

March 24, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service

Palm Sunday

OPENING SONG

GREETING

Pastor Ted Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP (All Read Together)

Pastor Ted Smith

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King. The people spread their cloaks and waves branches as a sign of praise. Let us today continue the praise with song, prayers, and thanksgiving.

KIDS FOR CHRIST WITH MRS. JUDY, MRS. MEGHAN, & MRS. DIANA

SONG OF PRAISE

“Friend of God”

Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Ted Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Ted Smith

LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Ted Smith

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hosanna Lord of All Eternity”

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:1-14 & 43-51

Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates

SERMON

“The Same Old Story”

MESSAGE INVITATIONS

Pastor Ted Smith

Invitation to Discipleship & Membership

Hearers and Doers of the Word

SONG OF PRAISE

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Praise Team

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Ted Smith

GOING FORTH

Mark 14:1-14

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Mark 14:43-51

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him,

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Today we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates. Dr. Bates is our regional District Superintendent, serving the Mission Rivers district. Our Mission Rivers district includes 107 United Methodist congregations spread throughout this part of Virginia. Dr. Ledlum-Bates has served a variety of congregations in the Virginia Conference since June 2000.

March 24th Homework

Continue praise once a day each day this week.

SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Smith
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates
Praise Team: Wendy Green, Matthew Kapus, Rhonda Kapus, Susan Pleasants, Donna Seabrease,
Terry Mathis and Ally McCormick
Floral Arrangements: Helen Pemberton

