



P O R T R A I T O F
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Palm Sunday Service
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All Glory Laud and Honor

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All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels is praising you on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
For you delight in goodness, o good and gracious King!

Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Q. How do you come to know your misery?
A. **The law of God tells me.**

Heidelberg Catechism #3

Memory Verse

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

James 1:19-20 ESV

***Call to Worship and Prayer**

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.
For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

Psalm 69:30, 33-34 ESV

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges, George Job Elvey, and Godfrey Thring
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Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing, of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Chorus

***Crown Him, crown Him, the Lamb upon His throne
Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!***

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Chorus x2

***Corporate & Silent Confession**

Isaiah 53:6 ESV

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Scripture Reading

John 12:12-26 ESV

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him." Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

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Song of Preparation

Lead On, O King Eternal

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Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing or roll of stirring drums
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Sermon

Worthwhile Religion (James 1:19-27)

Rev. Matthew Duraski

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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*** Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD’S GRACE

Sunday

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School
 10:15 a.m.....Worship Service
 6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group with Pastor Matt

Tuesday

10 a.m.....Daytime ladies’ Bible study at Coal & Iron Building

Wednesday Nights – Spring Semester

4:00 p.m.....Prayer Group
 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.....Wednesday Night Fellowship (meal & teaching)

A full schedule and class info is available on the website and bulletin table.

GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
SUNDAY	Adriane & Chris Long Patrick	Andrea & Ben Lewis <i>Navigators, Dearborn, MI</i>
MONDAY	Betty & Frank Mason	Kathy & Carl Most <i>Caribbean Ministries, Cuba</i>
TUESDAY	Kathy & John Mathieu	Elizabeth & Paul Musser <i>One Collective</i>
WEDNESDAY	Ivy & Brett McCoy Lola Kate	Ann & Jeff Nelson <i>Ponderosa, Mentone, AL</i>
THURSDAY	Robin & Paul McLain	Amy & Wayne Newsome <i>MTW, Japan</i>
FRIDAY	Leigh & Scott McKee	Cheryl & Bill Nikides <i>REF Missions, Montana</i>
SATURDAY	Donna & Jim Mitchell	Jessica & Marcus Nobles <i>RUF, Alabama A&M</i>

Prayer Concerns

Covenant Presbyterian Church and The Covenant School of Nashville

Betty Mason – recovery

Shelby Weatherly – recovery from shoulder replacement

Matt Habel – continued healing

Kasey Mitchell Carter (daughter of Donna & Jim Mitchell) – healing as she begins cancer treatment

Various Cancer Treatments

Judy Lewis, Harold Kilgo, Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford,

Betty Langley, Kasey Mitchell Carter

2023 Faith Promise

Faith Promise commitment slips should be placed in the offering box by Sunday, April 2. Slips are available on the table in the sanctuary entrance. Note Faith Promise on memo line for checks; contributions going forward will go to 2023 unless otherwise noted.