### The Worship of God

March 29, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning Palm Sunday

THE GATHERING

Lord, we lift up your name With hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

(The children are invited to meet Dr. Howell on the front steps of the church to prepare for the Parade of Palms)

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O Stainless Lamb of God (verse3) I.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Near the Cross Fanny J. Crosby 1869

Opening of the Bible Charlie Parks

CALL TO WORSHIP Kacie Beck

Leader: Surprising God, you come into our lives in ways we do not expect.

People: We ask for success.

Leader: You teach us acceptance.

People: We ask to be loved. Leader: You ask us to love.

People: We ask for a victorious Messiah.

Leader: You come to us in humble service, obedient to death.

People: Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing!

HYMN NO. 203 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

Lighting of the Christ Candle

CHRISTIAN GREETINGS

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 11: 1-10

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14: 1-3, 25-27

ANTHEM The Upper Room Besig

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 19: 17-19

ANTHEM The Old Rugged Cross Drennan

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tobin Shepherd

OFFERTORY O Blessed Jesu Johannes Brahms

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14: 18-19

ANTHEM Because He Lives Gaither

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Corinthians 5: 16-21

ANTHEM Jesus Paid It All Grape

COMMENT Holy Week

RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 205 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

TRURO

#### Palm Sunday Processional

You are invited to follow the ministers and the Choir to the Square for the Community Palm Sunday Celebration. You will need your Palm frond and the bulletin insert. If you cannot walk, you are invited to drive and meet us there. For those who cannot go, please allow those who are walking to exit the sanctuary first.

Today's Lay Reader is Chuck Parks.

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - organ

Sanctuary Choir

Christian sympathy is extended to Betty Privette and family upon the death of her husband, Coy Privette on March 23.

The Deacons of the Week are Kristi Thornhill and Sterling Wall.

#### Holy Week

The Monday Night/Tuesday Morning Study will trace the chronology and significance of all the events of Holy Week. On Thursday night we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. for an informal and reflective time of Scripture, prayers, and communion.

#### April 1 Academy

Day Lilies - Jimmy Davis - Fellowship Hall Chrismon Repairs and making new ones - Brenda Barton & Melinda Hartley Room 218 - Room 222 - Coffee Room

Thursday daytime class 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Virginia Flippin - Room 105

#### Yard Sale - Saturday, April 25 - 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon - Fellowship Hall Sponsored by The Open Door SS Class for the Children's Ministry Items may be dropped of beginning April 19 - For more Information call Michelle Hopkins 300-5551

#### Announcements

| Sunday, 3/29     |                                       |                  |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 9:00 a.m.        | Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry        | Conference Room  |
| 9:30 a.m.        | Morning Coffee Gathering              | 2nd. Floor Lobby |
| 6:00 p.m.        | Youth Snack Supper (Blackerby)        | Fellowship Hall  |
| 6:30 p.m.        | Middle & High School Youth Activities |                  |
| Monday, 3/30     |                                       |                  |
| 5:30 p.m.        | Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal             | Chapel           |
| 7:00 p.m.        | Bible Study                           | Fellowship Hall  |
| Tuesday, 3/31    |                                       |                  |
| 10:30 a.m.       | Bible Study                           | Fellowship Hall  |
| Wednesday, 4/1   |                                       |                  |
| 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Senior Adult Choir Rehearsal          | Music Suite      |
| 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Child Care Babies                     | Nursery          |
|                  | (inform church if you need childcare) |                  |
| 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. | *Dinner (children eat first)          | Fellowship Hall  |
| 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. | GA's (Grades 1st thru 5th)            | Room 212         |
|                  | RA's                                  | Room 202         |
|                  | Mission Friends                       | Room 225         |
|                  | Acteens                               | Room 206         |
| 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. | Joyful Singers (Age 4 - 1st. Grade)   | Room 206         |
|                  | Chancel Choristers (Grades 2 - 5)     | Music Suite      |
|                  | Academy                               | Fellowship Hall  |
| 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal             | Music Suite      |
| Thursday, 4/2    |                                       |                  |
| 7:00 p.m.        | Maundy Thursday Service               | Fellowship Hall  |

Menu: Meat Loaf, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Banana Pudding

Children: Hot Dog RSVP by noon Monday

#### **Extended Sessions:**

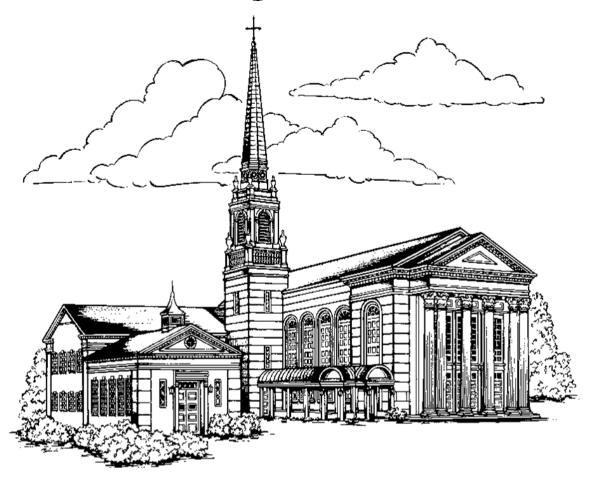
March 29: Bed Babies: M/M Brian Lancaster Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Dave Thornhill 3 & 4 Year Olds: Tina Wall & Lily Thornhill

April 5: Paid Nursery

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## Lexington Community Palm Sunday Celebration

#### The Olde Courthouse on The Square

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday Procession from Lexington Churches

Gathering Music The Alive Praise Band

Greetings and Opening Prayer Rev. Jamie Kent

Call to Worship Rev. Bonnie Duckworth

M: Tell the City of Lexington: Christ is coming!

C: Tell the City of Lexington: Christ is here!

M: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C. We will rejoice and be glad in it!

M: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the Highest!

Gospel Lesson Mark 11: 1-11 Rev. Brian Rummage

Litany for Palm Sunday

Rev. Robin Keating

M: Lift high the branches that honor Jesus! Lift high the cross that proclaims love's sacrifice!

C: We will wave our branches with joyous praise! We will risk the commitment that leads to a cross.

M: May we reach out in Lexington with the message of God's healing grace.

C: May we seek to be loyal and courageous in the service of Christ.

Palm Sunday Prayer Rev. Donnell FitzJefferies

Proclamation Rev. Darrell Sluder

Hymn Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

"Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
"Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

#### Benediction

Father Al Gondek

- P: Now let us go forth in peace to do God's work.
- C: Let us go in joy, praising Jesus our Lord!
- P: Let us go forth in love, sharing the good news of God's love here in Lexington and beyond.
- C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Today's Palm Sunday Celebration was planned by the Greater Lexington Ministerial Association. We are grateful to the City of Lexington, Davidson County Government, and the Lexington Police Department for their assistance. We also thank the Alive Praise Band for sharing their gifts with us. You are invited to lunch at the YMCA. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00 with proceeds going to the YMCA scholarship fund.