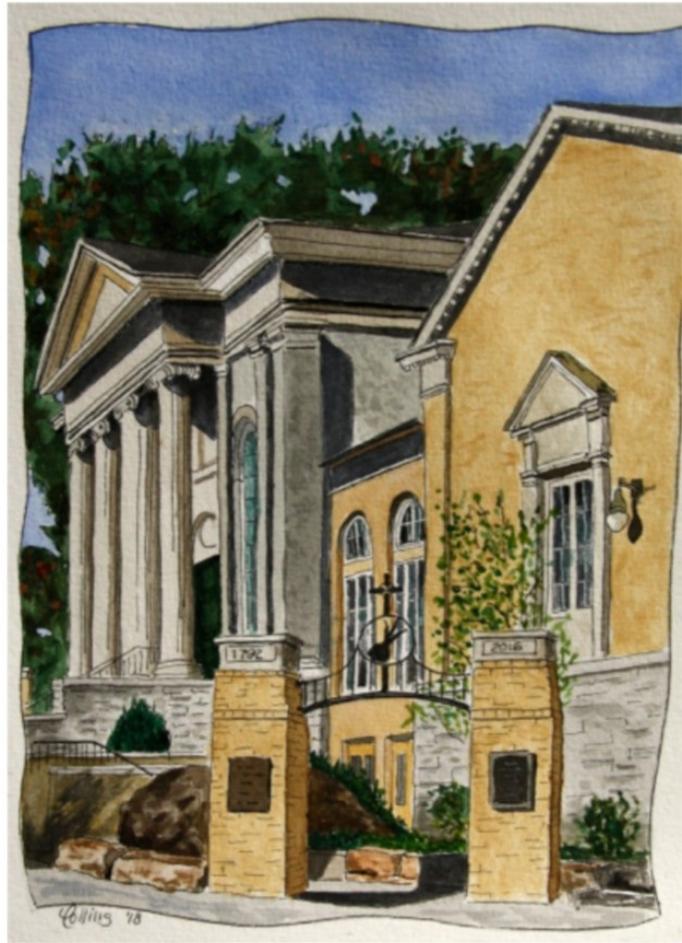




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- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*



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The Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory Jr., Transitional Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster/Harpist

Mr. Alex McGavic, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 28, 2021**  
❖**THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**❖

**PRELUDE**

*Hosanna*

Paul Wachs

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:24-27

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is God and he has given us light.

**People: Bind the festal procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**OPENING HYMN 196**

*All Glory Laud and Honor*

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Refrain:

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| All glory, laud, and honor<br>To thee, Redeemer, King,<br>To whom the lips of children<br>Made sweet hosannas ring!                            | 3. To thee, before thy passion,<br>They sang their hymns of praise;<br>To thee, now high exalted,<br>Our melody we raise. <i>(Refrain)</i>          |
| 1. Thou art the King of Israel,<br>Thou David's royal Son,<br>Who in the Lord's name comest,<br>The King and blessed One. <i>(Refrain)</i>     | 4. Thou didst accept their praises;<br>Accept the prayers we bring,<br>Who in all good delightest,<br>Thou good and gracious King! <i>(Refrain)</i> |
| 2. The people of the Hebrews<br>With palms before thee went;<br>Our praise and prayers and anthems<br>Before thee we present. <i>(Refrain)</i> |   |

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus,

We are fickle people. One day we follow after you, the next we deny you. Like the throng carrying palms we shout, "Hosanna!" Then a day later we cry, "Crucify him!" Our actions perplex us. Who will set us free from this body of sin and death? Come, Holy Spirit, and dwell among us, that we may walk not according to our old ways, but according to the new life in Christ Jesus. (Silent Confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE 223**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Hamburg

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us, we are free to forgive one another. You are invited to reach out to your neighbors with a smile or peace sign, or at home through phone calls, texts, faxes, carrier pigeons, or social media and greet each other with a virtual sign of Christ's peace.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** 753      *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, verse 1*      Prayer of St. Francis  
**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

## ❖THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD❖

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**      *2 Chronicles 6:1-11* (see insert)      Judy Cagle

## SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SOLO**      *Ride on King Jesus*      Arr. Hall Johnson  
Eric White, Tenor

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *The Return of the King*      Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory Jr.

## ❖THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      The Confession of 1967, 9.07

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE 221***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Passion Chorale

1. O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor,  
And grant to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to thee.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Meredith Loftis

**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.**

**RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

You may place your offering in the offering plates on the side aisles or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Antiphonal Hosanna*

G. Alan Smith

**DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN 197***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Ellacombe

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.

2. From Olivet they followed  
'Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving,  
And chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on his bidding wait.
3. "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.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***All Glory Laud and Honor*

Arr. Matt Limbaugh

## March 28, 2021 Scripture Reading

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 6:1-11

Then Solomon said, “The Lord has said that he would reside in thick darkness. <sup>2</sup> I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to reside in forever.” <sup>3</sup> Then the king turned around and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel stood. <sup>4</sup> And he said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who with his hand has fulfilled what he promised with his mouth to my father David, saying, <sup>5</sup> ‘Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I have not chosen a city from any of the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, so that my name might be there, and I chose no one as ruler over my people Israel; <sup>6</sup> but I have chosen Jerusalem in order that my name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.’ <sup>7</sup> My father David had it in mind to build a house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. <sup>8</sup> But the Lord said to my father David, ‘You did well to consider building a house for my name; <sup>9</sup> nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who shall be born to you shall build the house for my name.’ <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord has fulfilled his promise that he made; for I have succeeded my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. <sup>11</sup> There I have set the ark, in which is the covenant of the Lord that he made with the people of Israel.”