



August 9, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
11th Sunday after Pentecost

**Our vision is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen

270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840

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(732) 491-2300

GATHERING

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST'S LIGHT

Candles are lit to represent the presence of Christ, offering a moment to center ourselves to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & TIDINGS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: When Jesus made his way to Jerusalem,

All: The crowds shouted Hosanna.

Leader: When Jesus came to Zion's gold gate,

All: The people spread their cloaks.

Leader: On the humble colt our Lord did ride,

All: And palm branches were strewn in his way.

Leader: Let us remember and rejoice

All: The day the Prince of Peace came to David's city.

*HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DER GEBEN

*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Forgive our rate of exchange.

We receive great news but exchange it for fear.

We are given a deep and abiding joy but worry it away.

We are filled with mercy and forgiveness

but we trade it for the cheap grace of safety.

Forgive our confusion.

You gave us a foundation of stone;

We too often have built on sand.

God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy up on us.

Christ, have mercy up on us.

Lord, have mercy up on us.

Written for Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY by Peter DuBois

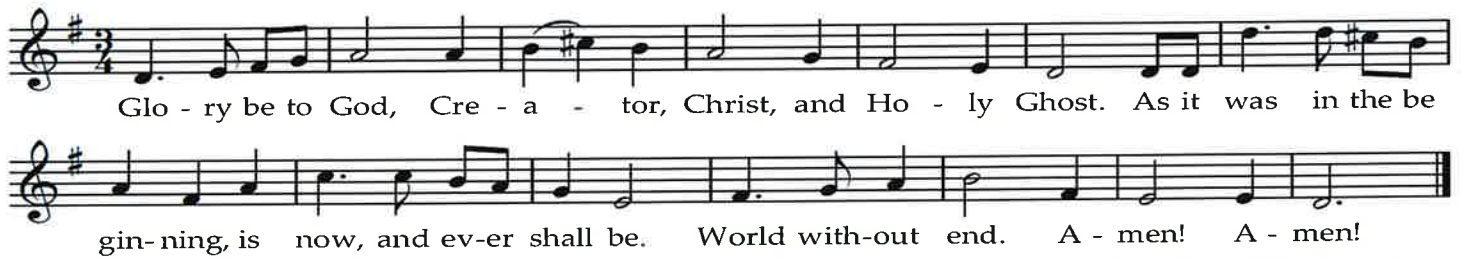
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

*GLORIA



Written for Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY by James Kealey

CHILDREN'S TIME

Nursery care is available in Room 107.

LISTENING

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:7-12 (Old Testament page 683)
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

Kevin Trolaro

DUET A Mighty Fortress
Kyle Wagner, trumpet
Leo Wagner, trombone

Martin Luther

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:28-44 (New Testament page 83)
This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Shouting Stones

Rev. Dr. Fred. G. Garry

RESPONDING

SETTLING OF THE WORD

*HYMN The Palms

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Clerks of Session Charlie Day and Sandy Slobodien

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (from the *Brief Statement of Faith*)

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Khayla J. Henry

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 let us not fall into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Grace Hammesfahr
in loving memory of her father, T. David McKnight.*

*Our greeters this morning are the Gunsser family, and the ushers are Tom Giordano,
Wendy Kukowski, and Gilly McKie.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 52:7-12

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it; purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord. For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-44

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."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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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,

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!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

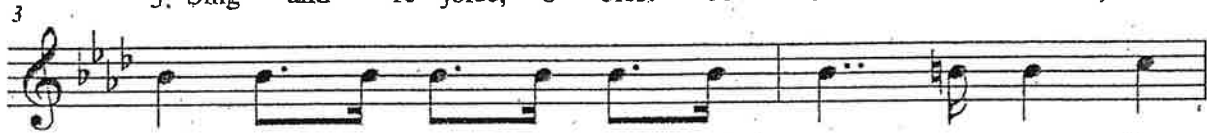
The Palms

English Version by
Theodore T. Barker

J. Faure



1. O'er all the way green palms and blos - somes gay
2. His word goes forth, and peo - ple by its might
3. Sing and re - joice, O blest Je - ru - sa - lem,



Are strewn this day, in fes - tal prep - a - ra - tion.
Once more re - gain free - dom from de - gra - da - tion.
Of all Thy sons sing the e - man - ci - pa - tion



Where Je - sus comes to wipe our tears a - way,
Hu - man - i - ty doth give to each his right,
Through bound - less love the Christ of Beth - le - hem



E'en now the throng to wel - come Him pre - pare;
While those in dark - ness are re - stored to light. —
9 Brings faith and hope to Thee for - e - ver - more. —



Join all and sing, His name de - clare, Let ev - 'ry voice re - sound - with



ac - - - cla - ma - tion: Ho - san - na!



Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who com - eth to bring us sal -

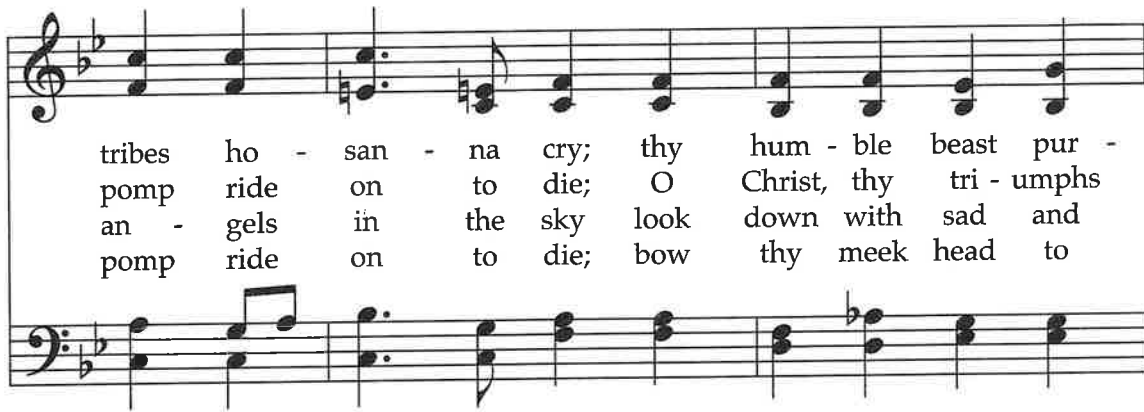


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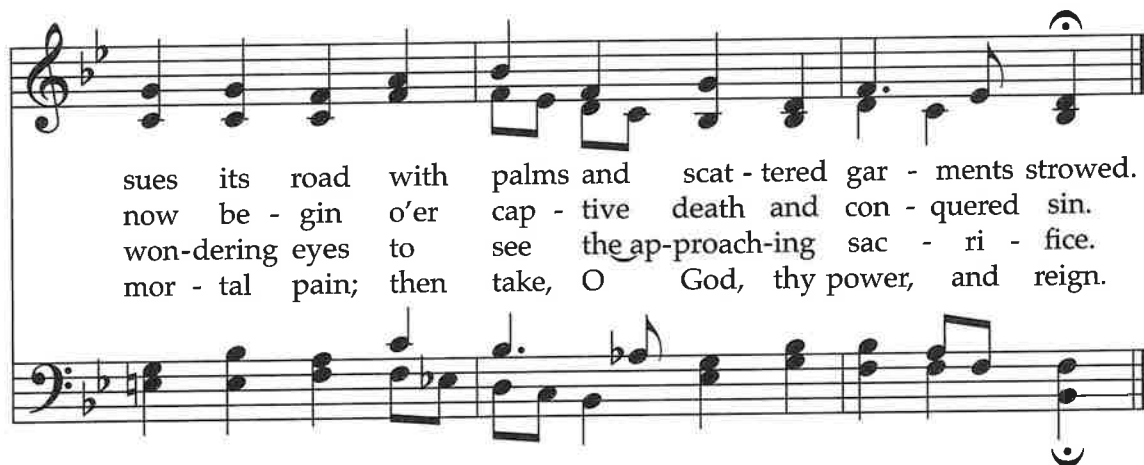
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

To be added in the weekly Prayer List, individuals must give permission for their names to be included. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE – 732-491-2300 to add a person to the prayer list. Persons requested to be on the prayer list will remain for one month, unless requested to keep for a longer period.

Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)

*Lynne Angley

John Bertelsen and family (*Brother of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)

Linda Burr (*June Young's sister*)

Pat Byrne (*Sue Harmon's brother-in-law*)

*Helen Burr-Cackowski

Dorothy Canary (*aunt of Sue Harmon*)

Luis Canton (*Laurie Toth's father*)

Diane Cassidy (*Susan Kozo's cousin*)

Sophie Culton (*friend of the Reed family*)

*Mary Kay Dangremond

George Doerbecker (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)

Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)

*Judy Fuller

*Doris Gulotta

*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)

*Margaret Hathaway

*Noah Haulenbeek

Teresa Prete-Kaltenbach (*friend of the Hajjar family*)

*Brad Keller

*Susan Kozo

Jetty Mailangkay (*wife of Rev. Herby Moningka*)

Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)

Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)

Joseph Neupauer (*Marie Hoffsommer's brother*)

Alvin Newton (*Virginia Shaw's brother*)

Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)

Dorothy Pennix (*Mother-in-law of Andrene Sinclair-Pennix*,

Marian Pflaumer (*Relative of Dan & Maggy Cook*)

*Javier Robles

Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehbler*)

*Dave Ryder

Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)

Katie Strittmatter (*friend of Kozo-Mollison family*)

Art Wegg

Bud Wilson (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)

Janice Wojcik (*sister of Karen Keithler*)

David Wong

*Lynn Hendricks Wong

Names highlighted in boldface were recently added

*Members of the church

PASTORAL CARE: If you or a family member is in the hospital, please contact Dr. Rev. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590 or Rev. Khayla J. Henry at (843) 312-7288. **Hospitals no longer contact clergy when a parishioner is admitted.** We are more than ready and glad to visit. Please contact us even if it is to pray for you. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Jeremy B., US Air Force, Stationed in Arkansas (*Son of Andrene Pennix's co-worker*)

PFC Daniel Eide, stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona (*grandson of Mary Ann Eide*)

David Garry, Coast Guard Cutter Bear, Philadelphia, PA (*Son of Fred & Kathy Garry*)

MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*Son of Elaine Hansen*)

MC1 Kevin Leitner, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)

Lt. Cmdr. Krista Marquard, U.S. Public Health Service, Chicago, IL (*Bill & Susan Marquard's daughter-in-law*)

Lt. Col. Matthew McQueeney, USAF, Pilot and D.O., deployed (*Son/Stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)

LT John Alexander Petr, U. S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Pennix Family friend*)

Mark Robinson, 82nd Airborne Division, deployed (*son of Steve and Moggie Davis's friend*)

*CPT Bradley Shaver, U. S. Army, Ft. Carson, CO (*Brother/Son of Greg and Julie Walton Shaver*)

CPT Julia Harris Switzer, MD USAF (*Granddaughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)

Petty Officer 1st Class Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

And by appointment for other times

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Worship Service - Sanctuary and Virtual 9:30 a.m.

After Worship Refreshments - Chapel 10:30 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service - Sanctuary Noon

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Choir & Music Camp 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

DBSA Support Group - Chapel 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Choir & Music Camp 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Support Group - Chapel 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Pastoral Bible Study - PW Lounge. 10:30 a.m.

Choir & Music Camp 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Choir & Music Camp 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

Choir & Music Camp 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Women's AA Support Grp - Chapel 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

FULL CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE:

Scan the QR code or visit our website

<https://bit.ly/4emWby6>



COMING SOON

Aug 18 Men's Breakfast - Dining Room - 7:30 am

Aug 22 Blood Drive - Dining Room - 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Aug 29 Joint Elders and Deacons Retreat - Social Center
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Aug 31 CARE Team - Office Conference Room - 3:00 pm

Sep 20 Rally Day

TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

Offerings & Gifts Received August 2

Pledge	\$10,518
Non-pledge	\$ 435
Cash	\$ 34
Deacons	\$ 125
Food Pantry	\$ 193
Other funds	\$ 270

TOTAL: \$11,575

OTHER RECEIPTS \$658

(Parking)

HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

Direct Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!

Online From our website fpcweb.org/give, click on the **Give Online** button. This will redirect you to the Vanco app to set up your donation.

Thank you for your generous support!

CHURCH STAFF:

Senior Pastor/Head of Staff Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

Associate Pastor Rev. Khayla J. Henry

Pastor Emeritus Rev. Robert A. Beringer

Parish Associate Rev. Dr. Glory J. Thomas

Indonesian Pastoral Supply Rev. Leksmana Leonard

Director of Music Ministries Jordan Klotz

Minister of Music Emeritus Brenda Arnold Day

Director for Christian Education Nancy Leardi

Donate Blood

IN HONOR OF NOAH

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, August 22, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

FPC Social Center Dining Room

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or
visit RedCrossBlood.org

Enter: FPCM to schedule an appointment

Streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by using [RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid Pass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass). Use the QR codes below to schedule your appointment and use Rapid Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history.



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Donors receive a \$20 Amazon gift card by email.



Questions? Contact Deacon Wendy Kukowski.

Join us on an unforgettable journey to the

"Warm Heart of Africa"

This unique trip blends purposeful exploration with spectacular natural beauty. Together, we will travel across Malawi to witness the powerful possibilities of international mission firsthand.

You will connect deeply with local communities, learn about ongoing sustainable development projects, and discern how we can build meaningful, long-term international partnerships.

It is an opportunity to see the work that has been done by groups just like ours!

The journey also includes a breathtaking safari at the legendary Mvuu Lodge in Liwonde National Park.

There, you will experience Malawi's vibrant wildlife, and reflect on the beauty of southeast Africa.

Whether you feel called to global service or want to experience a new culture through the lens of faith, this trip will transform your worldview. Contact Sarah Teti for more information: foodpantry@fpcweb.org



METUCHEN CARES

(Community Action for Recovery, Education, and Support)



5th Annual Overdose Awareness Day

Monday, August 31st at 7:00 PM
at the Metuchen Borough Hall*

* Watch out for announcement in case of inclement weather

By recognizing addiction as a disease and understanding its symptoms and consequences without judgment, we can overcome the stigma, isolation, and destruction that afflict those with a substance use disorder and their families.

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- A featured speaker who is in long-term recovery and offers a story of HOPE!
- A Candlelight Vigil to remember those who have lost their lives to this disease
- Informational pamphlets and resources
- Free NARCAN kits will be available at 6:30 PM
- Ice Cream treats provided by What's the Scoop

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Families with children in middle school, high school, and beyond are encouraged to attend.

There were 69,973 overdose deaths in the United States in 2025.

METUCHEN IS NOT IMMUNE TO THIS DISEASE!

For more information about Metuchen CARES, as well as addiction, recovery, and prevention, please visit www.metuchennj.org, then go to "Boards and Commissions" and click on "CARES".