

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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We Are Called To Be

A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD

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WELCOME

THOUGHT FOR CONSIDERATION

The last week of the earthly life of Jesus was a hectic but holy time. What difference does his last week, and our first week leading to Easter make in our lives?

PRELUDE

+CALL TO CELEBRATION **John 12: 12-13**

One: The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

ALL: SO THEY TOOK BRANCHES OF PALM TREES AND WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, SHOUTING,

UNISON: "HOSANNA! BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD--THE KING OF ISRAEL!"

One: Yes! Blessed is the one who comes even into our day. Into our living.

ALL: BLESSED IS THE ONE.

+CONGREGATIONAL Hosanna, Loud Hosanna No. 238

SPECIAL MUSIC Canta Hosanna Choir
By: Pepper Choplin

OPENING PRAYER

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

After he had washed their feet, Jesus said..."If I your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet...I have set you an example that you also should do as I have done to you." John 13: 12-15

Jesus giving and sharing to us was not just a simple example, but an ample example of giving and sharing that might guide all living. Even now.

RECEIVING OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE Lord, Bless the Hands No. 93

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN Forgive Our Sins as we Forgive No. 137
(Tune: No. 253 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?)

RESPONSE

One: Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. John 18: 19

ALL: IF WE WERE ON TRIAL FOR HIS TEACHING AND OUR LIVING AS CHRISTIANS...WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT US OF BEING HIS FOLLOWERS?

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SCRIPTURE John 19: 16-30

CONSIDER

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

SERMON Thank God It's (Good) Friday! Pastor Jim

COMMUNITY SHARING

Announcements
Concerns and Joys
Morning Prayer

+HYMN Were You There No. 257 vs 1-4

+CHALLENGE

One: After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus...asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission... John 19: 38

ALL: WE ARE HERE TO KNOW THEY NAILED HIM TO THE TREE...PIERCED HIM IN THE SIDE...LAID HIM IN THE TOMB...

One: The last week of the earthly life of Jesus was hectic but holy time.

ALL: O GOD, MIGHT THAT HECTIC TIME BRING FORTH HOLINESS THROUGH OUR LIVES--IN JESUS' NAME.

POSTLUDE

+ Please stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Palm Sunday is the day we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before His resurrection. We will be celebrating Love Feast at 5:00 pm.

March 28 - Monthly birthday breakfast starting at 9:00 am at the Fairground Diner.

March 30 - The annual Cross Walk in downtown Carlisle will be from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. The Cross Walk starts at New Life Community Church, 64 E. North Street.

March 30 - This will be our next SERRV Work Day. We will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 am and return around 5:00 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

April 1 - There will be an early service at 7:30 am with Easter breakfast to follow at 8:00 am. The menu will be fruit, yogurt, casseroles, muffins, and juice. We are requesting food donations for the breakfast and the number that will be attending. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

April 6 & 7 - The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be assembling 1200 Disaster Relief Clean-Up buckets at the Florin Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Av. Mt Joy, PA. These 5-gallon buckets are filled with items to assist victims of flood disasters and will restock the supply at the New Windsor Brethren Disaster Ministries warehouse. Friday (set-up day) begins about 10:00 am and will continue until the work is finished. Lunch will be provided. Saturday (assemble the Clean-Up buckets) schedule starts at 8:00 am and is expected to conclude by noon. Everyone who would like to have a part in this valuable ministry is welcome to help. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Fritz, BDRA Co-Chair at 717-823-2745 or email twfritz@ptd.net.

April 8, 15 & 22 - A group of 4 or 5 volunteers are needed to escort the residents at the Brethren Home. You need to arrive by 9:00 am to escort the residents to Sunday morning worship. Please check your schedules to see if you can help. The sign-up sheet has been posted on

the bulletin board. If you can help, please sign-up under the date you are available. Thank you for your help.

April 28 - The 2018 District Women's Spring Luncheon will be held at the Newville Church of the Brethren. The topic is "Squaring Up Fitness" according to the gospel of Dr. Luke. Jill Davis will present the fitness lesson and Brenda Line will bring the music. Registration is from 9:00 am - 9:30 am and the cost is \$10 per person. Registrations are due by April 16th. Checks should be made out to the Southern PA District. If you are interested in attending, please let Gloria know by April 8th.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, March 25

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
Palm Sunday
5:00 pm Love Feast

TUESDAY, March 26

9:00 am Quilting

WEDNESDAY, March 27

9:00 am Quilting
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, March 30

7:30 am SERRV Work Day
12:00 pm Cross Walk (Down town Carlisle)
Office Closed

SATURDAY, March 31

4:00 pm Set-up for Easter Breakfast

SUNDAY, April 1

7:30 am Early Service
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
Resurrection Sunday