

A close-up photograph of palm fronds, showing the intricate, radiating pattern of the leaves. The fronds are a vibrant green, with some areas appearing slightly darker or more saturated than others, creating a sense of depth and texture. The fronds are arranged in a fan-like pattern, with the central rachis clearly visible.

PALM SUNDAY

CELEBRATE THE KING

Our Worship of God

March 25, 2018

9:15 am

(† Indicates those who are able, please stand)

The Sixth Sunday of the Season of Lent ~ Lament ~

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Carol McEntyre

† Call to Worship (responsive)

How do we know you, Lord?

We know you through the power of your gentleness.

We know you are like a hen who gathers her chicks under her wing.

**We know you because you have pursued us with an undying love
that turns us from our fear and frustration
toward the life and light for which we were created.**

We know you because we have friends and family
who are with us when we feel like waving palms
and in times of deepest sadness when loss seems overwhelming.

We know you because you have assured us our prayers are heard.

Now we see you entering the holy city,
being worshiped as a king.

We find ourselves in the crowd, asking,

“Who is this before whom we sing ‘glory, laud, and honor’?”

**Christ, our King, a ruler made known in brokenness and strength,
not in earthly power.**

Who is this before whom we wave our palms in worship?

**Christ, our Redeemer, who at the heart of the passion and pain
gives life in all its fullness.**

Who is this whose name brings salvation and life wherever preached?

Christ, our Savior, who lifts our hearts in praise: “Hosanna!

Blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord!”

†Procession of the Palms

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Gospel Reading

Caryn MClanahan

Luke 19:28-44

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now 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, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Response to the Reading (responsive)

Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast
but he was a threat to people with power.

Jesus stood against the Temple,
so he was a threat to the Sadducees.

Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,
so he was a threat to the Pharisees.

Jesus took the titles of “Lord,” “Son of God,” and “King.”
those were the Caesar’s titles:
he was a threat to the government.

Jesus came without violence
yet he disturbed the peace.

Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God
and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.

Lord, help us to love your Kingdom
more than the kingdoms of this world.
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†Passing the Peace of Christ

†Songs of Praise

This We Know
Holy Ground

Prayer of Lament (responsive)

To the One who calls us Beloved,
We bring hurting hearts to you this morning,
Our fearfulness, and our worry.
Our anger.

Our world is not as it should be.

The ones with power make decisions for their own benefit
In a show of might,
they flirt with war and destruction

But the most desperate among us are left to fend for themselves.

The proud and the comfortable say,

“Everything is fine. There is no problem.”

But those without privilege know better.

They hunger, they weep, they bleed.

They wait for your justice to vindicate them – before it’s too late!

In a world where hate is a virtue and exclusion a way of life

It is hard to hold on to what unites

It is tough to find common ground

Our humanity is lost in the scuffle.

Those of us who wish for peace forget how to make it

Or where to begin

And fall into hopelessness, cynicism or despair

We too begin to feel powerless

in the face of widespread suffering and evil.

Even our planet seems ready to crack

under the pressure of forces that are beyond us

Earthquakes, hurricanes, wildfires, volcanoes

Nature groans – and with it, your people.

Come, Lord Jesus, we pray.

When will you come?

When will you make right?

We are not strong enough, not wise enough, not good enough

To make peace, to bring healing

But you are,

You are the one who planted peace in our hearts

You are the one who will make it come to pass.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Strengthen the bruised reed.

Make weapons into ploughshares.

Comfort the weary and heavy-laden.

Make a home for the homeless.

Still the waters.

Calm the storm.

Come, Lord Jesus, you and your kingdom,

Come.

On earth as it is in heaven.

Your will be done.

Amen.

Offertory Sentence

†Offering

Beautiful Things

Message

Lament as a Call to Action

Carol McEntyre

Song of Response

I Have This Hope

†Benediction

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 25

No First Kids Music

No College/Young Adult Bible Study

Monday, March 26

No Senior Yoga

1-3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Conference Room

Tuesday, March 27

11:45 am – 2 pm Crafty Critters

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Wednesday, March 28

No Youth Group

5:30 pm Psalm Players Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 pm Chancel Bells Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 30

6-7 pm Good Friday Worship

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 31

10 am-noon Easter Egg Hunt

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 1

No College/Young Adult Bible Study

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Friday, March 30, Good Friday: worship service at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, March 31: Easter Egg hunt 10 am – noon. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 for games and treats. Bring your own basket!

Sunday, April 1, Easter Sunday: We will share pastries and beverages between our worship services at 9:15 am and 11:15 am.

No Easter Son-Rise Service next Sunday

If you show up early for the Youth Son-Rise Service next Sunday (April 1st), you will be in for an April Fool's surprise. The youth will not be leading an early service this Easter. We have been working with our students to find creative ways of incorporating their leadership into our main services this Eastertide (as well as baking some of the goodies for our Easter Brunch). We look forward to celebrating the Risen Christ with you all next Sunday!

Spring Break Schedule

Spring Break begins today. Our youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 28. College and Young Adult Bible Study will not meet this evening or on Easter Sunday, April 1. Normal schedules resume the following week. The church office remains open during the break.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering

First Baptist is supporting the work of Cooperative Baptist Field Personnel around the world during the month of March by giving to the CBF Offering for Global Missions.

Holy Laughter Sunday

The Sunday after Easter, April 8, we will celebrate Holy Humor Sunday, to continue celebrating and giving thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and our own smaller resurrections. Prepare yourself with some deep belly laughs, brush up on your favorite jokes, bust out those bright-colored clothes and funky socks, and join us for a fun Sunday celebrating the resurrection! Brittany McDonald Null will lead the laughter.

Talking to Your Kids about Sexual Harassment and Assault

Licensed Clinical Social Worker and ordained minister LeAnn Gardner returns to First Baptist via Skype to present *Talking to Your Kids about Sexual Harassment & Assault* on Saturday, April 7. Last fall, after the “Me Too” movement exploded and women began using the hashtag on social media to demonstrate the widespread prevalence of sexual assault and harassment, we decided to invite LeAnn back to help us think about how we talk to our kids about boundaries, consent, and safety throughout childhood.

Dinner is served at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The seminar is from 6-7:15 pm. Cost of the event is \$10/person or \$20/couple, which includes dinner for the whole family and child care for infants up to grade 5. After dinner, the nursery will open for infants. Yvette Chambers, Director of Children’s Ministry, is planning a fun evening for the children. To register, email Brenda Rice at brice@fbc-columbia.org.

ForColumbia 2018

We are finalizing our projects with ForColumbia this week and will have our list of projects ready for sign ups on Easter morning!

In addition to these, First Baptist will serve as a collection site for supplies leading up to our day of service; and during ForColumbia workday, our church will serve as a prayer hub for work efforts in Columbia’s Second Ward. The prayer hub is a new addition to the day of service. We are asking that people sign up to come and pray for the sites, volunteers, and needs of those we encounter during the day.

Through Sunday, April 15, we invite you to contribute travel sized mouth wash, Q-tips, bar soap, and Chapstick. These items will be combined with items collected by other churches to create kits to give to various organizations. Bring your donations to worship on any Sunday through April 15, or bring them to the church office no later than Friday, April 13.

Watch for further updates, and be sure to save the date to help serve our Columbia family.

Worship Notes

The Call to Worship is from *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons* by Sharlande Sledge. © 1999 Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Macon, Georgia.

Hosanna (Praise is Rising) by Brenton Brown | Paul Baloché (4662491)

The Response to the Reading is from Rev. Drew Ludwig of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Buffalo NY, posted on *LiturgyLink*.

This We Know by Jason Ingram | Kristian Stanfill (7060709)

Holy Ground by Mia Fieldes | Melodie Malone | Jimi Cravity | Brett Younker (7078152)

The Prayer of Lament was written by Becky Bonham for a chapel service at Taylor Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/prayer-of-lament.html>.

Beautiful Things by Lisa Gungor and Michael Gungor (665521)

I Have This Hope by Mike Donehey | Jason Ingram | Jeff Owen (7071188)

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Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you wish to share this worship experience with a neighbor, the service is broadcast live, and the sermon is available on our website within a week.

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9:15 am Awakening Worship Service

For those who may prefer a more traditional worship experience, First Baptist Church offers Traditional Worship at 11:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

For Children During Worship:

1st- 5th Graders are encouraged to participate in worship with their family.

Children (Birth-Kindergarten) can be dropped off in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary, prior to worship where they will be cared for by our professional staff.

10:15 Spiritual Formation Hour:

Birth-Age 3 childcare is provided by our professional staff in the nursery, located next to the sanctuary.

First Kids Sunday School (3 year olds through 5th grade) is on the third floor.

Youth Bible Study (grades 6-12) is on the third floor.

Adult Small Groups which dive into various topics (visitors and guests welcomed):

Faith Forum in the second floor classroom, next to the elevator.

Discussion Class in the parlor on the second floor.

Young Adult Small Group in the 2nd floor library.

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