

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday

*“We come to praise God’s faithfulness”*

Prelude

Work of the Church

Rev. Duncan

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-2

Acolyte Greeting

Madison Kreutzer

*Lift up your heads.  
We lift them up to the Lord.*

\*Hymn #126

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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\*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Howell Peterson

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN.

\*Response

“We Adore You, Jesus Christ”

*Taize*

A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi,  
We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum,  
tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.

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*“To listen for God’s guidance”*

Extinguishing the Tenebrae Candle

Scripture Reading NT#32

Matthew 27:11-23

Scripture Response

*Thy word is a lamp unto our feet,  
and a window into our souls.  
Thanks be to God!*

Hymn #297, v. 3 “Search Me, O God”

ELLERS

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us for the ways we are fair-weather fans. For the ways we fail to live up to our own expectations, for the ways we are unable to live into our intentions, and the ways we are swayed with the winds of the fickle crowd. Help us to see that following you means more than waving palm branches in celebration. Forgive us for lacking the courage, persistence, and confidence to enable us to faithfully follow you into the depths of your calling and commissioning. Help us to be true to you and to be true to our own desire to be your faithful disciples. We long to do good and yet, we betray our desire and our best efforts fall flat. Forgive us for the ways we don’t follow through with making our best intentions into actions.

*(In silence, you are invited to offer your personal confessions to God.  
In what ways have you been a fair-weather fan of Jesus? In what ways do you need help living into your commitment to Jesus and your faith convictions?)*

Kyrie

Choir

Assurance of Pardon

For now we see through a glass dimly, now we know only in part, even as we are fully known by God. And God’s love is patient and kind. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. God’s love for you never ends. *[adapted from I Corinthians 13]*

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Morning Prayer

Rev. Duncan

\*Hymn #128

“Lift Up Your Heads”

TRURO

Offertory & Offering

\*Doxology #638, (third stanza)

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav’n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

*“To proclaim God’s word”*

Anthem

“Behold, the King of Zion Comes”

*Martin*

Scripture Reading NT#

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

“Fair-weather Fans”

Dr. Moore

*“To respond in faith”*

Call to Commitment

\*Hymn #130

“Hosanna, Loud hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

\*Benediction

Postlude

\* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Jackson Hawkins, Madison Kreutzer, and Michael Shepard-Moore.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lenten Communion at the Labyrinth continues Tuesdays through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Drop in to walk the labyrinth and receive communion between 5 and 7PM. The guide is available in the box at the labyrinth if you'd like to walk an alternative time during the week.
- A Church Conference will be held today immediately following worship.
- The Maundy Thursday Worship Service will be held at the Meetinghouse Sanctuary at 7:30PM on Thursday, April 21.
- The Good Friday Worship Service will be held at St. Stephen's Methodist Church at 12PM on Friday, April 22. Sardis Baptist will join with St. Stephen's Methodist and Sardis Presbyterian for this annual worship service. Dr. Moore will deliver the sermon.
- The Easter Cook-out at Boyce Park for Children, Youth, and their families will be April 23 at 11 AM. Contact Mandy or Lisa for more details.
- Senior Adults gather at the Meetinghouse at 11 AM on Tuesday, April the 19<sup>th</sup> to go to lunch at The Green Tomato. You may also meet the group there.

### Sardis Baptist Church Worship Staff

Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,  
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;  
Pam Greenwood, minister of music;  
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*Like splendid palm branches,  
we are strewn in the Lord's path.  
-Latin antiphon*



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