

The Order of Service for the Worship of God  
Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church  
March 20, 2016  
Passion/Palm Sunday

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, your love goes beyond all limits. In the passion of your Son, you take us beyond our highest ideals and beneath our deepest fears. We thank you for the sweet-sour celebration of Palm Sunday; for both the joy and the tears. Foster in us the desire and the will to follow Jesus without reserve, that we may be led into a peace that holds in time of trouble, and into a love that persists far beyond the outer rim of our present understanding. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Balm in Gilead”  
Adult Handbells

Sandra Eithun

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL

“Sing Hosanna Unto the Lord”

IsaBeall Hudson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Humble and riding on a colt,

**People: we greet you.**

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

**People: we cheer you.**

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

**People: we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

Leader: You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face; you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

**People: With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”**

**All: Let us worship God.**

+HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 197

Tune: ELLACOMBE

PRAYER CONFESSION

**Loving God, in the midst of energy and parades, the laughter of children and the beautiful chaos of procession, we pause. We pause to remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you**

**to confess that we are conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lips. Forgive us when our faith is shallow, our following is timid, and we have too many ready excuses for why we go our own way but claim it as your way. Turn us around again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit. May your Spirit be active within us and among us. May your Spirit open us anew to your faithfulness and to your freedom. May your Spirit teach us to live new lives and to be bearers of the seeds of your good news. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

+RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mike Steele

ANTHEM

“Mercy”

Susan Bentall Boersma  
Craig Courtney

*I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.  
And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.*

*Kyrie, eleison, have mercy.*

*In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.*

*Renew my heart and wash me clean;*

*grant with Your pardon, purity.*

*Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

*In equal measure of Your love, who seeks Your face.*

*A broken heart, a fainting soul, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.*

*Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight.*

*Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.*

*Kyrie eleison, have mercy.*

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11; p. 21

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 27:27-37; p. 30

SERMON

“Two Symbols of the Passion”

Cameron Womack

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

+HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

No. 216

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Lowell Mason

arr. Larry Shackley

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE GO TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

+HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

No.221

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

+BENEDICTION

+CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor””

Melchior Teschner

arr. Faye López

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+Indicates those who are able may stand.

Welcome to Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will feel welcomed in this time of worship. Our church, organized in 1887, is a member of Salem Presbytery, the Synod of Mid-Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Leading worship: Cameron Womack, Director of Christian Ed; Jeff Stewart, Liturgist, Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Molly Kirkland, Acolyte; Gaines, Susan, Riley and Laurel Kiker, Ushers and Greeters.

Child care is provided for children ages infant through 5 years old during worship in the Keys Church Nursery area downstairs, staffed by Michelle Knoud and Hannah Peterson.

**Volunteer NEXT Sunday: Judy Carr**

Children's Church: After "Time with the Children", all children ages K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to follow our adult leaders to the Butterfly Classroom upstairs for their own worship time. Children may be picked up by their families in the classroom after worship (from the lobby, take the stairs or the elevator to the top floor). **Volunteers NEXT Sunday: Need Volunteer**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren, Alexa, Griffin and Shelton by Mack and Karen Gaddy.

**Easter Lilies** There are two options for your memorial/honor Easter Lilies. Traditional Easter Lilly and/or a donation to our Music Ministry. There are forms in the pew pads and on the display case and they are due March 21.

We are continuing our general collection of food for **Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** through the end of March. They always need canned meat, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, and tuna. Canned beans and canned fruit is another great need. Please see the "wish list" attached to the shopping carts in the lobby for other items. These items may be dropped off on Sunday or throughout the week, Monday through Thursday from 9-4. **Beginning this month and each successive month** we will select a specific item for collection with our "pennies for hunger" offering on the last Sunday of the month-Easter Sunday this month! Items may be left next to your pew in the center aisle and will be collected by the youth. This month's item: **CANNED CHICKEN**. **Thank you** for helping to feed hungry families in the Blowing Rock area.

**Rumble Membership** – If you are interested in Rumble membership as an active or affiliate member, we invite you to contact the church at 295-7675. Members are received by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or by transfer of church letter.

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its Annual Spring Tour on Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, in the village of Flat Rock and in the historic towns of Mills River and Hendersonville. We will meet Friday noon at the Carl Sandburg Home in Flat Rock and will visit a number of historic churches in the area. Please join us for a memorable tour. Registration is \$20. The schedule, registration form, and address are on our website at [www.ncphsociety.org](http://www.ncphsociety.org), or contact Program Chair Sam Martin at (910) 428-4165.

**Congregational Care** – If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit from the pastor or someone else from the church, please share this information with Jim Ruff, Elder chair of Congregational Care, or contact the Church Office.

**Holy Week Activities**  
**March 20 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
**Holy Week Midday Services**  
Worship at noon followed by lunch  
All services will be held at Faithbridge United Methodist Church  
Monday March 21 Rusty Guenther, First Baptist Church, preaching  
Tuesday March 22 Rick Lawler, St. Mary's of the Hills, preaching  
Wednesday March 23 Ben Carson, Faithbridge, preaching  
**Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**  
"Music and the Spoken Word"  
Communion will be served  
**Easter Sunday**  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Rumble Church  
7:30 a.m. Community Breakfast by the Carter Lentz Men's Class  
11:00 Worship  
*Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter*

Sunday 3/20/2016

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
12:15 Worship Committee (L)  
4:00 Middle School Youth Group (YC)  
5:30 High School Youth Group (YC)

Monday 3/21/2016

4:00 Finance Committee (L)

Wednesday 3/23/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting  
2:30-4:30 KICKS/Fusion  
6:00 Handbell Choir  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 3/24/2016

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday 3/27/2016 Easter Sunday

6:30 Sunrise Service  
7:30 Community Breakfast  
11:00 Worship

Monday 3/28/2016

6:00 Session

Wednesday 3/30/2016

11:00 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Handbell Choir  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir