

Faith Community
Presbyterian Church
Worship and Celebration
March 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY

*“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
(Romans 5:8)*

UPON THIS ROCK
ADULT CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
EASTER CANTATA

PRELUDE

John Bogdan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Please sign the Friendship Register and pass it to your neighbor.

Prayer cards are located in the Friendship Registers. Please fill out a card with any joys or concerns you wish to share and pass to your nearest serving Deacon or place in offertory collection plate.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dan Michalek

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN #89 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

Blue Hymnal

OPENING PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 53

Old Testament Pg. 643

EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR GOD’S GIFTS

OFFERTORY “We Shall Behold Him”

Rachel Olson

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn #592)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

*Praise Him all creatures, here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

UPON THIS ROCK

*“IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE.
BUT TAKE HEART! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD.”*

What Is Your Passion?

Narration / Solo: Janice Church / Choir

Walking ‘Cross the Sea

Narration / Solo: Adam Bednarek / Choir

Upon This Rock

Narration / Choir / Solo 1: Joyce Butler / Solo 2: Laura Bednarek

Pray with Me at Gethsemane

Narration / Solo: Dave Butler

Didn’t I Deny Him?

*Narration / Choir / Solo 1: Dave Butler / Solo 2: Kathy Slating /
Solo 3: Jennifer Strub / Solo 4: Kelly Haynes*

Were You There?

Narration / Solo: Rachel Olson

The Empty Tomb

Narration / Choir

Glorious Is Thy Name

with Glorious Is Thy Name (Mozart) and Glorious Is Thy Name (McKinney)

Narration / Women’s Trio: Rachel Olson, Michelle Carter, Joyce Butler

The Call

Narration / Choir / Solo 1: Joyce Butler / Solo 2: Laura Bednarek

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal
life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the
world, but to save the world through him.

All: Amen.

(John 3:16-17)

***POSTLUDE**

John Bogdan

(Indicates to those who are able, please stand)*

Thank you to all of our church musicians for your diligent work! Special thanks also to our pianist, John Bogdan, Roger Wilfong at the sound system, Micky Tschirhart for his narrations, the many church donors that help make our Christmas and Easter programs possible, our fantastic guest vocalists, and our wonderfully talented orchestra members that come from all parts of Michigan. What a blessing and joy it is to have each and every one of you join us as we prepare our hearts for the resurrection of our Lord!
- Rebekah Ratza

Notes from the composer of “Upon This Rock”:

Peter begins with the compelling question, “What is your passion?” As we read the Gospels, it is evident that Peter was a passionate person. This cantata leads us through Peter’s experience with Christ: his call, his confession, his denial, his restoration, and his sending out. As we experience the story through Peter’s eyes, we are led to ask, “What is *our* passion? What is *our* call? Who do we live for?”

Through the writing process, I reflected on Peter’s boldness and passion. I identified with his imperfection and found hope as Christ forgave and restored him after his failings. May this cantata inspire you and your congregation to experience the story with Peter and ultimately embrace the message of *Upon This Rock*:

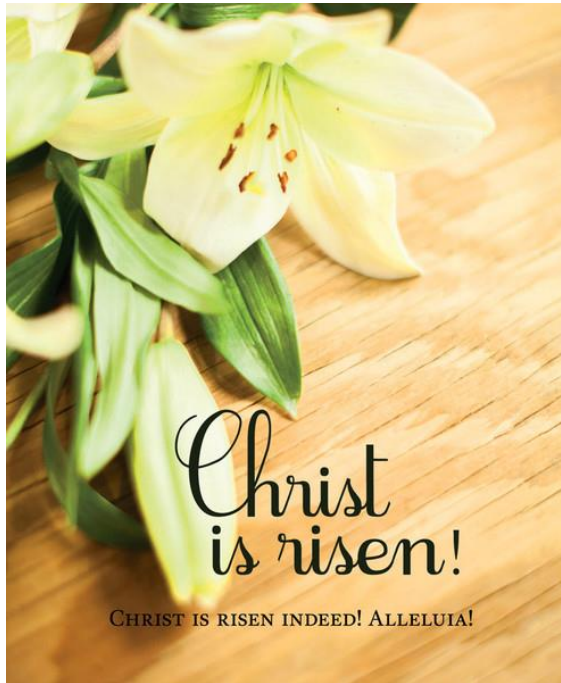
*“And so our love, our love for Christ
Will be the cause, the reason why we live our days
To walk in faith,
Faith in the rock, the solid rock.”*

-Pepper Choplin

*Looking ahead as we remember the death and celebrate the
Resurrection of our Lord and Savior*

Maundy Thursday – March 29
Worship 7:00PM

Good Friday – March 30
Community Worship – Noon
at Holy Family Catholic Church
24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48375



Easter – April 1
Sunrise Service – 7:30AM
Continental Easter Breakfast - Following Sunrise Service
Celebration Worship - 10AM