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Service of Worship for
Palm Sunday

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP at FANWOOD

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Elizabeth Martinson and Kim Whitefield. Our music team is led by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician Brody Brown. Our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle (fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email fanwooddeacons@gmail.com.

REFERENCES

Our music service is provided under the CCLI Copyright License 11039447, CCLI Streaming License 20099016 and CVLI Video License 504049131.

SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

Neither the Fanwood church office nor any Fanwood staff will ever ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards or other financial instruments.

** indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

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CHILI COOKING

COOK WITH US AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29! PLEASE EMAIL JOY AT JOYMHENRY01@GMAIL.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

EASTER SUNDAY

TULIP BOUQUETS TO HONOR AND REMEMBER LOVED ONES

Our sanctuary will be decorated with tulips and lilies to celebrate Easter! To donate a tulip bouquet in honor or memory of a loved one, please order online at FanwoodPC.org.

RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

FPC Vacation Bible Study
Join us for a week of faith + fun!
August 10-14, 2026
Visit www.fanwoodpc.org
for more information.

HOLY WEEK

Schedule

APRIL 2 AT 7:00 PM	MAUNDY THURSDAY AT THE MANSE
APRIL 3 AT 7:00 PM	GOOD FRIDAY IN THE SANCTUARY
APRIL 5 AT 10:30 AM	EASTER EGG HUNT AT 10:00 AM EASTER SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

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74 SOUTH MARTINE AVENUE, FANWOOD

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Luyang Liu

PROCESSION OF PALMS "Halle, Halle, Halle"

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (x3)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "Improbable" by Britt Kusserow

*Everything's possible for a love that's improbable
For a God that's unstoppable, are you ready to try?
When nothing is permanent, resurrection is imminent
For a Love that looks different than the fear in their eyes,
I am ready to shine.*

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari

One: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

All: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.

One: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo:

All: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Let us enter the city of God, and sing hosannas to our king.

All: Let us join his parade, alongside the poor and the outcast.

One: Let us see our God riding in triumph toward the cross.

All: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" verses 1 & 2

CALL TO CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation or to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.

Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

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.

RECEPTION OF ANGELA IMBERGAMO, new member of FPC

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)" by P. Baloché

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-11

SERMON



Rev. Dr. Stacy C. Smith

RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Christus Victor" by K. Getty

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Sanctified Art*

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
It sounds like welcome and feels like home.**

**It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.
It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.
I have seen it alive in the world.**

**And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage,
even when mercy feels out of reach,
I remember the one who welcomed the children
and led with nonviolence.**

**I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable
and inspired those around him.**

**I remember that the good news really is good news,
for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

TELLING US SOMETHING GOOD *from Joy Henry*

* DOXOLOGY #592 "Praise God Throughout These Forty Days"

*Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING

* CLOSING HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" *verses 3 & 4*

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Luyang Liu