

Warwick River Mennonite Church

Palm Sunday - April 9, 2017

Focus Statement: Our human society values status, power, wealth, and success. God turns things upside down by becoming one of us, taking the role of a humble servant. In hope, we shout praise that God can deliver us, even while we ask, "Who is this?"

Welcome and Time of Greeting

*Invocation

*Call To Worship

Leader: Who is this who comes, humble and riding on a donkey?

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Who is this who comes, free from pride and hubris?

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Who is this who comes, celebrated by powerless children?

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Hosanna! Come join in the celebration of hope!

*Time for Silent Reflection and Preparation

*Congregational Singing

Confession and Words of Assurance

Confession

Leader: Jesus, our Lord, you came to us humbly – riding on a donkey. In peace, you showed us the way of your kingdom. We confess that our vision of the kingdom is not pure. It is stained with our own selfish desires.

**People: We shout hosannas to praise you,
-only out of our need to survive.**

**We lay down our cloaks and palms to adore you
-only to strip your garment away and humiliate you.**

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when our mouths that seek to praise you often deny and defy you.

**People: Renew in us an obedient spirit,
that we may fully accept and follow your will.**

(pause for silent confession)

Words of Assurance

Leader: God, our true Hope,

All: *restore us.*

Leader: Our times are in your hands, O God. Let your face shine upon your servants who pursue your will, and save us in your unfailing love.

Hearing

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21: 1-11

Children's Time

(The children may now be released for Children's Church)

Hymn of Preparation

Message of Worship "Restore us, O God! We hope." John Dey

Responding

Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Sending

*Prayer of Sending

Leader: Live in hopeful attention to the One who comes to deliver us. Live in hope. Live in love.

*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Susan Ackerman

Song Leader: Noah Shenk

Next Week's Scriptures: Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3: 1-4; Matthew 28: 1-10

This Week's Events:

- ◆ *Wed. April 12th* 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night's resume.
- ◆ *Fri. April 14th* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Good Friday Service. Communion will be shared.
- ◆ *Sun. April 16th* – 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Breakfast. Light meal will be provided prior to worship.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ *Sat. April 22nd* – 8:00 a.m. WRCS Color Run at Riverview Farm Park.
- ◆ *Wed. April 26th* Final Wednesday evening worship for this semester.

Primary/ Middler: Ann Aulich

Jr. Youth: **April 9:** Fran Redekop
April 16: No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast
April 23: Fran Redekop
April 30: Susan Dey

Sr. Youth: **April 9:** Jay Shenk
April 16: No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast
April 23: Jay Shenk
April 30: Jenn Salyers

Young Adult: **April 9:** Krystal Hurr
April 16: No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast
April 23: Jenny Mahone
April 30: TBD

Children's Church: Ann Aulich

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P^acemakers adult Sunday school class meets in the Sewing Room across from the kitchen. Truthseekers adult Sunday school class is held in the classroom around the corner from the kitchen. For the Spring quarter we will be looking at "God Loves Us" from a study of Psalms, Joel, Jonah, John, Romans, Ephesians, and I John.

Announcements

Providence MC Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on April 16 in the Pavilion.

A light breakfast will be provided in the Fellowship Room beginning at 9:30 a.m. prior to our Easter worship service on April 16.

SAVE THE DATE!! YOUTH Coffee House on Friday, June 9th.

SAVE THE DATE!! WRMC HOMECOMING EVENT – 120TH Anniversary Celebration! July 29 – 30th.

Reminder: Singers will be participating in the Good Friday service on April 14th and Easter Sunday worship service on the 16th. Final practice will be held at 9:00 a.m. April 16.

April 2nd attendance and financials will be reported in the April 16th bulletin.

“Restore us, O God! We hope.”



My Vision of Healing & Hope – Davian, Age 6

WRMC Kids Club

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Vision: Healing & Hope God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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