



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship April 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025 – 10:00am

**The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

Prelude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”
“Holy is He”
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Greg Emery

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Him with our lips but may follow Him in the way of the cross. Amen.

Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech You, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech You, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless You from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and He has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God, I will extol You.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Special Music

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Priscilla Hoskins
Gretchen Dempsey

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You:

**we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.**

Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own.

Words of Assurance (Martin Luther)

Merciful, eternal God,
You did not spare Your own Son,
but gave Him up for us all
to bear our sins on the cross.
Give our hearts such faith
that we may never be frightened or despair;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

#579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

Choir Anthem “Lift Up Your Heads” Maria Sinley, choir director
Debra Senelly, choir accompanist

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon “They asked, ‘Who is this?’ What is your answer?” Pastor Greg Emery

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.**

Offertory “There is a Savior” Gretchen Dempsey

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Glory be to You, O God, for the gift of creation and its bounteous mercies. Praise be to You, O Christ, for redeeming love and the promise of new life. Thanks be

to You, O Holy Spirit, for guidance, counsel, and abiding revelation. O blessed Trinity, we honor and worship You in presenting our offerings. Take our lives and let them be consecrated, O God, to You.

***Closing Hymn**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

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**Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy 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 wingèd squadrons of 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.**

***Benediction**

Enter Holy Week with the anticipation of Easter, but not forgetting the cross. May the grace of Jesus Christ have renewed meaning in your life, and may we walk this path together as brothers and sisters, from death to resurrection, from here to eternity. Amen and **amen**.

***Postlude** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name - Reprise” Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome Visitors! Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for fellowship following the service.

Flower bouquet 1 is given to the glory of God by Mary Autio for Session and the congregation for honoring her with the “Senior Service Award”. Thank you.

Flower bouquet 2 is given to the glory of God by Reno & Karen Walker in honor of Dana & Merv Mason, Reno's daughter & son-in-law, who are visiting from Manassas, Virginia.

Our thanks to Faith Choir, Maria Sinley, Debra Senelly and Gretchen Dempsey for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

Beware of Scams: **Please be advised** that if you receive a text or email that seems to be coming from Pastor Greg asking if you could help with something but not by phone, only by text or email, or buy a gift card, it is a scam, and you should not respond in any way.

The Last Thursdays@Faith – April 24, 2025 AZ PLAYBACKS – Listen to music from the 60's and 70's from Motown to Soul. Put on your dancin' shoes, summon your groove and rock out! Cut-off for purchasing dinner tickets is 11:00am on Monday, April 21, 2025. Tickets are \$15. Dinner is at 6:00 pm with the program at 6:30pm.

Men's Clothing Drive "Deep Within". The month of April, Faith Church will be collecting clothing for men to be donated to the local agency in Peoria called "Deep Within". We are collecting men's clothes, T-shirts, dress shirts, toiletries, socks, shoes, underwear; all are needed. A plastic bag with a sign will be in Illingsworth Hall on Sunday. Thank you. Any questions please contact Laurie Cathey contact information is in the church directory.

Monday, April 14, 2025 at 10:30am in the Library - BEST LIBRARY EVER BOOK CLUB. "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore (F/Moo).

Flowers for service - If you wish to donate a bouquet a large bouquet is \$50 and small bouquet is \$30. Please contact Anne Daughters contact information is in the church directory.

Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired contact information is in the church directory.

You Are Cordially Invited
Open House

Brad "Bakhmut Brad" Hendrickson
wants to thank you personally for your
prayerful support while he was in
Ukraine.

Wednesday 16 April 2025
4:30p - 7:30p

Jean Flower
15214 N Lakeforest Drive
Sun City AZ
RSVP 225-241-7117

Bring a friend!

Holy Week Schedule

Good Friday, April 18, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome!

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

We are very glad you are here!

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FAITH CHURCH — MISSION STATEMENT

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)