, please add date requested and details of dedication.

By check:

Made out to First Presbyterian Church. On memo line, write PW Flowers and include date and details of dedication. Order forms can be downloaded from the website for your convenience at firstpresah.org/forms/. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Sue Henderson at suhenco@comcast.net.



April 4, 2021: Easter Sunday / Resurrection of the Lord
Worship (firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/)



Prayer Requests

Healing & Comfort

Mario Alberico
Brian Aldrich
April Alexander — family of Myrtle Jessogne
Pat Almblad
Liz Armstrong
Dave Berkow
Mark Bishop
Wendy Blanck
Dawn Bruce
Samuel Bruce — brother of Lee Bruce
Betty Lou Bukowski
Brian & Jennifer Butler — brother-in-law & sister of
Dawn Bruce
Jane Cassaro — friend of Beth Balow
Mary Clarbourn
Sally Costello
Carol Dahn
Alice Davitt — friend of Kris Ward
Jim Dean — father-in-law of Kelly Dean
Millie Engelbretsen
Michael Fischer — grandson of Dave & Pat Almblad
Virginia Gardner — friend of Jo Christian
Karl Gates — friend of Mary Kiepora
George Gerner — cousin of Kelsey Fuentes
Bill Ginnodo
Gloria — friend of June Johnson
Dorita & Houston Godfrey
Ermina Gomez & daughter — friends of Elaine Chen
Kit Graham — friend of Betty Sanders
Lois Graves — mother of Jim Graves
Barbara Hayes
Mary Hockenberry
Jeanne Holl — grandniece of Myrtle Jessogne
Mary Kay Holl — niece of Myrtle Jessogne
Ella Hurley
Mary Jessogne — sister-in-law of Myrtle Jessogne
Steve Jessogne — nephew of Myrtle Jessogne

Marylyn Jirsa
Marjorie Kalivoda
John Lamb — friend of Kris Ward
Helen Lawson — friend of Liz Armstrong
Jeff Leach
Penny Lumsden — mother of Stu Lumsden
Quentin Mare'
Richard Martin — friend of June Johnson
Sean McClory — friend of Mario Alberico
John McFayden
Kathryn Merz — daughter of Nancy Ashe
Scott and Laura Morrison — friends of Mario &
Claudia Alberico
Assumpta Namusoke — friend of Kim Hogan
Lee Nelson
Gloria Oak
The Patton Family — friends of Dawn Bruce
Katie Reid — daughter of Lee Nelson
Jim Richardson — brother of Jan Richardson
Betty Roach
Sandy & Tim — friends of Myrtle Jessogne
Theresa Scola — friend of Meg Haddad
Susan Scott
Jim Schuffler
Dee Sievertsen
Ed Slivovsky
Je'Anna Paris Smith
Wendell Stoike
Arne Stollfuss
David Stratton — brother-in-law of Elaine Chen
Jaquan Thompson
Vasilios Tsironis — friend of Beth Balow
Dan Tsutsumi
Wes Upton — friend of Ralph Larsen
Marilyn Votava — sister of Judy Ayers
Gary Walker

Serving in the Armed Services

AMN Charles Arthur Brousseau, Air Force — son of Liz Moses and Bob Wendling
MU3 Wesley Carroll, Navy — son of Kevin and Amy Carroll, grandson of JoAnn Thompson
Maj. Michael B. Ford, US Army Reserves — stepson of Kris Ford
Brandon Latuzek — nephew of Elaine Chen
Geoffrey Martineau — brother of Lisa Martineau
E5MM Marc Robert McGrath, Jr., Navy — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
Capt. John Olszewski, USMC — nephew of Steve and Lisa Olszewski
2 LT Kristen Reese, Army — daughter of Jim and Becky Reese, sister of Adam and Brian Reese
Sergeant Benjamin David Schultz, Air Force — grandson of Donald and Jacqueline Schultz
Colonel Gretchen Wiltse — sister of Vincent and Heidi Wiltse