

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 5 WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

This format is our way of being in worship during this time we are apart. Though we may not be able to share time together, we can have a shared (common) experience knowing that others at CUMC will be participating in this same time of worship today.

We ask that you print out this guide and place it alongside your computer or other device you will be using for viewing. We are trying to make worship interactive by having you take part in a couple guided activities rather than simply watch. We will be telling you when to pray the opening prayer, when to read the scripture lesson (be sure to have a Bible close by), and when to have a time of prayer for yourself and others. There are suggested videos for you to watch listed after the closing. They are musical offerings from our contemporary and sanctuary music folks, and videos that reinforce the theme or thought for the day. Please watch them. One of the scriptures and a song, plus music from both our traditional and contemporary services. The worship experience is designed for 30 minutes. This video part of the experience today is 29 minutes long.

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/jZhIDmcMT2w>

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hold Him as our Lord, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life. In His name we pray. Amen

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 19: 28-40

Pause the video now and read Luke 19: 28-40.

Children's Chat:

(supply your own jelly bean)

Kid's Worship Worksheet (print out and use with your children) - can be found at carlislepaumc.org, grow, kids, birth-5th grade, under Kids'Worship, Kids'Ministry Worship at Home Worksheet

Prayer Time:

Invitation to silent prayer with musical background (use this time to pray for what concerns you today). That time will be followed by the Pastoral Prayer, intercessions and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We strongly want to encourage you to pray the two Coronavirus Crisis prayers included at the end of this email at some point in your worship experience today. Our world needs you.

Meditation:

Broken Dreams

Closing

Please continue to pray this week for:

Healing and Health: Bill Alwood, Shirley Garrison, Twin grandchildren of John and Linda Wain, Mila Williams

Sympathies and Prayers: Tim & Sharon Sheaffer on the passing of Tim's mother, Marilyn Morrow; Sheri & Jim Napoli family; Family of Creedon Pechart

Other Concerns: Nimmom family, missionaries in Burundi; Armed forces and their families; Families suffering; Leadership of our church; Family, friends, neighbors, community, world, medical people, and any other concerns that come to you.

Suggested Videos:

Palm Sunday Video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ23ryYK8ac&feature=youtu.be>),

Jesus Enters Jerusalem (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBquuyfPe_U&feature=youtu.be)

Children's Chat Video:

Square Peg Round Hole plays ringing rocks

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5cJbcoWaH8&feature=youtu.be>)

Suggested Worship Music:

"The Holy City," - Maybrick/Adams; Sam O'Brien, tenor soloist; Constance W. Leitner, piano
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJek47zmj3U&feature=youtu.be>)

"Forever Reign" with Chris Gregory, Contemporary Worship Leader
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ffti_PcRgcQ&feature=youtu.be)

REMEMBER: Faith over Fear. Prayer over Panic.

Think about sharing this video with others.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Daily and Online Devotionals

Upper Room - app, email, or Sight Psalms - <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

You Version Bible - different devotional plans and options for groups via app

D365 - short daily devotions via app - www.d365.org

Reimagining Examen - Examen Prayer app - <http://reimaginingexamen.ignatianspirituality.com>

First 5 - Bible study app - <https://first5.org>

She Reads Truth or Girlfriends in God- for women online reading plans - <https://shereadstruth.com>

Pray As You Go - online or app (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>)

Journeywithjesus.net

OTHER PRAYERS YOU CAN PRAY:

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and healing God, I turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. I stand before you as a person people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill everyone with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families. May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace. Comfort their family and friends. I pray for the world and in thanks for all those who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time

Loving God, I place into your care all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers medical researchers and others who are working tirelessly. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all they are doing to heal and help those affected by the coronavirus. May they know your protection and peace. Bless them and their families in these challenging days. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.