
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior
to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

***Please stand in body or in spirit**

Brent Bader, liturgist

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – "Palm Sunday Procession" arr. Robert J. Powell

***CALL to WORSHIP**

One: The story of faith is a story of courage.

**All: It took courage for John the Baptist
to prepare the way.**

It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

**It took courage for the disciples to
drop their nets and follow Jesus.**

It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to
lower him through the roof.

It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his
possessions to the poor.

**It took courage for Jesus to enter
Jerusalem on a donkey.**

Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

Again and again, God, show us the way.

Let us worship a brave and courageous God!

***HYMN** – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (vs. 1 & 3) #197
(Instrumental procession followed by verse 1)

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and
temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

***PRAYER of CONFESSION**

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:

**We confess—we love a good
Palm Sunday celebration.**

We love the sound of a joyful parade.

We love shouting, "hallelujah!"

We love that Palm Sunday means

Easter is just around the corner.

We love good news.

However, if we slow down and pay attention,

**We know that Palm Sunday was not a
walk in the park for you.**

There was risk. There was fear.

There was the threat of violence.

**You were leading a peaceful protest
against an unjust empire,**

And the whole world knew it.

Forgive us for glossing over

the courage this day took.

Remind us that the story of faith

is a story of courage,

And even we can do hard things.

With hope we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith,

All: Even when we gloss over the truth,

Even when our courage fails us,

even when we doubt that

we can do hard things,

God believes in us. God loves us.

God forgives us.

Hear and believe this truth:

We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven.

Again and again and again. Amen!

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING of the PASSION ACCORDING to the GOSPEL of MARK

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**If we could buy our way closer to you,
we'd sell everything we have.**

If we could work our way to you,

we'd never take a day off.

If we could walk our way to you,

we'd keep our tennis shoes on tight.

But we know we cannot buy, or work,

or walk our way closer to you.

We must listen our way closer to you.

So holy God,

as you have so often done again and again,

Open our ears.

Clear out the self-talk that keeps us from you.

Dust out the negativity and distractions.

Remove any doubt hindering our way. Amen.

PARTITA AND CHORAL VARIATIONS ON "AH, HOLY JESUS"

by Robert Benson

This work, premiered by our Chancel Choir on Palm Sunday,
2014, is dedicated to Lynn Jacobs, Organist of the Oxford
Presbyterian Church.

Chorale I

THE PASSOVER MEAL – Mark 14:12-21

Partita I

THE LORD'S SUPPER - Mark 14: 22-31

Chorale II

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE - Mark 14: 32-52

Partita II

JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL - Mark 14: 53-65

Choral III

PETER DENIES JESUS - Mark 14: 66-72

Partita III

JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH - Mark 15: 1-20

Chorale IV

CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS - Mark 15: 21-41

Partita IV

BURIAL OF JESUS - Mark 15: 42-47

Chorale V

(silent reflection)

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"Passion Chorale"
J. S. Bach

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to give online

PRAYER of DEDICATION

***HYMN** – "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1 & 2) #215

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

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

***BLESSING**

**Today we shout Hosanna.
May this blessed word remain
with us in the week ahead.
May the Lord grant us all to follow
faithfully where Christ leads us,
and may we all know courage and certainty
that God's Three-in-One presence
will lead us ever closer to the grace
of resurrection that is ours to share. Amen**

***POSTLUDE**

"Jesus Died for Me"
arr. Robert J. Powell

The flowers on the communion table are given by Jan Reinhart in recognition and love for Bridgite Dickerson and to the Glory of God and His promise of salvation.

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Sarah Soika, John Woodruff.

Email congregational concerns to Judy Fisher,
fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or contact the church office.

MINISTRY NEWS

The Partita and Choral Variations on "Ah, Holy Jesus" scored for SATB Choir and Organ was composed by local composer Robert Benson and was premiered by the Oxford Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir on Palm Sunday, 2014. The work is dedicated to Lynn Jacobs.

This multi-movement work consists of five different choral settings (or Chorales) of the hymn, "Ah, Holy Jesus" with each Chorale corresponding to lyrics of the hymn's five verses. Interpolated between each Chorale is an organ partita (or variation) bearing the following designations: Partita 1: Bucinium-Contemplation of the Cross; Partita 2: Tricinium; Partita 3: Christ Commends His Spirit to the Father; and Partita 4: The Temple Veil is Rent in Twain.

Fellowship in the Virtual Molyneaux Lounge

Join us after worship at this [link](#) on Zoom.

Congregational Survey

If you missed the congregational survey in the Friday Voice, we invite you to take a moment to fill it out at the link provided and let us know if you plan to join us for in person worship [Easter Sunday at 8:00 a.m.](#) **Registration for the 10:00 a.m. service has reached its capacity.**

"So, Should we Recycle?" Discussion:

Our CE and C4C teams will host our final discussion in our Lenten Podcast series today Sunday at 11:45, Our final discussion will focus on the 2 part NPR Series "So, Should We Recycle." Link [here](#) to listen.

Information for Zoom Meetings is [here](#) (please scroll to bottom of document for more information)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89958739600?pwd=enVzaExRUGxOTR1Q0kwbWFHYVNjQT09>

Confirmation Meets on Monday, March 29

Our next confirmation class will be meeting Monday, March 29 in the Seminary Building at 7:45 p.m. Carla Blackmar Rice will be leading a lesson on Caring For Creation. For more information, please contact Pastor Marc.

Lenten Reflections

Each Wednesday throughout Lent, members of the OPC Staff will be offering individual messages of hope on our YouTube channel and social media pages.

Join us this Lent as again and again, we bring all of who we are to Christ and trust that God will meet us with hope, time and again, along the way.

One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks and Special Mission Offering

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday, we will be collecting the familiar Fish Banks as we take up our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable. We invite you to give generously on April 4.

Campus Ministry Discussion Group

Our discussion group nights for college and campus students continue with "Worldchanging 101" based on the lessons from the book by David LaMotte. The next two meetings are Monday, April 5, and Monday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. over Zoom. To register, please contact [Pastor Marc](#). All materials will be provided.

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>**

**Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday



Sunday, March 28, 2021



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