

The Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle

I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been closer to him for that reason. Elie Wiesel

WORSHIP SERVICE
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 25, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Prière à Nortre Dame

L. Böellmann

INTROIT:

For All the Beautiful Women

D. Potter

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118)

One: O give thanks to the Lord; for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

Many: Open the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

One: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

Many: O give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Come, let us join the festal procession! Let us shout Hosanna and sing songs of honor to our Redeemer, King!

*OPENING HYMN #88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout Hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We waive the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hands — deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT, PERSONAL REFLECTION

REJOICING IN GOD'S FORGIVENESS (2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 20-21)

One: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed

away; see, everything has become new!

Many: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

One: So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us;

Many: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,

One: so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

All: Thanks be to our compassionate God!

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE (Red Pew Bible)

HEBREW BIBLE (Tanakh) Isaiah 50:4-9a

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

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ANTHEM

Right on King Jesus!

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GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Palms or Placards?

Tom Buchanan, Pastor

*MEDITATION HYMN #89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

CALL FOR GIFTS AND PLEDGES

(Please put **prayer** requests (green card) or requests for a **pastoral visit** (white card) in the collection plate as it passes.)

OFFERTORY:

Allemande

E. Jacquet de la Guerre

*DOXOLOGY # 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN #84

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*BENEDICTION

*PEOPLE'S AMEN #586 (sung)

Traditional

The service has ended; if you wish to leave, please do so quietly, or remain seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

The Palms

Fauré

^{*}Please stand in body or in spirit.

- Welcome -

We are delighted to welcome you today. If you are visiting, please make yourself known by filling out a white "Keep in Touch" card and dropping it into the offering plate. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments, in the Guild Room after the service.

Study Catechism, Question 45

adapted from the PC (USA)

Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did?

Because grace is more abundant – and sin more serious – than we suppose. However cruelly we may treat one another, all sin is primarily against God. God condemns sin, yet never judges apart from grace. In giving Jesus Christ to die for us, God took the burden of our sin into God's own self to remove it once and for all. The cross in all its severity reveals an abyss of sin swallowed up by the suffering of divine love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Worship Assistant is Peggy Alexander
Thanks to our ushers Kristie Kelly and JoAnn Rover
Session meets today in the Pastor's office

* Tom Buchanan, Pastor (203) 912-2800 buchanantr@gmail.com Tamara Cashour, Minister of Music and Choir Director All members are the church's ministers.

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