

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
*Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love.*

11:00 A.M. April 2, 2023

When things don't turn out the way we've planned

Gathering Music

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

***Opening Song** Hosanna, loud hosanna HWB 238

***Call to Worship**

One: On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

All: Who is this?

One: So in worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

All: Jesus is the alpha and omega.

One: Jesus is our teacher and preacher.

All: Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

One: Jesus is our source of love.

All: Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

One: So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

All: Let us worship Holy God!

Choir Anthem The Messiah Has Come Pepper Choplin

Children's Story Wallace Clark

***Singing** Hosanna Insert
Led by the Contemporary Chorus

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-17

Sermon When things don't turn out the way we planned

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

On Sunday the city of Jerusalem cheered for you. They laid down coats and palms for you. They shouted "Hosanna!" and called you king. But on Friday they abandoned you. On Friday they yelled, "Crucify him!" On Friday, you were in the wilderness alone. God, we want to be Palm Sunday Christians, but we know all too well that we also are the Good Friday crowd. We love the moments of joy and exultation but sometimes it is difficult for us to embrace the cross, demonstrating your compassion and love for all. So today we ask for forgiveness. Forgive us for the moments when we deny you and your message of love. Forgive us for preventing the spread of the gospel. Forgive us our sins. Amen.

***Singing** All Glory, Laud and Honor HWB 237
(Verses 1,4,5)

Sharing and Prayer

Offertory

***Singing** Ride on, ride on in majesty HWB 239

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS PEACEFULLY,
SIMPLY, TOGETHER**

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Ministers: All God's People

Worship Leader: Marilyn Garber

Director of Music: David MacMillan **Organist:** Crystal Brubaker

Ushers: Delmer Botkin, John Jones, Wallace Clark, Mark Sager, Brennan Sager

Nursery Workers: Catherine Sanger and Faith Ballew

Caregiving Team Members: Bruce Bowman, Bryan and Ferral Quick, Gail Gregory, Marilyn Garber, Pat Phillips, Ernie and Debbie Landes, and John Wampler

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Pray for Melba Cline, Judy Zdinak, Cleo Simmons, Sue Whisman, Phyllis Lunsford, Charlotte Kennedy, Kenneth Weaver (Sally Shomo's brother), Carrie and Jamie Smith, Norma Shoemaker, Barry and Phyllis Simmons, Judy Cook, Cindi Spitzer, Fred Wilkerson, Jr., George Sullivan, Gaylon Hevener, Nellie Armstrong, Stanley Shackelford, Bill Cline, Rosalie McLearn (Shenandoah Nursing), A.J. Sandridge, Jr., Nancy Gehr, and Mattie Marsh Montgomery.

Continue praying for the people of Ukraine and all impacted by the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

*Please contact the church office or the Pastor if you would like to add someone to the prayer list or to remove a name.

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The Church Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-2:00 p.m.

Attendances and Offerings, March 26, 2023

Sunday School – 43 Worship – 75

Needed Each Week: \$7,007.25

Offering: \$4,830.26 Arbor Hill: \$250.00

Strawberry Fund: \$499.00