



*Grounded in the grace of God,  
we are a vibrant Christian community,  
disciples of all ages, gathered for worship and nurture,  
scattered to serve and to love.*  
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WORSHIP for  
PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 29, 2026 ~ 10:30 A.M.

## GATHERING

### WORDS of WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lester-Abdalla

### PRELUDE — *Jesu, meines Lebens Leben* - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Yun Kang

### INTROIT — *Hosanna! Blessed Is He* - C. Gregor / Hal Hopson

Youth Ensemble & Chancel Choir

*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;*

*in pillared court and temple the lovely 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!*

—text adapted from Matthew 21:9

### CALL to WORSHIP — *Zechariah 9:9*

Wendy Yazujian, Liturgist

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

**All: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

### HYMN — *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.*

Refrain

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.*

Refrain

*To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

Refrain

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!*

Refrain

### PRAYER of CONFESSION

O Lord, who in this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are just as rebellious, our faith is often more show than substance, and our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Saviour of our lives. Heal the brokenness caused by sin. Show us your mercy, as silently we confess our sin.

**SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION** *Here each worshiper may offer silent prayers of confession.*

## PROMISE of FORGIVENESS

One: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ. Christ was born for us. Christ lived for us. Christ died for us. Christ was raised to new life for us. Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen and Amen.**

## RESPONSE to GOD'S GRACE — *Jesus, Remember Me* - Jacques Bertier

REMEMBER ME

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## LITURGY of the WORD

### PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

#### RESPONSIVE READING — *Psalm 31:1-2*

One: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

All: **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM — *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* - DEO GRACIAS, setting by Carl Schalk

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortal's sake*

*For us, by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.*

*For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

*All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

### TIME for YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SCRIPTURE READING — *Matthew 20:6-11 & Mark 14:26-31*

Rev. Dr. Tom Kort

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

*Can You Hear the Rooster Crow?*

Rev. Dr. Kort

#### HYMN — *Ah, Holy Jesus*

HEERZLIEBSTER JESU

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.*

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.*

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** — *Philippians 2*

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**OFFERING**

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music — *The Palms* - Jean-Baptiste Faure

Song Trio

Doxology — *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.*

Prayer of Dedication

**S E N D I N G**

**HYMN** — *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

ST. DROSTANE

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! ride on in Majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

**CHARGE and BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** — *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

*Text may be found at hymn above, verse 2.*

**POSTLUDE** — *Four Pieces for Flute Clocks* - Franz Joseph Haydn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*\*Please note all announcements for Sunday bulletins are due by noon the Tuesday before they are to be published. Please email announcements to [Bulletin@MPCusa.org](mailto:Bulletin@MPCusa.org).*

### **TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the glory of God and are given by Carol Carpenter with birthday wishes for her wonderful husband, Tim. The second arrangement is given by Beth and Eric Becker in honor of Eric's father, Harry Limons, on his birthday. He was a loving father, grandfather, husband, and war veteran who bravely served our country.

### **COLLECTED TODAY - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering will be collected today during worship. Received during the season of Lent, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. This PCUSA special offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. If you would like to participate by giving online, please visit [mpcusa.org/give](http://mpcusa.org/give) and select the special offering, "One Great Hour of Sharing," in the dropdown section. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **DEACONS' EASTER FOOD BASKET - GATHERED TODAY!**

Recognizing the ongoing food insecurity in our surrounding communities, the deacons will once again provide a Holiday Basket for these families.

How You Can Help: Pick up an Easter Egg in our Welcome Center. Make a donation by returning the egg to the church with your donation inside today. Checks can be made out to MPC with the notation "Deacon's Easter Basket" in the memo line.

Your Generosity Matters: Your support helps us continue this vital food ministry. Thank you for making a difference!

### **FLOWERS NEEDED FOR APRIL 12 & 19**

If you would like to give chancel flowers on one of these Sundays, please contact DeeAnn Martin at 215-493-3865 or email [deemar918@aol.com](mailto:deemar918@aol.com). An arrangement costs \$37 and may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or in gratitude for an act of kindness or ministry.

These flowers not only add beauty to our worship service but they also go forward as an outreach to our MPC family.

### **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Interested in exploring membership at Morrisville Presbyterian Church? Our spring new member classes will be held on May 14 and May 31. To sign up or for more information, please contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or 215-295-4191.

### **FOOD CENTER'S MARCH REQUEST**

For the month of March, the requested food donation is mac and cheese. A shopping cart has been put in the Welcome Center to receive your donations. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### **SUPPORT THE MPC CLOTHING CENTER & SPREAD THE WORD**

The Clothing Center is more than just clothes. We sell so much more: housewares, linens, jewelry, and home décor to name a few items. We are open on Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. from now till mid-June. We invite you to stop by and see the array of items for sale and ask for your help to spread the word about the important mission provided by this gem of a shop located in our church basement. All of our proceeds are distributed to other charitable organizations in our community.

Thank you to all who have supported the Clothing Center through the years with your donations and patronage. For further information, please contact Kathleen Foster at [kathleenf949@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenf949@gmail.com).

### MPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - NEXT READING

The group's next reading is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. The author returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger's life twenty-five years later.

Discussion on the book will take place on Monday, April 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. You can also attend by Zoom. Contact the church office at [office@mpcusa.org](mailto:office@mpcusa.org) or Shellie Stoddard at [stoddard.shellie@gmail.com](mailto:stoddard.shellie@gmail.com) for link and more information.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS

One of the aims of the Outreach Committee is to develop awareness of social injustices and work to combat them through education and advocacy. Anyone who wishes to receive information regarding upcoming events and efforts to address social justice issues locally and globally, please contact Alice Garcia at 609-230-1786 or [agarcia28@verizon.net](mailto:agarcia28@verizon.net) or Carol Carpenter at 267-243-1951 or [carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:carol.w.carpenter@gmail.com) to add your name to our contact list.

### SCOUT TROOP 3 CLOTHING DRIVE

Scout Troop 3 is hosting a Clothing Drive through May 3. Along with clean clothing, you can donate books and clean houseware items for this fundraiser. The goal is to reach 4000 lbs. of soft items. You can drop off your donations on Monday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If it's more convenient to drop off items on Sunday before or after service, we will have a trash can marked for the Scout Drop-Off at the bottom of the steps outside of room 4. Thank you for your participation during this fundraiser.

### INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITY

Congregation Beth El of Bucks County is having a very special speaker on Sunday, April 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Professional basketball player and son of former NBA and college hoops star Ernie Grunfeld, Dan Grunfeld, will be giving a presentation on his book, *By the Grace of the Game*. The book is a "multi-generational family epic detailing history's only known journey from Auschwitz to the NBA." To register for the event and more details, please visit the Congregation Beth El website at [bethelyardley.org](http://bethelyardley.org) and follow the link from the homepage.

### THANK YOU!

Yesterday, March 28, the Board of Deacons (BOD) assembled Easter Holiday Baskets to provide food assistance to eighty-four families experiencing food insecurity in our area. We sincerely thank our congregation and friends of MPC for your support and contributions. This Easter, your generosity has enabled the BOD to uphold this vital ministry within our community.

With gratitude,  
Curt Rimler  
MPC Board of Deacons

**April 2**  
Fellowship Hall

JOIN US  
for  
**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*

6:00 p.m.  
Soup Supper  
6:30 p.m.  
Worship Service

**April 5**  
10:30 a.m.

JOIN US  
for  
**EASTER**  
*Sunday*

He is  
*Risen!*

Livestream of service  
available at [mpcusa.org](http://mpcusa.org)

## MPC Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY, March 29 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m.	God's Thunder Rehearsal	Room 121
9:30	Sunday School for all ages	
9:30	Scout Bake Sale	Welcome Center
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Livestream</b>
11:30	Nominating Committee	Room 200
11:45	Youth Choir	Music Room
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

### MONDAY, March 30

6:30 p.m.	Mostly Motets	Music Room
6:30	Cub Pack 3	Rooms 220 & 122
6:30	Scout Troop 3	Room 220
7:00	Food Center Food Packing	Room 4

### TUESDAY, March 31

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Produce Prep	Room 4
10:00	Weekday Nursery	Room 220
	School Projects	
4:00 p.m.	Community Meal Prep & Serve	Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, April 1

9:00 a.m.	Food Center Distribution	Parking Lot
Noon	Brown Bag Bible Study	Conference Room & Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Youth Club	Fellowship Hall

### THURSDAY, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m.	Clothing Center	Room 4
6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Supper & Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### FRIDAY, April 3 - Good Friday

### SATURDAY, April 4

### SUNDAY, April 5 - Easter Sunday

10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary & Livestream
Noon	Adonai Tabernacle	Chapel

Want to know when a future event is taking place or want to book a room for your committee or group?

Check out the MPC calendar at [mpcusa.org/calendar](http://mpcusa.org/calendar) to see when events takes place and room availability.

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