

# Palm Sunday

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Power Play by Lisle Gwynn Garrity



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The lectionary for Year A offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, and a deeper faith. This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore, to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life and into the heart of God.

Seeking: Honest questions for deeper faith. Where are you headed?

*Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **The Passing of the Peace**

Congregation

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## **The Chiming**

Jonathan Oblander

## **The Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

## **The Prelude**

Jonathan Oblander

*Fanfare, William Matthias*

## **The Call to Worship**

Rev. Robert Gammon

On this Palm Sunday, we remember that we believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who offers us light along our journey and leads us out of the darkness. We believe in a God who carries us into a new day, full of hope. That is where God is headed and where we seek to follow. May it be so. **Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

## **\*The Processional Hymn**

Congregation

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor, No. 204*

## **The Call to Confession**

Rev. Susan Reed

Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God's call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, we belong to God. Let us confess our sins.

## **The Prayer of Confession**

**We join the Palm Sunday procession with branches in hand. We bless and praise you, Lord, from the security of our pews. We confess, however, that too often we dare not go where you are going. We admire you, but hesitate to follow you. We stand at the roadside cheering you on, but when your adversaries gather, we all too often flee. Forgive us for the many ways we betray you. Have mercy on us, Lord. Amen.**

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## **The Words of Forgiveness**

Rev. Susan Reed

Hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve others. Amen!

## **\*The Hymn**

Congregation

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, No. 203*

*Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.*

## **\*The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

*Matthew 21:1-11*

## **The Choral Worship**

Chancel Choir

*When I Survey, arr. Mallory*

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

*Seeking: Honest questions for deeper faith. Where are you headed?*

## **The Observance of Communion**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

## **\*The Hymn**

Congregation

*What Wondrous Love is This, No. 212*

**\*The Offertory Prayer**

Mary Lucy Hook

**The Offertory**

Jennifer Harberson

*The Palms (Les Rameaux)*, Jean-Baptiste Faure

**\*The Congregational Response**

Congregation

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**\*The Unison Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars. We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another. We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day. That is where God is headed and where we seek to follow. May it be so. Amen.

**\*The Postlude**

Jonathan Oblander

*Final Chorus from "Saint Matthew Passion", J.S. Bach*

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The palms/flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Bryan S. McCoy, Jr. by the McCoy Family

**Prayer Concerns:**

Congratulations to to Davis and Caroline Church in the birth of Charles Warner Church on March 29.

Sympathy to the family of Dr. Anne Dent in her death on March 26.

Kim Rash, recent surgery; Dorothy MacLaren, health concerns; Steve Gray, brother of Mike Gray, health concerns

# Serving and Growing Together

## **Maundy Thursday Service & Dinner**

On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will observe Holy Week together with a dinner followed by a service in the Sanctuary. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with service following at 6:15 p.m. We will walk with Christ through his Holy Week journey after his triumphal entry on Palm Sunday to his crucifixion on Good Friday, and we will receive communion. RSVP for dinner by April 4.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 8 at 10 a.m. on the grounds; age-appropriate hunts designed for babies/toddlers, Pre-K, lower and upper elementary. Invite your friends and neighbors! FREE Krispy Kreme donuts while they last!

## **Easter Sunday Service**

April 9 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary; joined by the Kentucky Brass.

## **Pickleball**

Pickleball is on Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays @ 10 a.m. ALL skill levels are welcome.

## **Lifetimers Game Day**

April 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the FLC. Join for fun and fellowship. Bring your lunch or a snack!

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Broadway Arts Academy



# Serving and Growing Together

## Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Study

We begin with an informal, catered meal from 5:30– 6 p.m. At 6 p.m., we will share prayer concerns and have Bible Study. Chancel Choir rehearsal will begin at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, but reservations are required. Please make your meal reservation(s) by noon on the MONDAY prior to the dinner. Cost is \$10 per person for ages 13 and up, \$3 per person for Kindergarten–6th grade, and Pre-K is free.

## April 2023 Dinner Menus

4/6/2023 (Maundy Thursday)

Lasagna  
French Bread  
Garden Salad

4/12/2023

Baked Chicken & Rice Almondine  
Broccoli w/ Cheese  
Warm Rolls  
Apple Craisin Salad

4/19/2023

Quiche Lorraine w/ Spinach  
Roasted Potatoes  
Fresh Fruit Salad

4/26/2023

Beef Stroganoff  
Buttered Noodles  
Green Beans  
Warm Biscuit

# Serving and Growing Together

## Broadway Arts Academy

Our second semester Recital and Art Gallery will be held on Sunday, April 23 from 1-3 p.m. We will have simultaneous recitals in both the sanctuary and chapel beginning at 1 p.m. This will be followed by a reception and art gallery presentation in Friendship Hall no later than 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear/see what BAA is all about and to share the warm welcome of BBC with the students and parents of BAA.

## Grounds Clean-Up Day

The Grounds Committee is sponsoring a Grounds Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m.-noon. Bring your saws, rakes, loppers, weed eaters, trimmers, and any other equipment you have. We will be clearing the campus of debris from the wind storms and making it more beautiful. All help appreciated! This is a family-friendly event. Rain date will be April 29, same time. Contact Dave Watkins (drwat44@icloud.com) or Nancy Stopher (stopher@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## Bereavement Committee

The Bereavement Committee provides a meal for the family of a church member who has passed away. A luncheon is held in Friendship Hall following the service. Those who have served on this committee feel it is a privilege to offer the family food and a place to gather after an emotional and exhausting time. We are looking for new helpers! If you can provide food (we will tell you what's needed), or do a 2-hour shift (either set-up and prepare or serve and clean up), we would appreciate your help.

Please contact Nancy Stopher (stopher@bellsouth.net) or Christy Cox (christyYcox@gmail.com) and we will tell you more!

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# seeking:

honest questions  
for deeper faith

**Our promise to each other:**

We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

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