

## Blessed Are You

Someone asked me recently whether Palm Sunday was a joyful occasion in our congregation. She inquired further: "Or, do you leap right into the sadness and tragedy of what is to come?" She had a strong preference for staying with the celebrative mood.

I personally find Palm Sunday a challenging day. Its irony is inescapable. That we can, along with the ancient crowds, wholeheartedly welcome Jesus only to keep silence and turn away a few days (or hours) later, makes it painful . . . and real.

Taking delight in Jesus' presence, and in his radically alternative way, is genuine. But so is the frailty and fear that prevent us from courageous action. Yet God is our God, and has given us light!

### Call to Worship

One: We gather in God's goodness—

*All: grounded in steadfast love,*

One: thankful for this day and this place.

*All: God has given us light!*

One: We step toward open gates—

*All: beckoned by justice and righteousness,*

One: glad for the vision that guides.

*All: God has given us light!*

One: We follow in God's strange and marvelous way—

*All: choosing what was rejected,*

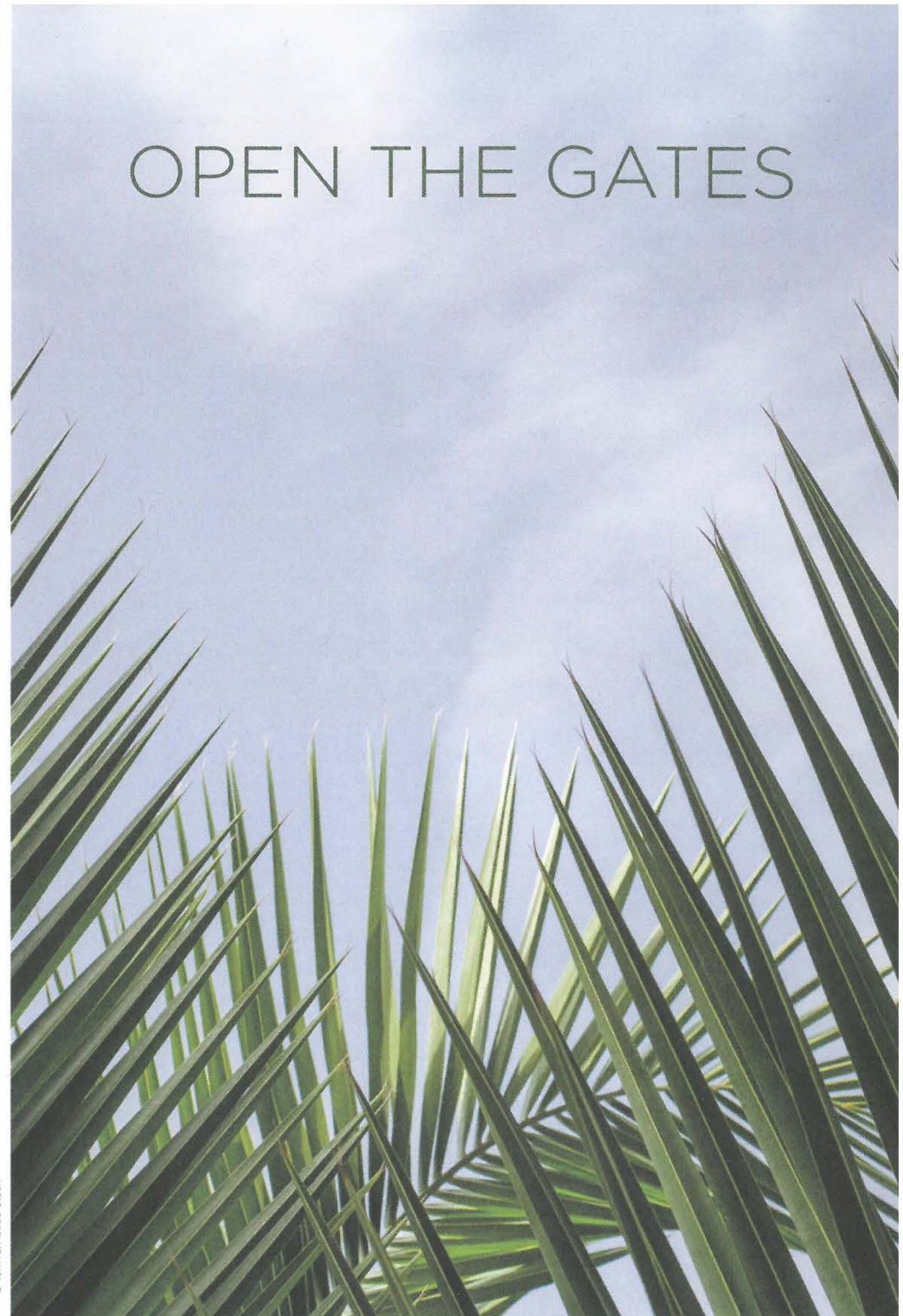
One: building around a cornerstone of grace.

*All: God has given us light!*

—Kim McDowell, pastor  
University Park Church of the Brethren  
University Park, Maryland

**Text for today:** "Open the gates of justice! I will enter and tell the LORD how thankful I am. . . . Everyone who does right may enter this gate" (Psalm 118:19-20, CEV).  
**Bible readings for today:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (19); Luke 19:28-40.

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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship April 14, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*The Palm Sunday story calls us into an in-between space – into the fraught space between freedom and captivity, companionship and betrayal, outrageous joy and unspeakable sorrow, life and death. Somewhere between Bethany and Jerusalem a parade is forming that also, in a certain light, looks like a funeral cortège. We know what is coming, but we are not there yet. We are in between and we are asked to sing. It is uncomfortable, singing even as we weep. But it is the way of discipleship.*

~Ron Adams, Landisville Mennonite Church, PA

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** (11:00) Fantasia on “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *J.S. Bach*

**CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER** Jeff Carr

Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Back of Bulletin

**\*HYMN # 70** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* ST. DENIO (JOANNA)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 19:28-40 *NRSV*

## PROCLAIMING

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR ANTHEMS** (11:00) Cherub and Carol Choirs

All children are invited to join the choirs to process with palm branches.

Sing Hosanna! arr. *Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman*

Mungu ni Mwema with God is so Good *Mark Burrows*

**CHILDREN’S TIME** (11:00) Mark Dowdy & the Puppets

*Lilly Day-Miller, Brett Eye, Andie Neher, Sara Teklay,*

*Eliana Teshome, Sofia Teshome, and Shylah Zepp, Puppeteers*

Adapted from a script by Bob Syers

Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

**ANTHEM** (11:00) All Glory, Laud and Honor *Caleb French*

## OFFERING

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

Pastorale on ELLACOMBE

*J. Barr*

**Prayer of Dedication** ~*Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion*, adapted

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *NRSV*

**\*HYMN # 238** *Hosanna, loud hosanna* ELLACOMBE

**HOMILY** “*Liturgy of the Lampoon*” Chris Zepp

## RESPONDING

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

**SOLO** (11:00) The Holy City *Weatherly / Adams*  
Jeanne Neff, *soloist*

**LENTEN LITURGY**

**Call to Prayer** Philippians 2:5-11 *NRSV*

**Invitation to Lectio**

**Silence**

**Another Crowd** Luke 22:66-23:46 *NRSV*

**Silence**

**Pastoral Prayer** ~adapted from a prayer by Bonnie Kline Smeltzer  
... concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer*

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in 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.

**\*HYMN # 250** *Beneath the cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) O Sacred Head Now Wounded *J. Brahms*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**April 14-20, 2019** (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.  
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

<b>Sun.</b>	9 a.m.	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	Noon	Easter Egg Hunt	Social Hall
	3:00	Shenandoah Valley Choral Society Concert –	Sanctuary
	5:00	Jr. Hi. Youth Fellowship –	Youth Room & Social Hall
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
<b>Wed.</b>	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal	Social Hall
		<i>Catered by: Francesco's Italian Restaurant</i>	
		<i>Menu: Cannelloni, Pasta Forgoli, Spaghetti, Salad, Bread</i>	
		<i>Suggested Donation: \$10 adults / \$5 kids</i>	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
	7:00	Board of Administration	Seekers Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	6:30	Maundy Thursday Love Feast	Social Hall
<b>Fri.</b>	Noon	Holy Friday CrossWalk –	Bridgewater Presbyterian Church

### NEXT SUNDAY– April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday

**Sunrise Worship** – 6:45 a.m. – VBMHC

**Fellowship Time**- 10:15 – Greeting Hall

**Worship:** 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: “What She Said”

Scripture: John 20:1-18

**Adult Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

### **SPRING POTTED FLOWERS**

Envelopes to order a potted flower in honor or memory of a friend or loved one are available in the literature rack in the Greeting Hall. The flowers will be used in decorating on Easter Sunday and can be picked up after worship. The cost is **\$10 per plant**. Information & money are due this Wednesday, April 17.

## BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus  
and live the love of God.*

### ***Our Mission...***

*As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.*

### ***Our Values...***

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.  
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.  
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.  
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF**

**Jeff Carr** – Senior Pastor

**Chris Zepp** – Associate Pastor

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF**

**Fortunato Correa** – Custodian

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Karissa Hunt** – Interim Financial Secretary

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

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**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

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**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Josh Eye** – Interim Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

**Marianne Houff** – Children's Choir Director

**Ellsworth Neff** – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

**Curtis Nolley** – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

**Clarke & Hope Staton** – Youth Ministry Coordinators

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.**

**PARKING ASSISTANCE:** 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

**Decorators** – Heather Barkey, Alice Lee Hopkins,  
Lori Lineweaver, Lev Norford, Dwyann Stovall

**Fellowship Host** – Mac Bair

**Deacon Caregiver** – Nikki Watson

**Head Usher** – Don Remnant

**Pianist** (8:30) – Kathy Shrader

**Van Driver** – John Flora

**Worship Leader** (11:00) – Jeanne Neff

### **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 4/7/19**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 17 11:00 – 247 Children's – 24**

**Sunday School: 117**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$21,262.60
Loose Offering	478.00
Food Pantry	25.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	44.50
Books	36.00
Shenandoah District Disaster Auction	85.00
Church Garden	50.00
Spring Potted Flowers	150.00
Wednesday Night Meals	121.00
Youth Programs	2,606.00
JOY Circle	10.00
Olive Mae Grove Memorial Fund	25.00
Walter Daggett Memorial Fund	150.00

## **WOMEN'S EVENT 2019: LET'S PLAY DRESS UP**

**Wednesday, May 8: 6:00 p.m. – Appetizers / 6:30 p.m. – Dinner**

This year's theme for Women's Event is "Let's Play Dress Up." Remember when you played "dress up" and got all "fancy?" Let's have fun and "dress up" for the Women's Event! If you don't have "dress up" accessories at home, don't worry! We will have a "Glamour Corner" where you can add some fancy accessories to your outfit. Come join the fun, food, and fellowship! See the display in the greeting hall for registration forms. **Deadline for registration is Sunday, May 5.**

## **CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT**

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 49<sup>th</sup> annual spring concert titled "Spiritual Songs" this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

## **HABITAT ANNUAL BANQUET**

This year at our annual fund-raising banquet we are exploring the "ripple effect" that providing affordable housing has on communities. We will be placing four families in homes this year, doubling our build average. Join CVHfH at the James Madison University Student Festival and Conference Center, on Monday, May 13 at 6:00 pm. Mike Clark, Bridgewater College football coach, will be the featured speaker. Included this year will be a silent auction and a live auction to help CVHfH build a home for a family. Donations are being sought for the silent auction. Groups are encouraged to do a "theme" basket that will be sold during the silent auction. If you, or a group you are a part of, wish to participate, you may call Anita Beckman, Banquet Committee Chair at 271-0543.

## **FUNDRAISER MEAL FOR BSM AT JALAPEÑOS**

On Thursday, April 25, from 4-9 pm, Jalapeños Restaurant in Bridgewater will be hosting another Fundraising Meal for Brethren Student Movement (BSM). All you need to do for BSM to benefit when you purchase your meal is to drop your receipt in the GroupRaise.com donation box at the restaurant. When you do, 15% of your meal will be donated back to Brethren Student Movement! Plus you will probably get to enjoy some pretty good company ☺ The more receipts in the box, the more Jalapeños contributes to BSM! Thanks in advance!

## TODAY'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR TEXTS:

### Sing Hosanna! – **Traditional**

Hosanna, hosanna, the little children sing.  
Hosanna, hosanna for Jesus is our King.  
O Children come now and sing Hosanna. King Jesus comes;  
O Wave your branches and sing Hosanna.

### Mungu ni Mwema with God is so Good – **Mark Burrows**

God is so good; God's so good to me;  
God is good all the time and all the time God is good.  
I will not fear for God is near and God is so good to me!

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## TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: **Caleb French**

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son.  
Who in the Lord's name cometh, the Bless'd Anointed One.  
Lift up your heads, O gates! Swing ye wide, eternal doors!  
Who is the King for Glory? The strong and mighty Lord!  
O daughters of Jerusalem, rejoice and joyful be;  
Upon a donkey rides your King in great humility.  
The people of the city with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.  
To Thee, before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
Their praises Thou accepted; accept the praise we bring.  
Delight in what we offer, our good and gracious King!  
The company of angels are praising Thee on high,  
And we with all creation sing out the glad reply,  
Sing out the glad reply: "All glory, laud and honor!"

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Today** – Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship at 11

**Maundy Thursday Love Feast** – Greeting Hall, April 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Traditional Love Feast with Foot & Hand Washing and  
Communion. Child Care available ~7 p.m. following the meal

**Holy Friday CrossWalk** – April 19, Noon  
Begins at Bridgewater Presbyterian Church.  
Sponsored by Bridgewater Area Ministers

### **Easter Sunday**

**6:45 a.m.** – **Sunrise worship** on the hilltop at CrossRoads  
Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center

**10:15 a.m.** – **Fellowship Time** in the Greeting Hall

**11 a.m.** – **Congregational Worship**, including singing of the  
*Hallelujah Chorus*

*(no 8:30 worship gathering and no children's Sunday School)*

## TODAY'S SOLO TEXT: **Stephen Adams**

Last night I lay asleeping, there came a dream so fair.  
I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,  
Methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, hark how the angels sing.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna to your King.  
And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang.  
Hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang.  
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,  
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.  
And once again the scene was changed, no earth there seemed to be.  
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea.  
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide.  
And all who would might enter, and no one was denied.  
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day.  
It was the New Jerusalem that would not pass away.  
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, sing for the night is o'er.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forevermore!

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**Psalm 118**  
**A Song of Victory**

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

**Psalm 118:19-29 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.<sup>[b]</sup>  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.