

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 25, 2018

Palm/Passion Sunday

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

Tony Merry

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Mark 11:1-11

PROCESSIONAL PRELUDE "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

J. Linker

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*OPENING HYMN 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*RESPONSIVE READING 841-842 Psalm 118

*RESPONSE 280 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" [refrain]

ANTHEM "Alleluia"

E. Harris

Grace Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Burriss

(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:5-11

CALL TO PRAYER 294 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" [vs. 1, 2, 3]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus Christ invites all who want to journey with Him to be in harmony with all people, whether in triumph, in humility, or the many ways our world creates to crucify.

So that we may be one with Him and with one another, let us confess how we have walked in ways that lead to decay, destruction, and death.

We know how Jesus leads His followers and where He leads.

He leads crowds to marvel at your love.

We lead crowds to marvel at our power.

He proclaims good news to people who are sick, poor and outcast.

We proclaim good news to people who are well, wealthy and well-connected.

His way does not flinch in the face of violence that may destroy Him.

Our way embraces violence to protect ourselves from destruction.

We have gone astray.

We seek your grace, to turn, cleanse, and forgive us our transgression. Set us again to be led by love that springs from your throne and makes all things new. Amen.

Silence

It is the sure and certain will and delight of our God that the mind which was in Christ Jesus be also in us.

In the name of Jesus, receive God's forgiveness, cleansing and restoration.

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Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"O Heart Breaking Sadness"

J. Brahms

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF PREPARATION 292 "What Wondrous Love Is This" [vs. 1, 2]

PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY Mark 14:1-15:47

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

Depart in silence.

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep and strengthen you today and forever. Amen.

* All who are able may stand.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Wanda Anderson in memory of her husband, Dick Anderson.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 14 Worship – 18, 58

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 26 Shianne Hollins

March 27 Susan Holdren

March 28 Austin Wolfe

March 29 Abby Melsheimer, Jeff Roquemore, Nancy Schweiger

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 25	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Rolling Plains UMC
Monday, March 26	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parsimar Room
Tuesday, March 27		
Wednesday, March 28	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 29	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service – Coburn UMC (Maple Ave.)
Friday, March 30	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
	12:00-1:00	Downtown Good Friday Service – Immanuel Church
	7:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Service – Coburn UMC
		<i>GOOD FRIDAY — OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON</i>
Saturday, March 31		
Sunday, April 1	8:15 a.m.	Easter Sunrise / Vigil – Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Celebration Service

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VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

Thanks to Our Worship Leaders this Morning:

Hospitality Team – Dana & Cindi Swope, Bob & Martha Lentz

Elevator Attendants – Dan & Karen Vincent

Worship Leader (8:15) – Joyce Cooper

Organist – Tony Merry

Pianist – Marcie Butterfield

Liturgist –

Processional – Lexi Oldfield [Cross] – Dana Christine Swope [Christ Candle] –

Coty Brown [Bible] – Carley Oldfield [Acolyte] – Choir Members – Pastor

Readers – Amelia Lepi, Jack Butterfield, Tammy Vincent, Pastor Mark Chow, Tom Swan

Children's Ministry – Julie McAllister, Cindy Lawyer, Sarah Burris

Sound Technician – Craig Hill

Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm/Passion Sunday

During this Lenten season, we have focused on “Rehab” as our journey toward wholeness, healing and reconciliation. Today we begin the most painful part of our journey with Jesus and each other, through His final days of challenge, suffering, torture, pain, agony, loss, and death.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TONIGHT – Sunday, March 25 – 6:00 p.m. — Community Lenten Service —

Easter Cantata – Rolling Plains UMC [3350 Moxahala Park Rd.]

Maundy Thursday – March 29 – 7:00 p.m. — Community Maundy Thursday Service –

“Living Last Supper” Drama — Coburn UMC

Good Friday – March 30 – 12:00-1:00 p.m. — The Downtown Churches will hold a Good Friday service at Immanuel Church [S. 7th St.]

Good Friday – March 30 – 7:00 p.m. — Community Good Friday Service – Coburn UMC

Easter Sunday - April 1

8:15 a.m. - Sunrise/Vigil

9:15 a.m. - Breakfast

10:30 a.m. - Celebration Service

[You are encouraged to attend both worship services.

They will not be the same service; the first one will

begin in darkness and go into light.]

