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*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.*



*Welcome to our Combined
10:15am Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*



**April 10, 2022
Palm & Passion Sunday**

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table.*)

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For safety, during the COVID pandemic we temporarily ceased having supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, on Sunday, September 11, 2022. In the meantime, parents who would like to do so, are welcome to watch their own children in the nursery, where a closed circuit TV is located, so that you can still see and hear the worship service.

Junior Worship

For safety, during the pandemic we temporarily ceased offering Junior Worship. We will resume Junior Worship on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The option of Junior Worship is offered downstairs, on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the children's sermon, for elementary age children to learn about today's scripture lessons.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

*{Symbols used in this bulletin: * = if able please stand; ♯ = Red Hymnal Page; ♯ = Blue Hymnal Page}*



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Virtual Worship Service

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Phone Stream at 1-888-649-5770 - Live or Listen Later
Zoom: Meeting ID: 104 401 368; Passcode: 301301 (or call 1-301-715-8592) - Live Only
If you have any access problems, please let us know at 610-621-5770 or Office@sprucc.org

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

*Please Do Not move the red ribbons or sit where they are placed.
They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *“Fling Wide the Gates”* by Sir John Stainer from “The Crucifixion”
trumpet, Branden Manderbach, Senior at Conrad Weiser

*{To center your hearts and minds,
you are invited to individually offer this prayer silently
during or before the Prelude}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ② *(Individual Silent Prayer)*

All-knowing God, in this season of distress and sorrow, we bow before you. As we remember Jesus’ walk toward Calvary, we are tormented by the inhumanity so easily evoked among us. As we recall our own times of suffering and grief, we identify with Christ. We bring to you this day our questions and rebellion as well as our faith and quiet longing. Deliver us, O God, from all that detracts from our full humanity. Help us grow toward the design for which you created us. Amen.

Greeting and Welcome

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *“The Palms”* all verses

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***INVOCATION**

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP ②**

Leader: God grants us a new day;
Morning after morning.

**People: This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
enter to praise God’s marvelous works.

**People: God’s steadfast love endures forever!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY①

Leader: Christ is with us.

People: Christ is in our midst.

Leader: Let us pray...

People: Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory for ever.

ALL: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Gospel Lesson (*The Palms*) [Luke 19:28-40](#)

BLESSING OF PALMS ①

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have seated the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION ② (Leader)

Come, all who are waving branches to welcome the Savior. When the light shines on us, we see the shadows we create. We sense our need for a faith more deeply grounded and a love more fully committed.

*CONFESSION OF SIN ② (Unison)

We confess, O God, that we identify with times of optimism and applause. We like a religion that makes us feel good. We prefer safety and security and certainty. Then Jesus comes riding on a donkey, reaching out to outsiders, proclaiming humble obedience as a virtue, challenging powerful people to change their ways. We sense danger. When Christ upsets our craving for stability, we turn away from the risks. We do not want to be rejected or face as cross. We are not sure we really want to be Christians. O God, help us! Amen.

***SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

***PRAYER FOR MERCY**

“Kyrie”

♪Red #518

Leader *(spoken)*: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *(sung)*: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader *(spoken)*: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People *(sung)*: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader *(spoken)*: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People *(sung)*: Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** 🗣️ *(Leader)*

God contends with us in our fears, identifies our rebellion, and transforms our contrition into courage. Our Creator does not give up on us when we are discouraged or reject us when our pretensions get out of hand. God, who exalted Jesus, is ready to forgive and lift us up. Christ walks with us on the way of faithfulness, empowering us to become the disciples we are called to be. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

We Hear the Word of God

*We seek to learn more about God’s love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.
We believe the Bible to be the “inspired word of God.”
Gospel (which means “Good News”) refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians’ most central books of the Bible.*

Epistle Lesson: [Philippians 31:9-16](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: [Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

all verses

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL SONG 1. “Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children,

God is love, God is love.

Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye little children,

God is love, God is love.

2. “Love Him”... 3. “Thank Him”...

SERMON

“Not a White Horse”

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have
learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and
giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERTORY INVITATION ②

Leader: If Jesus Christ is to reign among us,

People: much more will be needed than our praise and rejoicing when we are together.

Leader: How do we witness and serve when we are apart? How much of ourselves and our substance will we invest?

People: The portion of our time and treasure we give to God, reflects how much Christ truly reigns in our hearts.

*{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person.
A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed
when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.*

*Whether worshiping in person or online,
the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church
is through St. Paul's UCC secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at sprucc.org. [St. Paul's UCC Click Here](#)
Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551
or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Hosanna to Jesus" text by Fanny Crosby, music by Larry Shackley

{Those who are able, please rise}

{Please remember to wear a mask whenever singing}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Red #258

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Leader) ②

O God, grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to your altar. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Jesus Christ may be realized and celebrated wherever Christians gather to worship and everywhere we scatter to serve. May every knee bow at the name of Jesus and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord and the world's salvation. May the needs of all your children be addressed by those who confess Jesus Christ, both through the power of your Holy Spirit and through our service to them as disciples of Christ. We pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

**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.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

***COMMISSION 2**

Leader: Go boldly into a world that does not understand you;
go in the name of love that is for all persons.
People: **We will trust the steadfast love of God.
We will ignore the temptations of our world and we will follow Christ.**
Leader: Be willing to stir up the people to claim their gifts;
live among them as one who is sent to serve.
People: **We will speak words of salvation and faith;
we will live, trusting the love we have received.**
ALL: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

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***THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN**

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***SENDING HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" all verses

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*{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, CONCERNS

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

ALL are invited
*to share in a time of Refreshments and Fellowship
in the downstairs Miller Fellowship Hall*



The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Lent -40 days and six Sundays before Easter; a season of penitence as we reflect upon our personal sins, which led to the need for the sacrifice of Jesus' life for us upon the cross.

The root word of "Lent" means to "lengthen", referring to the lengthening of days as we anticipate spring and the new life granted through the resurrection – moving from darkness to light.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Purple/Violet –the color of royalty (royal purple); symbolizes the passion (suffering) of Christ our King that led to his sacrifice on the cross for us; the color of penance which we will be offering this Lent for his sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins.

Red – the color of blood for the martyrdom of Jesus for our sins.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, April 10 -- Lectionary Reading for Palm & Passion Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 31: 9-16

Luke 22:14-23:56

The Gospel According to Luke

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke "the beloved physician," written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of "investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

Psalm 31

This is an OT song, which offers a prayer to God for deliverance from enemies and then gives praise for that deliverance. This was written by King David.

The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

This NT Epistle (letter) was written by the Apostle Paul from prison in the 60s A.D. Paul and Timothy are sending this letter to the church in Philippi, thanking and rejoicing with them for their steadfast faithfulness, prayers, and support, cautioning them of missionaries who focus on physical wants and needs, and encouraging them to stay true and united to his and Timothy's teachings and example. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

Next Sunday, April 17 -- Lectionary Reading for Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-02, 14-24

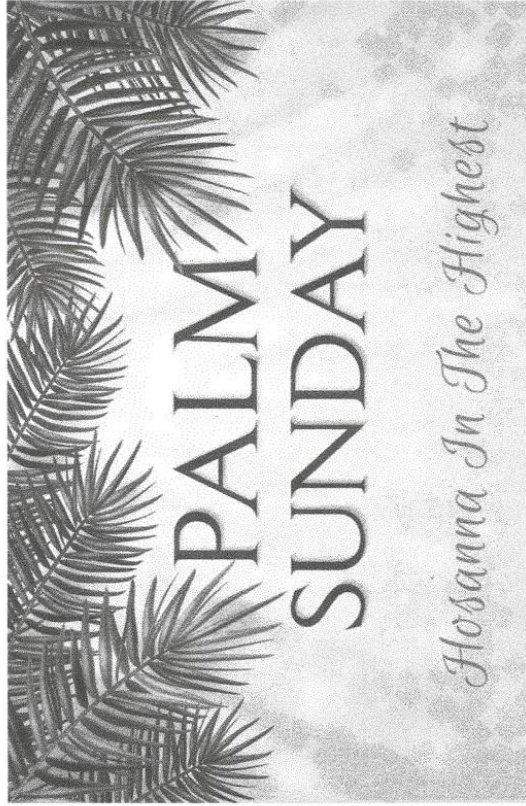
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 24:1-12

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST *Communitas* PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

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April 10, 2022



Changing The Way The Church Views Addiction



May 11, 2022 1:00—4:00 pm

@ St. James, 321 S. Limerick Rd., Limerick

PSEC Addiction and Recovery Task Force

Register at: <https://psecrecovery.eventbrite.com>

The mission of the PSEC Addiction & Recovery Task Force is to share God's love with people suffering from the destructive disease of addiction and their affected family members and friends.

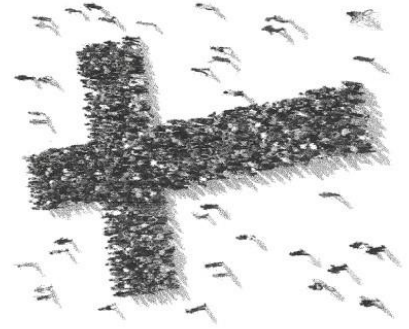
Our goal is to decrease stigma surrounding addiction by broadening individual knowledge, awareness, and understanding while providing support, resources, and other vital information about this disease to ministers and congregations. This live continuing education event is designed to help you do exactly that!

Agenda:

- 1:05-1:15 Greeting and Introductions
- 1:15-1:40 An Addict's Story Personal Witness
- 1:40-2:05 Sociological Impact Trauma and Addiction
- 2:05-2:30 From Moral Failure to Disease Squelching Stigma
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45- 3:10 Family and Church Involvement Personal Witness
- 3:10- 3:35 Introducing Our Higher Power Grace/Forgiveness/Love
- 3:35- 4:00 Discussion and Recruitment Follow up



OFFICIAL CALL -  PSEC ANNUAL MEETING 2022



Living the Jesus Life: Contemplatives in Action

You are invited! Back in Person!
Friday, June 3—Saturday, June 4, 2022
@ West Chester University
700 S. High St., West Chester, PA

Register at: <https://psecspring2022.eventbrite.com>

The Palms

1 O'er all the way green palms and blos-soms gay are strewn this
 2 God's word goes forth, and peo - ple by its might once more their
 3 Sing and re - joice, O blest Je - ru - sa - lem, of all your

day in fes - tal prep - a - ra - tion, where Je - sus comes, to
 free - dom gain from deg - ra - da - tion; hu - man - i - ty does
 songs sing the e - man - ci - pa - tion; through bound-less love, the

wipe our tears a - way; e'en now the throng to wel-come him pre-pare.
 give to all their right, while those in dark-ness find re - stored the light.
 Christ of Beth - le - hem brings forth the hope to you for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Join, sing his name di-vine, let ev - ery voice re-sond with u -
 Join all, and sing Ho - san - na!

nit - ed ac - cla - ma - tion, Ho - san - na!
 Praised be the Lord! Ho -

Praised be the Lord! Bless the one who comes to bring us sal - va - tion.
 san - na!

Text: Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

Tune: The Palms 10.11.10.10 with refrain
 J. Baptiste Faure, 1830-1914
 Arr. Charles H. Gabriel, 1856-1932

EDWARD PERRONET, 1785, alt.
Stanza 5, JOHN RIPPON, 1787

C.M.
First Tune

CORONATION
OLIVER HOLDEN, 1793

With dignity; but in moderate time

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name, Let an - gels pros - trate fall!
 2. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of your God Who from His al - tar call;
 3. Sin - ners, whose love 'can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the gall,
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe On this ter - res - trial ball,
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all;
 Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, And crown Him Lord of all;
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all;
 To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite, And crown Him Lord of all;
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet, And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all ma - jes - ty as - crite, And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all. A-MEN.

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His Triumphal Entry

THEODULPH OF ORLEANS, 820
Tr. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1854

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (ST. THEODULPH)

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MELCHIOR TESCHNER, 1615

With well defined rhythm

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One!
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed Our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A-MEN.