

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude / Hymn "Hosanna"

***Opening prayer**

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

This is the day that the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

GOD's steadfast love endures forever.

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

JESUS is the gate of the LORD. The righteous enter through HIM.

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Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***Hymn** "Seek Ye First"

✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11;

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Vision, Encouragement & Challenge,

Children's Time

Special Music "The Servant King"

Ricky Tipps

Choir

Pastor

Pastor

524 BH

Pam Brown

Pastor

Psalm 31:9-16;

Valerie Tipps

David Cost

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11;

Pastor

"Let The Same Mind Be In You That Was In CHRIST JESUS"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

560 BH

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

GOD of Righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with CHRIST at his table, than stand up for HIM in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as CHRIST'S defenders, than admit to ourselves that too could betray HIM with a kiss. Forgive our inconsistent faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In YOUR loving name, we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

Pastor

GOD has opened the gates of righteousness, and the righteous enter through it.

The ONE who is our CORNERSTONE, the stone the builders rejected, has become our salvation.

GOD offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace in CHRIST'S name.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

Offering/*Doxology

"Praise GOD, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

172 BH

If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar; you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor

The gates of righteousness are thrown wide. The path of salvation is made plain. The cornerstone of our faith is sure.

Go with GOD and walk with CHRIST during this Holy Week.

Amen

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our *STONEGATE* Community

Hello, Church Family.

The unprecedented pandemic of COVID-19 keeps us home and I started publish my weekly messages at our website at www.stonegatecpc.org, push button 'messages' on the home page. A hard copy will be sent to the elder members who prefer this form. Slowly and unexpectedly we are going online with our ministry.

I will inform you about any additional messages that I am going to post. I assure you that you are in my prayers. I will be in touch with you by telephone, mail, facebook and website.

¹³ Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ^{NRSV})

Attention

Due to a pandemic of the coronavirus and a declared state of emergency by local authorities, we as responsible Christians and citizens, and we are announcing that all weekly activities are **CANCELED TO THE END OF APRIL**.

The schedule for only Sunday service is as follow:

April 12 - Easter Sunday - **"COME AND GO" - CANCELED ???**

☞ For Our Guests ☞

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to God as we worship the true and living God together.



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Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Pam Brown, *Elder*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
Andy Turner & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Valerie Tipps, *Children's Time*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

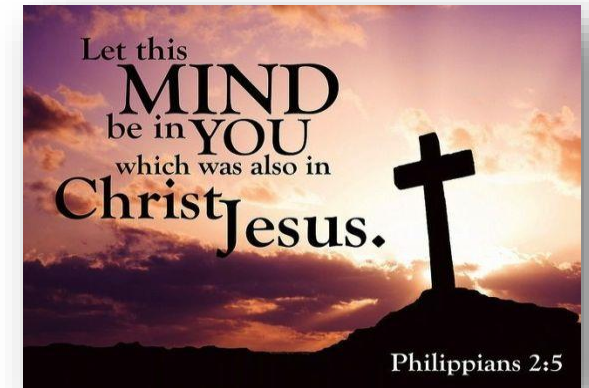
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THEME IDEAS

Palm Sunday presents worship planners with a dilemma: to focus the entire service on JESUS' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and risk moving from the joy of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter without moving through the anguish of Holy Thursday and Good Friday; or to move quickly from the parade atmosphere of Palm Sunday into the turning of the crowds, the betrayal, and the passion narratives, and thereby risk losing attendance at the forthcoming Holy Week services. Since Easter makes no sense without CHRIST'S passion and death, we will err on the side of including the passion events in today's service. Indecisiveness of heart and betrayal are themes in this day's service.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 am

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), APRIL 5, 2020



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!