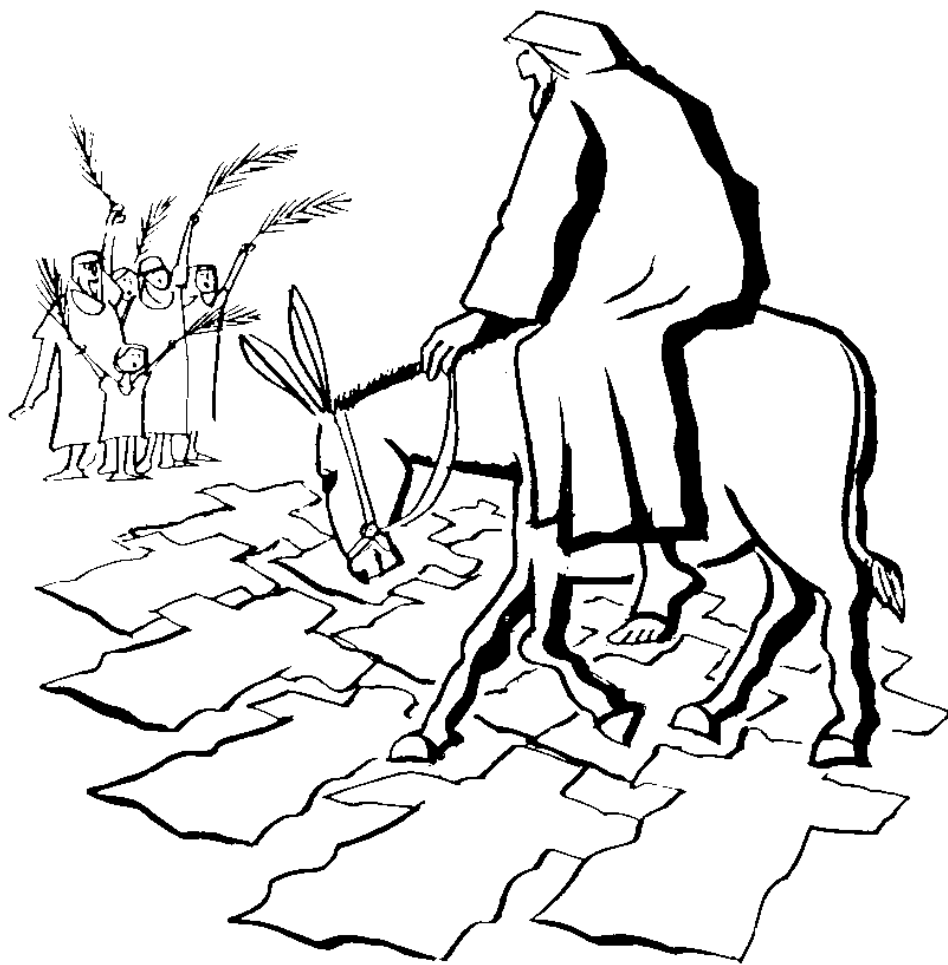


TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

With songs of thanksgiving,
 we sing praise to God.

With shouts of Hosanna,
 we welcome the presence of Christ.

With prayers of blessing,
 we call out to the Spirit of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Blessed One, bless our worship this day.
Bless us through the power of your holy name,
 that we may be faithful disciples and attentive listeners.
Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit,
 that we may be ever wakeful, ever alert—
 as we worship,
 as we live,
 and as we follow where you lead.
In your blessed name, we pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN:** #196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Let us confess our sin to our God,
 trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

**Have mercy on us, O God.
Where depression lingers,
 grant us hope.
Where fear threatens,
 grant us comfort.**

**Where strength fails,
give us courage.
Where faithfulness wanes,
grant us endurance.
Where sin invades,
grant us forgiveness.
Shine upon us with your love and grace, O God.
In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Look! The Lord will help you,
for God's faithful love lasts forever.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ALL

**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.**

***THE PEACE**

LAY LEADER

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

ANTHEM: "Hosanna, Hosanna We Sing" by Stan Pethel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

PASTOR

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:32-38

SERMON *"God Moves... to the Cross"*

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #198 Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR

(Responsively)

God in the highest,
you came to us in a human being
who humbled himself like a slave.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the nations that worship power and might;
may they be ruled by humility and peace.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the church and its leaders,
that we may have the mind of Christ.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for the victims of human tragedies
and disasters of nature.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for those who are in prison—
the repentant and the unrepentant and those falsely accused.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

We pray for those who are ill or infirmed
or are rejected because they are seen to be weak.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

God of compassion,
through Jesus Christ you
have come to us and
shared our common lot.

Mold us into people who show your mercy
and keep us obedient to him whose name is
above all other names—Jesus Christ,

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

This is the Lord's gate.
This is God's house.
This is God's world.

All that we have and all that we are comes from God and belongs to God.
May we share of these gifts generously,
so that others may know God's presence in the world.

ANTHEM: "Sing Hosanna in the Highest" by Joseph M. Martin

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #606**

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

With these gifts, we give you thanks, O God.
We bless your generous, humble spirit,
and ask that you bless these gifts
with this same generous, humble spirit,
so that all who receive these gifts
may also receive your love,
through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

*Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service for refreshments
and a time of fellowship.*

Reflections on the Lord's Prayer

A Lenten Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Our last session will be this week.

Nursing Home Visitation

Second Sunday of the month:

Today

Join us at 2:00 PM at the Delaire Convalescent Center 400 W Stimpson Ave, Linden, NJ to share the Good News in word, song and presence.

One Great Hour of Sharing:

Please contribute to *One Great Hour of Sharing* today. A **special envelope is provided for this special offering.**

No gift is too small.

Thank you! Mission Division

The Townley Fall Rummage Sale will be held:

Friday, May 10, 2019 from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Please mark your calendars and keep in mind the following important dates:

- 1. May 4, 2019 (Saturday):** We will be setting up the tables at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall for the rummage sale. If you can help us with the set-up, please let us know.
- 2. May 5, 2019 (Sunday):** After church, we will begin to organize our donations and begin to place them on the tables for the sale. Please plan to stay after church and help if you can.
- 3. May 6 - May 9, 2019 (Monday thru Thursday):** We will be working in Fellowship Hall every day setting up for the sale from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm and in the evening from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Please plan to come out and lend us a hand. Any amount of time is appreciated.
- 4. May 10, 2019 (Friday):** Rummage Sale is from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. If possible, please plan to help out on the day of the sale. Again, any amount of time you can give is appreciated.
- 5. May 11, 2019 (Saturday):** Bag Day is from 9 am - 12:00 noon. Clean-up begins at 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to help with clean-up.

See Janet Sangekar or Linda Zehner if you have any questions. **THANK YOU!** As always, we appreciate your support.

Please note: Donations should be placed in the Chapel basement or in the old Choir Room. Please see Linda Zehner for assistance or if you have any questions.

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For twenty-one years, AKEDP has provided free K-6th grade education in Pisto, Haiti to families who otherwise would not be able to send their children to school. To date, we have graduated over 3,000 children who were able to continue their academic or vocational education. The work being done makes a great difference in family’s lives. Because of supporters like you, we have helped pull families out of poverty and provided hope in a hopeless situation. In addition, to educating young children, we also provide adult literacy to their parents and the community of Pisto.

This year our fundraiser goal is \$25,000.00 to renovate our facilities and expand our programs through partnerships. We are committed to providing the best education to all of our students and we know our goal is attainable because of supporters like you! This year’s event will be held at Hilton Hotel Newark Airport Hotel, 1170 Spring Street, Elizabeth New Jersey 07201 on **April 27th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.** Please see me for additional information with respect to securing tickets.

Sincerely, Feret Fenelus

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Townley’s Program Task Force is spearheading a *Food Bank Sunday*, where on each 4th Sunday they will receive donations of non-perishable food items to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. We are asking our members to support this initiative by giving one non-perishable food item (or \$1) per week. Kindly drop off your items in the **Food Box** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

“A Time for Prayer”

Mondays at 4:00 PM

If you can’t make it to the church, take some “Time to Pray”.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Lois Tangowski	3
Carole Gordon	9
Don Smith	12
Linda Catalano	16
Mario Rubulotta	23
Irene Schoenwalder	28

Book Club

Will resume in May. “A Year of Living Biblically”. Join us!

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Ron Thompson, Pastor