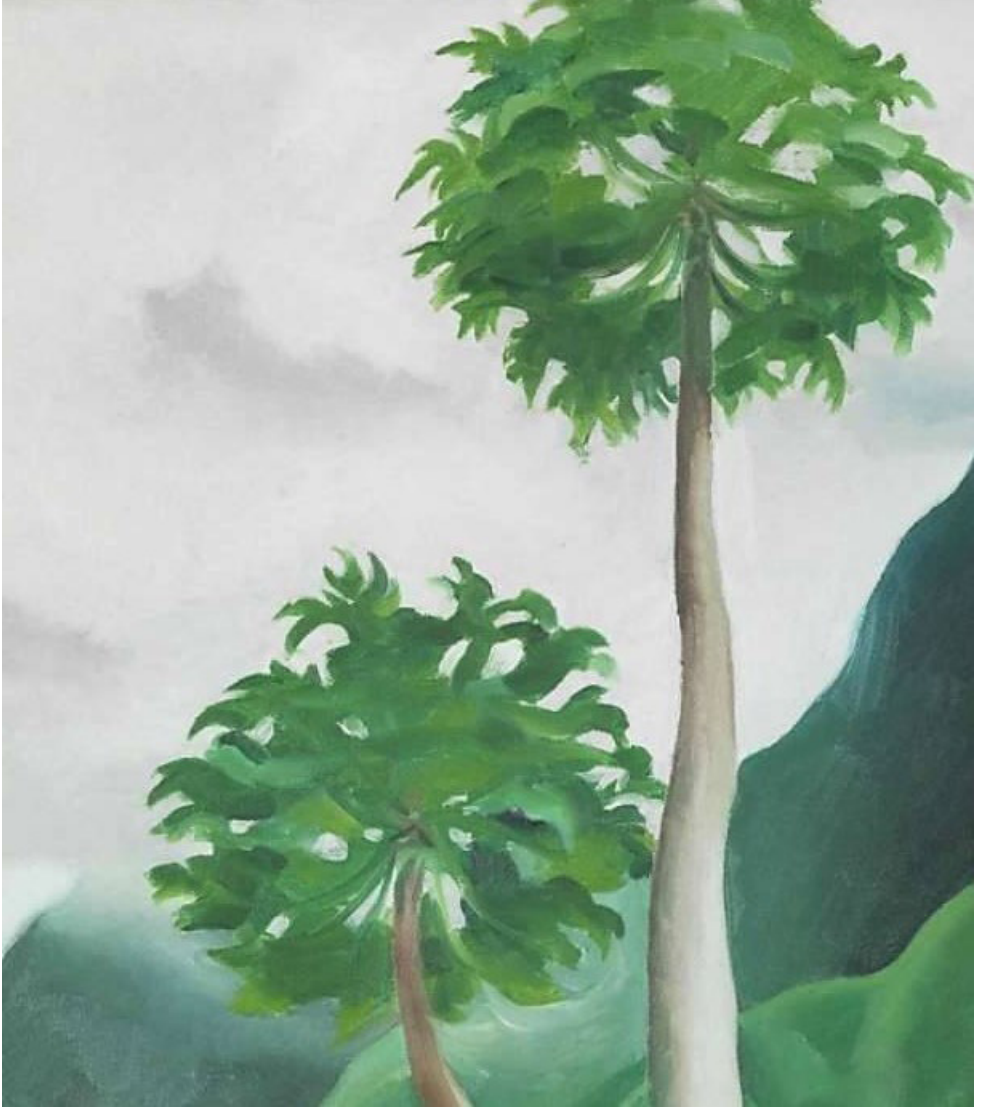




PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

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

People: **Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.**

Leader: He comes with joy and hope.

People: **He comes to set us free from fear.**

Leader: Hosanna!

People: **Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.**

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*Opening Hymn and Processional *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to right paths through Jesus Christ.

(A moment of silence is observed.)

An asterisk(*) indicates that those who are able are invited to stand. Bold letters denote that we say the words in unison. Italic fonts direct us to sing.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***Congregational Response**

*You alone can rescue,
You alone can save,
You alone can lift us from the grave;
You came down to find us, led us out of death,
To you alone belongs the highest praise,
Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, you are our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation. Lift up your word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Stones Shout Out

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

* Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

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.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.
We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,
to be Christ's body in the world.*

WORSHIP LEADER

Beth Henriques

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON!

We'd love for you to join us in our activities, so please fill in the Welcome Card, which can be found in your pew, to give us contact information. Please stay after the service today for fellowship time and refreshments in the Narthex. It's a great way to get to know one another!

WHILE YOU WORSHIP WITH US:

- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Please write your request for prayers to be included in the service in the book on the podium found at the center entrance of the sanctuary. You'll also have a chance to share them during the service.
- **THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
- **FOR YOUNG ONES** - Although children are always welcome in worship, nursery care for children from six months through three years of age is provided in our playroom in the Parish House. Please ask an usher to direct you.
- **JOINING OUR CONGREGATION** - Classes are offered for those who would like to become members of our congregation. Please call the church office or speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- **GET OUR NEWSLETTER** - Keep current with our news and activities through email. If you are not currently getting it, you can sign up by putting your email on the Welcome Card, or you can contact the church office.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US by visiting our website at www.pcmadison.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePresbyterianChurchofMadison.

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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to help with Coffee Hour? Volunteers are needed for this simple job that only requires a few minutes before and after church on an occasional Sunday. Make coffee, set out food and supplies, clean up afterwards. All food and supplies are provided, but you are also welcome to make something too! Please see or email Sara Burnet for more information if you think you could help! Thank you. Email: saraburnet@hotmail.com

COOKING CLASS - APRIL 15

Meal Prep Empire (a Madison meal prep and catering business) is hosting a free cooking class on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. The class will run for approximately 2-2 1/2 hours and has space for 12 participants. Professional chefs Lenis and Erik will teach the following skills to participants while creating a delicious butternut squash soup:

- knife skills (chopping and peeling)
- sauteing
- blending techniques
- layering flavors
- plating

Register for the class using one of the following:

1. Call / e-mail the church office to add your name to the class list
2. Click on the "Cooking Class" link in the bulletin e-mail
3. Scan the QR code:



CHURCH CLEANUP DAY - APRIL 26

Come down for the church cleanup day on Saturday, April 26, from 9 am - 11:30 am. Possible projects include mulching, weeding, painting (inside and outside), and general cleanup. All are welcome! Contact Mary-Anna Holden at maholden2@aol.com to sign up.

RAMP GENERAL MEETING HERE - APRIL 27

Join RAMP for a special opportunity to meet volunteers and members of RAMP's Board of Trustees. Hear important updates, have a chance to network, learn about ways to get involved and be part of building a 'Bridge to a New Life' for refugee families. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Attendees can register on the RAMP website at rampnj.org - select News & Stories at the top of the home page. Come and learn what good our quarters do!

EASTER & SPRING JOY SINGING BOWL REFLECTION - APRIL 29

Please join us on April 29 (Tuesday) from 7-8 pm in the sanctuary for a spiritual and moving Easter & Spring Joy Singing Bowl Reflection in Community. Our own Nichole Maldonado-Gorsak will lead us through gentle stretching (for all physical abilities) and a singing bowl "sound bath" to get us moving and relaxed. Bring a friend and a nonperishable food donation for the Interfaith Food Pantry! Write Kathleen Underwood at kathleenunderwood@verizon.net for more information.

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS DINER - APRIL 30

Join us for an enjoyable morning of fun and fellowship at the Nautilus Diner, 97 Main Street, Madison on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:15 am. Please contact Jim Burnet at jimburnet@gmail.com with any questions.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

The following memorial services are scheduled in May:

- **James Edgar Burnet, III**

Webb Chapel on Saturday, May 3, at 10 am; reception to follow in Webb Chapel. All are welcome.

- **Charles Courtney**

Webb Chapel on Saturday, May 24, at 2 pm; reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Correspondence may be sent to the following family members:

Nathan Courtney
22 La Grange Road
Delmar, NY 12054

Robin Hadden
1500 East Street
Huntington, VT 05462

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PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER DURING LENT

Help Others

Participate in church and community outreach that help others. Look for ways to help your neighbors, such as running errands for someone ill or housebound. Give gently used toys and clothing to those in need. Help alleviate hunger by participating in food collections and monetary donations.

Make Special Time for Prayer and Reflection

Make prayer a daily habit. Set aside part of your day for quiet time when interruptions are at a minimum. Pray the psalms, use a devotional guide to choose daily prayers. Think about things in your life that you need to change and pray for help in changing them.

Attend Lenten and Easter Worship Services

- Each Sunday during Lent at 10:15 am
- Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:15 am
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm
(service in the Parlor - soup will be served)
- Good Friday Tenebrae, April 18 at 7:00 pm
(service in Webb Chapel)
- Easter Sunday, April 20
 - 6:30 am at Hillside Cemetery
 - 10:15 am in the sanctuary - annual Easter Egg Hunt and coffee hour fellowship immediately following worship

PRAYER LIST

One of the spiritual practices that our community embodies in our life together is holding one another's concerns, joys, sorrows, and thanksgivings before God in prayer. As a people of God, we offer prayers for those of the church, the community, and the world.

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray the prayers of the church, the community, and the world. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Reverend Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600 if you would like to add anyone to the prayer list. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Kaitlynn, for recovery from injuries after a serious car accident
- Jo-Anna, for comfort and peace after the passing of her brother Nick after a long battle with cancer
- Roy, for strength and peace, as he works through his dad living with advanced dementia
- John, who is in a clinical study for treatment of a rare disease, that he received the treatment (not the placebo), and his wife and caregiver, Cathy
- Misty for health issues
- Jordan recovering from surgery and facing one more, and Cathy, his wife and caregiver
- Vicky and all other women dealing with difficult pregnancies
- Pam Gillespie
- Brian and all the victims of the California fires

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball
 4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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FLYER - EASTER WORSHIP & SPRING EVENTS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON NJ



UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15AM

APRIL 15

COOKING CLASS @ 6:30PM AT PCM **

Learn new cooking tips and help us make the soup for Maundy Thursday worship!

APRIL 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP @ 7PM

Tablesides agape meal service in the Parlor

APRIL 18

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE @ 7PM

Candles and scripture, ending in total darkness

APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY!

6:30am sunrise service @ Hillside Cemetery

EASTER!

10:15am service in sanctuary. Egg hunt, hot cross buns and deviled eggs!

APRIL 26

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY @ 9AM!

APRIL 29

SINGING BOWL REFLECTION @ 7PM

Sound healing and reflections in the Sanctuary

MAY 6

DINNER & DISCUSSION @ 6:30PM**

casual Bible conversation and yummy food!

MAY 10

CEMETERY RESTORATION @ 9:30AM

MAY 27

BREAKFAST AT NAUTILUS @ 7:15AM

JUNE 8

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH SUNDAY!



Questions? Call the church office at 973-377-1600.

** Reservations requested for Cooking Class and Dinner.

NOTES

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WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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Director of Music

WORSHIP
Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

Jim Burnet
Becky Moody, Clerk

Stephanie Haedrich
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