



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 29, 2023

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

CREATIVE RESOURCES FOR LENT-EASTER: YEAR A

Lenten Worship Series - SEEKING:
Honest Questions for Deeper Faith
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Sunday, April 2 – Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm to Passion Sunday

“Where are you headed?” Matthew 21:1-11

Sharing the Lord’s Table

We will celebrate communion this Sunday. If you are joining us from home, prepare your worship space with whatever representation of bread and wine you have on hand. God meets us where we are and uses what we have!

When we look deeper into the Palm Sunday story, we uncover how two parades are occurring at once. Jesus’ unconventional and unexpected entry into the city parallels the extravagant parade of Pilate, the Roman governor. As both leaders enter the city for the Passover, they embody different directions. Pilate commands military dominance and imperial power; Jesus ushers in the kingdom of God and the way of peace. Within the chaos and commotion of this scene, which leader will you follow? Jesus’ journey to the cross should always catch us off-guard. As dismayed as the disciples, we ask, “Jesus, are you really headed this way, straight to your death?” Many of our questions throughout Lent so far have helped us prepare spiritually for Holy Week. Now we examine if our beliefs have changed our behaviors. Has your path changed? In the midst of opposing forces, which way will you go?

From the artist: Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

“This image is a meditation on these opposing processions and the embodiment of power. Pilate processes with a pompous display of armor, accompanied by soldiers. For him, power is displayed by superiority, elitism, and weaponry. Later in the week, he will use his power to satisfy the crowds willing Jesus to be crucified, despite not finding any offense to justify it (read John 18 & 19). He uses his power for violence, to appease the status quo.

Jesus enters the city on a donkey with her young colt in tow. He wears no armor, only soft linens. In this image, I imagine if the composition were expanded, Jesus would be kneeling, humbling himself before his disciples as he washes their feet. In Jesus’ processional, members of the crowd lay down their coats as a display of humility and honor. This foreshadows the way Jesus will take off his outer robe and tie a towel around his waist to wash his friends’ feet. Jesus embodies power through a posture of vulnerability, through caring for those who desperately need love.

Which parade you would join in Jerusalem has a lot to say about your definition of power. If you are quick to place yourself in Jesus’ parade, I encourage you to pause and consider these questions honestly: When have you aligned yourself with systems or people who have used their power for violence or to uphold the status quo? When have you embodied power through vulnerability and love for your neighbor?”



Power Play
Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Silk painting with digital
drawing & collage

Church Birthdays

- Apr. 2-Ray Burfeind,
- 3-Joyce Wellhouse,
- 4-Brad Jensen

For Your Prayers...

Jill Mortenson

Notice...

- Wednesday, March 29
- 5:30 pm Lenten Event
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Easter Egg Stuffing after the Lenten Supper

Sunday, April 2

Easter flower donation deadline

No 1619 Video viewing April 2 or 9.

Monday, April 3

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON MAIN STREET!

See page 3.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: page 2.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Helpers

[Sunday Supper](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Computer Operator: Noah Connolly

Videographer: Kevin Thedens

Lenten Meal: Choir and Presbyterian Women



Easter Egg Help!

This Wednesday, March 29 volunteers are invited to stuff plastic Easter eggs in the library after the Lenten Reflection. You can still drop off donations of small candies, toys or stickers **in the library by tonight.**

Easter Flower Sponsors



The Worship Team will be providing a floral arrangement for Easter. You may donate toward the arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one. Forms are in the narthex.

Deadline: Sunday, April 2.

Any amount is welcome.

Names will appear in the April 5 newsletter and posted in the narthex on Easter Sunday.

Sympathy to the family of **Dennis Reimer** who passed

away Monday, March 27. A memorial service will be Friday, April 28, 10:30 am with visitation one hour prior at the church. A lunch will follow.

Please keep Jan, Kristi, Laurie and the family in your prayers. The obituary will be posted on [Richardson's website](#).



Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, March 29

- 5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Reflection, dining room (meal hosted by Community Min & CYF)
- 6:30 pm Easter Egg Stuffing, library
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Saturday, April 1

- Sarah Circle, canceled

Sunday, April 2

- 10:30 am Palm Sunday Worship, sanctuary
- No 1619 Video viewing

Tuesday, April 4

- 6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

Thursday, April 6

- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship, Westminster Presbyterian- Waterloo

Friday, April 7

- 6:00 pm Good Friday Worship, Cedar Heights Pres.

HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Maundy Thursday** - April 6, 6:00 pm
at Westminster Presbyterian: 1301 Kimball, Waterloo
Join us for a service of contemplation. All are welcome to partake in communion. Childcare will be available.
- You may watch the Maundy Thursday service **live:** wpcw.org/YouTube, or the service can be viewed at a **later time** at wpcw.org/worship.

- **Good Friday** - April 7 - 6:00 pm
at Cedar Heights Presbyterian: 2015 Rainbow, CF

This service will feature a joint choir that blends together voices from our churches. Childcare will be available.

- Watch Good Friday live: [CHCPC Livestream](#)

First Presbyterian-Waterloo, Unity, and our church will also participate.

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:30 am Refreshments in the dining room

Egg Hunt and Children's Activities

10:30 am Worship in the sanctuary

childcare provided

March Lenten Reflections with Soup Supper - I've Been Meaning to Ask...

March 29 — 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Dining Room

Our Wednesday Lenten reflection series invites us to tell our stories and dream about a new way forward. Join us for an hour of good questions and good food!

Wednesday, March 29... where do we go from here?

Meal hosted by: Community Ministries and CYF

Courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us. God bridges connections in unexpected ways— let's commit to continuing the conversation. Where do we go from here?



It's Construction Season

The Main Street Reconstruction project **will begin on April 3rd** (next Monday)! This will affect almost everyone's travel to church this summer as Main Street is reconstructed from 6th Street to University Avenue. It's a two-year project. This year the street will be under construction from University Avenue to 18th Street and from 6th to 9th Streets.

Main Street will be completely closed just south of Seerley Boulevard. The recommended detour routes are College Avenue and 18th Street or Highway 58 between University Avenue and 18th Street. Anyone who normally drives on South Main Street to church should plan on taking one of these detour routes.

Main Street from 6th to 9th Streets will have traffic maintained through the construction zone. There will be construction delays at the 6th Street and Main Street intersection. The 9th and Main Street intersection will remain open this year, so you will be able to turn onto 9th Street to enter the North Parking Lot. Traffic in front of the church will be one lane each way, but left turns onto 9th Street will require waiting for openings in the traffic flow. State Street is an alternate route to church, but traffic on State Street will be heavier than normal as drivers avoid Main Street.

Overall, traffic will be disrupted on Main Street and drivers should seek alternate routes to avoid the construction and detours.

Next year, Main Street in front of the church will be reconstructed. For more information, visit the Main Street Reconstruction website at <http://www.cedarfallsmainstreetproject.com/>.

You're Invited: 1619 Project Film Series

1619 Video Series viewing schedule:

No viewings: April 2 and 9—Holy Week

April 16: Part 5, "Fear"

April 23: Part 6, "Justice"

Viewings begin Sundays at noon. We meet in the dining room and eat lunch while we watch the video. A short discussion will follow until 1:30 pm.

◆ **The next regular Working for Justice: Breaking Bias meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 10:00 am in person** in the church dining room.

Member Anniversaries

Jim Seeley, 4/11/1963 - 60 yrs.

Tim King, 4/11/1963 - 60 yrs.

Scott Connolly, 4/29/2018 - 5 yrs.

Joyce Wellhouse, 4/29/2018 - 5 yrs.

Scholarship Opportunities

The ***Dorothy Horn Scholarship*** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn's estate established this scholarship endowment, which is administered by First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls.

The ***First Presbyterian Church Scholarship*** provides financial assistance to students seeking post-high school educational opportunities. This fund is financially supported by the Donna & Greg Hickman Trust. Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls to qualify.

Those interested should contact the church by calling **319-277-3930** or by email: office@firstprescf.org. Deadline to return all applications is **April 17, 2023**.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider what you can give to this offering! Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" on the memo.