



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Mar. 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome, friends. We're so glad you came to join us in our worship of God today. We hope you'll feel the Spirit's love surround you and that you'll leave this place feeling refreshed and renewed. You are very welcome here, and we hope you'll come again and join us in worship, study and fellowship as we strive to make some very special friends. *(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and use the prayer request cards for your joys/concerns.)*

Blessing of the Palms

Be in these wands of joy as we celebrate the One coming in the name of the Lord;

Be here instruments of faith beyond the common longing for our ways;

Be for us the wave of abandon to God's way of the cross and the victory of love's pure sacrifice in hope! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Interlude Music and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 118)

Praise the LORD because God is good! God's faithful love will last forever!

Say it broadly: “God's faithful love will last forever!”

Gates of goodness, open for us, and we will come in and worship the LORD.

Those are the LORD's gates, and only God's people can go through them.

Lord, thank you for answering our prayers.

This is the day the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be happy!

May the people say, “Praise the LORD!”

Praise the Lord!

Welcome to the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Praise the LORD because God is good. God's faithful love will last forever.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#196

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Most holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit by all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives; our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves; our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to share the faith that is in us. Restore, transform, renew and refresh us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen!
(Silent Prayer of Confession)

Prayer Response

“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

#71

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

* Response of Praise

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#2 (vs. 4)

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Philippians 2:1-11

NRSV, page 1069

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

NRSV, page 922

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

“Not a Limo, but a Donkey”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

#197

*Affirmation of Faith

(Based on Confession of 1967)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again, it is the ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

Morning Prayers and 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.

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

“*Hosanna! Ride On*”

C. Jennings

Chancel Choir

Hosanna! Ride On! Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility,

On lowly colt, your road pursue, as palms and cloaks are spread for you.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see and shout hosannas,

Lifting high their praise for one about to die.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in humble dignity;

Behold the ones you came to save from senseless life and endless grave.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your people free and we, remembering

All your pain, now meet again to hail your reign. Hosanna! Ride on!

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* Offertory Response

“*Lord of All Good*”

#711 (vs. 1)

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you, use them your holy purpose to fulfill;

Tokens of love and pledges brought anew that our whole life is offered to your will.

* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* Sending Song

“*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*”

#198

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

“*God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*” #542 (vs. 1)

*God be with you 'til we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you 'til we meet again.*

* Postlude

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

The story of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem is followed by a story of terror in which, against all odds, love wins.

How might this story reshape your week, your life, our world?

Where will you commit to letting love win?

How will this change your life?

Did you know?

Did you know that, in its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition? Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness and providence of God

who creates, sustains, rules and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love.

The Blessing of the Palms was written by the Rev. William Flewelling. The Prayer of Confession is adapted from “Life in Liturgy” and used by permission. The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9:09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 25, 2018

Welcome Friends! If you are new in the area or looking for a church home, we hope you will consider becoming a part of this community of faith. Please use the Fellowship Pad to note your presence with us and the welcome card to help us serve you better. **There is a large- print Bible and handheld hearing devices on the table at the back of the sanctuary and also in the foyer for anyone who needs them.**

Please be advised: Videos, audiotapes, and photographs may be taken during worship and other church activities for broad use (including the Internet), and that by attending you consent to this and to the broad use described. **If you do not wish to have your photo taken and/or published on our website,** please send a request in writing to office@chapellane.org or Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, 5501 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640.

Children in Worship: We have **Worship Bags** in the back of the sanctuary containing worship aids for children: Blue-handled bags for older children, red-handled bags for younger. Please return them to the floor below the rack at the end of the service. We have a staffed **nursery** for children infant through first grade (older children may use the nursery and playground if accompanied by an adult). During the school year, we offer **Children's Church** for kids from kindergarten through 6th grade on most Sundays. Children will remain for part of worship and will be dismissed part way through the service to a time geared toward them.

Tape Ministry: Each week our worship service is taped and sent to our homebound members and friends. This is a ministry of our Deacons. If you would like more information, please contact Harry White (692-2059).

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin announcements are listed **two weeks** prior to an event. For a forecast of upcoming events farther in the future, please visit "newsletter" or the church "calendar" at www.chapellane.org. Did you miss last week's announcements? They may be viewed at "Worship /bulletin" at www.chapellane.org.

CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through April 8, 2018

Lectinary-Based Class: The Lectinary-based class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the library. We hope you will consider joining us.

The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: Studying the Minor Prophets, Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Manual of Administrative Operations (MAO): The MAO has been missing from the church office for about 4 weeks. If you know of its whereabouts, please return it to the office.

Followers In the Spirit Here: Music, formation, fellowship and more. Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pre-kindergarten to Senior High. For Lent, we will be offering some "Dinner and More" events after our FISH program. The Schedule looks like this:

No Wednesday dinner Holy Week, March 28th;

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

Dinner and Worship with Communion

Good Friday Service: A Good Friday Service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 103 E. Midland Street, Bay City 48706, on March 30th at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Rhonda Myers as a participant.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet Tuesday, March 27th at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, March 25th. There is a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the foyer. Hope to see you all there. Call Alice Wiltse, 631-7271, if you have any questions.

Thank you so very much for the flowers, candy and lots of cards for my 101st birthday!

Rosa Miller

The Monday Evening Circle will meet April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nona Willing, 216 Morning Meadow Way. We will be studying Lesson 8 of the study guide. Call Nona at 989-513-5960 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

Fun in Faith: Sign up today to join the Fun in Faith folks for a family style Amish Dinner at Countryside Dinners in Clare on **Friday, April 13th** at 6:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** Cost is \$15.00 (without tip) and includes chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, tossed salad, homemade breads, butter, homemade apple butter or jams, apple and cherry pies. Directions to Countryside Dinners are on the poster. Sign-up deadline is Thursday, April 5th. See Sally Ginter-Coats for further information.

One Great Hour of Sharing offering is collected each year on Easter. This offering is split three ways. One of the agencies that will benefit from your donations is Self-Development of People (SDOP). The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2017, projects focused on literacy, worker-owned cooperatives, advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, worker rights,

immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to OGHS over 5,000 projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since SDOP's inception. Envelops are available for your donations. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

Midland Area Homes is looking for a few people who would be interested in volunteering as a team to pick up furniture donations. The team commitment would be every 5th Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They provide the truck and a furniture dolly. The maximum number of homes that are scheduled per week is six and they are residents of the city of Midland. If you are able to help, contact Cindy Armbruster at Midland Area Homes, 989-496-9550.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through April 8, 2018

Hospice Volunteer Training: MidMichigan Home Care is seeking hospice volunteers in the Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland and Montcalm areas, as well as for Woodland Hospice House.

MidMichigan Home Care, 3007 N. Saginaw Road, Midland, MI 48640

Tuesday, June 12, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Volunteer trainees must attend all sessions. Those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer may apply at www.midmichigan.org/careers. For more information, call Cindy Lutz at 989-633-1467 or email Cindy.Lutz@midmichigan.org.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians(8:15):	Aubrey Root, Doug Moe
(10:00):	Karen Graef, Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader(8:15):	Ron Hynds
(10:00):	Ron Hynds
Ushers (10:00):	Marion and Eldon Ault, Ed and Kathy Rightor
Nursery:	Renee White and Jennifer Hahn
Ministers:	<i>All the members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church</i>

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating our diversity of gifts, we seek to serve Christ by serving others with grace, love and laughter.

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