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Sixth Sunday of Lent/ Palm Sunday

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WELCOME DESK

Sharon Warner

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Buddy Needham

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Jo Bain, Dan Johnson, Buddy Needham, Nancy Ortman, Barry Owen

COFFEE HOSTS

Shepherd Group 2
Barry & Maura Owen

AUDIO/VISUAL

Tom Hackleman,
Steve Little, Jim Watson

A SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

An asterisk () indicates that those who are able may stand;
Bold type — please respond in unison.*

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OUR HEARTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #197

“Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!”

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“The Palms”

J. B Faure

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 hold onto you.

Help us let go of fear and comparison,

So that we can hold onto you.

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot escape the sin and brokenness in our world or in our hearts. But in Jesus Christ, God comes and meets us in our brokenness and makes us whole again. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace—

You ask us to care for the poor and the hungry, but that makes us uncomfortable.

You ask us to care for the environment, but that requires sacrifice.
You ask us to love our neighbor as ourselves, but that requires vulnerability.

Instead, we hide our hands, avert our eyes, and choose ourselves.
Forgive us for holding tight to our own agendas and letting go of your call to love.

Cultivate in us more faithful spirits—hearts that are strong enough to choose one
another and minds smart enough to make the sacrifice.

Forever grateful we pray,

Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to “pass the peace” to those around you.)

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.**

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

ANTHEM

“Hosanna! Sing A Loud Hosanna!”

Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

SERMON

“Cultivating Trust and Letting Go of Betrayal”

Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*HYMN #361

“O Christ, The Great Foundation”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Philippians 2:5-11)

We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself and was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card or speak directly into the microphone

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 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. May we who have received so much from the Lord give back as we receive the morning offering.

OFFERTORY *“Spotless Lamb”* Charity Boyles

***DOXOLOGY #606** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of Creation—

You gave the wildflower soil to stand in, sunlight to grow in, and water to rest in. You have done the same for us, but so much more.

In gratitude for the countless gifts you have given us—for community and love, food and shelter, dreams and hope—we give back this small sign of our appreciation. Use it for your good. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #196** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

***CHARGE AND BLESSINGS**

***GOING FORTH** *“Go Now in Peace”*

***POSTLUDE** *“Thine Is the Glory”* Brian Glyncannon



Weekly Vista

WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 3 pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please call or text Pastor Judi at 479-403-9082.

Pastor's day off is Friday, she will return calls later. To schedule an in-person appointment, please email her at jmcmillan@pcbv.org stating your need.

Deacons on Call
for April :
Frank Taylor
Butch Cowdin

04/06/2025 Attendance:
Members/Friends: 69 Guests: 13
Online: 17



You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service.

Sugar-free cookies will no longer be supplied, unless the Shepherd group for that week chooses to do so.

A Big Thank You to all the members that assisted with the Soup Suppers this year, especially Sharry McGuire who did a majority of the purchasing and prep work.

All women of the Congregation are invited to the Ladies Birthday Lunch Bunch on Friday, April 25, 11:30, at Chicken Salad Chick, 500 SE Walton Blvd (479-552-7707). It doesn't have to be your birthday month, just come and enjoy good food, friends and fellowship. Sign up in Connector Hallway so we know how many are going. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 13

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship (Palm Sunday)
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Monday, April 14

NO EVENTS

Tuesday, April 15

10:30am—1pm Writing Group (P)
5:30pm—6:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, April 16

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 17

1-3pm—Ozark Hill Hikers (C)
2-3pm—Book Group (F/H)
6-7pm—Maundy Thursday Service/Communion

Friday, April 18

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1-3pm—Knitting for Peace

Saturday, April 19

NO EVENTS

Sunday, April 20

9am Christian Ed Class
10am Worship—Easter/Communion
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

BIRTHDAYS

April 14 Valerie Katz

April 16 Dottie Carter

MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE/COMMUNION—
APRIL 17TH @ 6PM
EASTER SERVICE/
COMMUNION—APRIL 20TH
AT 10AM

Holy Humor Sunday will be April 27th— This year’s theme is “The Funny Pages” You are invited to come with some kind of “symbol” you were of you favorite Sunday comic character. Think “Peanuts/Charlie Brown, Snoopy; Garfield, Popeye, Family Circus, Calvin & Hobbes.....”

We will have a time for “jokes” that are pre-approved by our worship chair (Buddy) and myself. We will also have a “guess who I am” time in worship and music that reminds us of some comics that have been turned into tv shows/movies. There will be a time for “The Gospel According to Charlie Brown” as the meditation. And of course our annual photo of the whole congregation and some cartoon family photos. Please start thinking about what you might wear.

SUNDAY COMICS



"Support our PCBV Cyclists as we participate in the UCM Ride for students at the University of Arkansas.

Pastor Judi, Dorothy Margve, and Gina Nida will be riding 35 miles on Friday, April 25th. If you are interested in joining the Friday ride, please see pastor Judi! If you want to ride with UCM, their ride is on Saturday the 26th.

Support your riders and pledge in Connector Hallway."



Information regarding recent deaths within the congregation:

Ken Groves passed away on March 22, 2025
If you would like to send a sympathy card to Joan, her address is
Ashley Rehab & Health Care Center
2600 N. 22nd St
Rogers, AR 72756



Jim Prince passed away on April 3, 2025 in New Hampshire
If you would like to send a sympathy card to his son, his address is:
William Prince
18 Pingree Hill Rd
Derry, NH 03038



Dick Sterup passed away on April 6, 2025.

Services will be in August 2nd @ 2pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville, which is where Dick was worshipping when he moved. We are working on getting an address for his children.



Our Prayers and condolences go out to each of their families at this time.

Reminder John Foss' memorial service is April 26th at 2pm

Breakfast with NWA Presbyterian Youth



Thank you all that prepared the food and came to breakfast with the youth. It was a good food and fellowship.

The youth will remember that and the storm that took out our sound board. We worshipped closely packed that Sunday so all could hear. It was nice having some youth in the building, even if it was just for a day.

