

Harvey Browne Memorial



Presbyterian Church

Making a Difference

Sunday School at Home

Week of Sunday, March 28, 2021

These activities are designed to be a resource for at-home spiritual formation activities during this time when we are unable to gather in person for Sunday School. These ideas are for people of all ages and families of all sizes.

Learning about the Liturgical Year

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday before Easter. Lent is a time for Christians to focus on praying, fasting, and giving and last 40 days. Purple represents the Season of Lent because purple represents royalty – Jesus as King. This is Palm/Passion Sunday, the sixth Sunday in Lent.



Hear God's Story

Mark 11:1-11 – Palm Sunday

This story recounts the beginning of the holy week in which all the central events of the Christian faith take place---from the frenzied parade of Palm Sunday to the dark hill of Golgotha to the shining angel by an empty tomb.

Jesus' path to the cross begins outside the city of Jerusalem. Many have heard about Jesus, and now he is about to enter the city with his disciples. Shouts ring out, "There he comes!" People throw their robes on the ground, and they sing bits and pieces of the psalms.

And there he is: riding a donkey, shoulders swaying to the rhythm of the beast, feet nearly dragging on the ground. Still they sing and shout, "Hosanna, Hosanna to the King!"

It is hard to know what to make of this day. Do we join the parade, or do we stand back and rebuke the hypocrisy of the crowds? Now the people are praising the King on a donkey; later in the week they will be condemning him.

It is important to notice that Jesus is not a surprised and reluctant celebrity here. He takes the initiative, giving disciples explicit instructions for how to find the donkey. The Pharisees feared

that the people might truly crown Jesus, king of the Jews, bringing down the wrath of their Roman rulers.

Jesus is the King, the King who brings peace. He deserves all the praise.

Yes, the King will end up mocked and crowned with thorns by the end of the week, but this triumphant parade is a picture of the triumph of the King who, a week later, will rise from the dead in victory.



Thoughts to Ponder

Have you ever been to a parade or been in a parade? What was that like? If Jesus came to our town how do you think the people would greet him?

Palm Sunday is also about shouting Hosanna and praising God. Look at your hand, we call the middle part a palm, right? Look at your five fingers think of 5 praises for God.

Worship at Home

Please join our church family for worship on Facebook Live or YouTube Sunday at 10:30 am. Download Printable Children's Bulletin is available each week.

Mission and Ministry

The mission focus for the month of March is **One Great Hour of Sharing** — the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

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.

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This special offering helps lots of people so keep putting some coins in your fish banks found in your Lent Bag.

On March 27, fish banks, cash, and checks will be received at church in the parking lot during the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt or can be dropped off to the office during the week.