

Townville Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) Christ's Heart Serving All

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* please stand in body or spirit; Most pew hymnals have ribbons you may use to mark your service music, hymns, and other responses

GATHERING

Chiming the Trinity
Greeting
Joys and Concerns
Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Humble, and riding on a donkey,

You are giving the beast of burden a new dignity.

Acclaimed by crowds,

You are giving majesty a new face.

Moving from the countryside to the corridors of power,

You are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

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

*GATHERING

Hymn 199

Filled with Excitement

MORNING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, gathering for worship today, we are like the crowd that lined the streets, witnessing Your entry into Jerusalem. Some of us gather here full of enthusiasm, others wearied by what life has thrown at us. Some of us have come out of curiosity, others out of habit. Some of us gather with great expectation, others with no particular hopes. It is here, O God, that You meet us and surprise us with Your love and grace. So, open our heavy eyes, and tired minds, steal into our closed hearts and surprise us today with joy. Open us to the possibility of hope, and allow us to glimpse the goodness of Your purpose for us. Forgive us when we fail to submit to Your knowledge of us and to the need for Your forgiveness that comes freely and abundantly. So with cleansed hearts and open minds, we join in the cry, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest". Amen.

*KYRIE

Hymn 577

Lord, Have Mercy (sing in Latin or English)

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

First Reading Isaiah 50: 4-9a Second Reading Luke 23: 1-49

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Jesus Christ who, though He was God, did not believe this was something to be exploited. But, He emptied Himself and became a servant, and humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. Therefore, God has honored Him and given a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus, every one in heaven, on earth, and under the earth will bow and proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 215 What Wondrous Love is This

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins, v.2

Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts, that we may have the grace to seek the power Your peace imparts. So let our varied gifts combine to glorify Your name, that in all things by word and deed we may Your love proclaim.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (p 35 in hymnal. Debts/debtors)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We take communion Hymn 227 Jesus, Remember Me

*Prayer of Dedication

Christ of compassion, what wondrous love is this, that You have met us again at this table, reminding us of Your gifts of grace and mercy? What wondrous love is this, that You turned from ringing affirmation to disdain and death, all on our behalf? With gratitude for

this unspeakable love, we ask that You send us out and use us and our meager gifts to make sure this world sees how far You went to bring us all home. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN Hymn 200 A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

*BENEDICTION Hymn 737 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song – v.1

Jesus, je voudrais te chanter

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins...

Call to Worship, Prayer of Dedication, Prayer of Illumination-BMF Morning Prayer – Call to Worship, Year C; Prayer of Confession – adapted from Rev E Crumlish

Prayer List: Cliff Hintson, Stephanie Parker, Dixie James, Taylor Shope, Matt Walker, Gordi, Bobbie Steve and Trevor Sonefeld, Andrew Baker, Tracie and Stephen Norred, Carol and Larry Farmer, the Monolo Family, the Greg Toledo Family, Shannon Drew, Bill and Renee Johnson, Grace Chevalier, Mary Taylor, Becky Henry, Brenda Canipe, the Reece Family, Rob Cassels, Robert Peeples, Robert Lehman, Brett Allen, Mary Ann Perkins, Service Men and Women around the world, the faculty, students and families of Townville Elementary School, the Pepease Presbyterian Church and all your churches around the world, the people of Ukraine, those innocents suffering from the Israel-Hamas conflict and all those suffering the effects of war and natural disaster.

Liturgists	Lori Malvern	Musicians	Barbara Moran
	Sue Baker		Gary Malvern
Pastor	Denny Read		Sue Wayman
Pastor Emerita	Minnie Sue Douglas	Organist Emeritus	Jerry Douglas

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

Sunday school meets each Sunday at 10 am in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing topics from the Christian Century. All are welcome.

The TPC newsletter will soon start to publish again. Please send any items to be placed in the newsletter to Sue Baker (terrysusan3@gmail.com)

Book Club will meet Friday, October 20 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading Cider House Rules. All are invited.

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