

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Fifth Week in Lent**  
**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



**Mission Statement**

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

**Vision Statement**

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:  
Jesus Christ is the head.

The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete word of God.

Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached.

The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation, and around the world in both word and action.

Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory of God.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer of Adoration & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)**

**Moment of Reflection All glory, laud and honour (214)**

**Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 50: 4-9a NIV**

<sup>4</sup>The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

<sup>5</sup>The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. <sup>6</sup>I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. <sup>7</sup>Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! <sup>9</sup>It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me?

**Responsive Psalm 31: 9-16 NIV**

<sup>9</sup>Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;- my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.

<sup>10</sup>**My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.**

<sup>11</sup>Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors and an object of dread to my closest friends—those who see me on the street flee from me.

**<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.**

<sup>13</sup>For I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side!” They conspire against me and plot to take my life.

**<sup>14</sup>But I trust in you, LORD; I say, “You are my God.”**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unflinching love.**

### **N.T. Epistle Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 NIV**

<sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **N.T. Gospel Lesson Mark 11: 1-11 NIV**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just

as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" <sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup>some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" <sup>10</sup>"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" <sup>11</sup>Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

### **Litany for Palm Sunday**

L: Jerusalem, at last! We join the crowd streaming to the mountain. We watch Jesus approach on a lowly donkey. We hear the crowds cry "Hosanna!"

**P: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

L: There is a joyful song in the air: the people cheer and the palms wave. But the adulation of the crowd is shallow.

**P: Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the blessed of God. Son of David, save us now.**

L: The crowd grows—the people want to be part of something important.

**P: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

L: Let us pray.

**All: God of all times, we have followed Jesus into the crowded city. We too want to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Reveal to us what true glory, leadership and obedience look like under your reign. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

**Moment of Reflection Ride on, ride on in majesty (217)**

**Sermon**                      *Into Jerusalem*

**Solo**                      **Ten Thousand Angels**              **David Butler**

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**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**Moment of Reflection Here, O my Lord, I see thee (543)  
(Saturday)**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Communion**

**Prayer**

**WE GO OUT IN SERVICE**

**Benediction & Postlude**

## **Announcements**

- We welcome everyone to the Service of worship.
- The readers today are Larry Victory and Chris McCall

### **To the Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Melbourne MacKay from Kevin and Joan Richardson
- In memory of Tom and Pearl Dicks from The Dicks Family

### **Upcoming Services**

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00pm Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Easter Service in the sanctuary.

### **Mission Moment – March 28, 2021**

#### **Providing Clean Water and Sanitation**

Today, there are 4.2 billion people in the world who do not have access to sanitation services and 2.2 billion people who do not have safe, clean water to drink. Consequently, many people are at risk for waterborne diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea. The COVID-19 pandemic has made us even more aware of the importance of clean water, as handwashing is a crucial way to help curb the spread of disease. Presbyterian World Service & Development works with local partners to bring clean water and sanitation services to vulnerable communities. Clean water allows people to harvest crops, care for their families, expand their livelihoods and lead healthy, productive lives.

## Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, March 28 (Palm/Passion Sunday)** When we turn off our lights during Earth Hour, we are reminded of the need to use the Earth's resources responsibly. We pray that we will carry this reminder throughout the year.

**Monday, March 29** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Kootenay in B.C.

**Tuesday, March 30** We pray for retired ministers and professional church workers, and for those preparing for retirement.

**Wednesday, March 31 (Transgender Day of Visibility)** We pray for the safety, dignity and well-being of all transgender people.

**Thursday, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)** We give thanks for the leadership of the Rev. Amanda Currie while she served as Moderator and for the support of the Committee to Advise with the Moderator during her term and today as they count the ballots for the Moderator-Elect for the upcoming General Assembly.

**Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)** Let us pray for the church, and that God will keep it faithful in worship, humble in service, gracious in spirit, grounded in truth and persistent in proclaiming the good news of the gospel.

**Saturday, April 3 (Holy Saturday)** We pray for a spirit of encouragement for congregations as they seek ways to work with local churches and interfaith organizations.