



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*Palm / Passion Sunday
March 25th, 2018 10:00 am*

Our Mission

To live out Christ's love
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP – *Attributed. To Benedict of Nursia*

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you;
eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your Word;
a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“The Gathering”

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

INTROIT – *“The Servant Song”*

#727, vs. 2

We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sue Norris

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

L: The stone the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

All: If we keep silent, the stones will shout out!

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven. Hosanna!

HYMN – *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”* #196

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We praise you this day, O God, with singing and palm branches waving.(wave branch)

We join with all creation and all God’s people in praising your name! (wave branch)

We seek to follow Jesus in joyful service. Yet, it’s much easier to just celebrate the good times: the parades, the healings, the teachings, the comforting hand; and ignore the tough times:(branch behind you) the risk-taking that goes with a commitment to peace and justice,the risk-taking that follows Jesus to the cross.

Forgive us, God, (hold branch close) and fill us with the same passion of Jesus, your beloved Son and servant. (hold branch high) We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL PRAYER & CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

THE PEACE

One: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another and pass the peace of Christ to each other. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you with....

"The peace of Christ be with you."

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE –

#468, vs. 3

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified.

In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

"Engaging The Word"

Prayer of Illumination: Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.

As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

One: First Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9

pg. 594

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

We invite all children & youth to come forward.

RESPONSE –

#453

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.

Open your hearts, O royal priesthood;

God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!

God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

One: Second Lesson and the **Proclaiming the Word**

"Passion Week"

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN – *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* # 216

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION, OGHS Offering – *Nick Rose*

“Thanksgiving”

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – *In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful* #654

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostle’s Creed, pg.35 in Hymnal*

“Sending”

HYMN – *‘O Sacred Head, Now Wounded’* #221

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Notes and Announcements

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.

We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism. Also, please notice the empty plate (paten) and cup (chalice) on the center of the Communion Table. These symbols speak to us of our hunger for Christ who feeds us at this table.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Janice Park. If you or someone you know has a special need, please call her at 315-369-6889.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, and she will initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: Seminary Students.

STAFF OPENING – Our church has a paid staff opening. We are looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church to wonderful places in worship through music. For inquiries into this position, please e-mail us at niccollschurch@gmail.org or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

BIBLE STUDY – We use the PW Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews. We are exploring and discussing the major themes in Hebrews and relating them to other parts of our faith and to community. The group meets on Tuesday mornings in Niccolls Social Room at 9:30 until 11:00. All are welcome!

MISSION – The **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering will be taken today. OGHS supports: *Presbyterian Hunger Program; Self Development of Peoples; and Presbyterian Disaster Relief.*

The OGHS offering is the principal offering that supports Presbyterian relief and development efforts in the U.S. and around the world.

Please Give Generously!

Calendar of Events Week of March 26th - April 1st -

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	9:30am	Midweek Faith and Fellowship (Bible Study)
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	4:30pm-5:30pm	The Weaving Home
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7pm	Maundy Thursday – Communion Worship Service
Friday		Mission Boutique Closed
Saturday		Mission Boutique Closed
Sunday	7:30am & 10:00am	Easter – Communion Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal

Guest Pastor – Rev. Joanne Bartel
Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich
Organists – Sue Rundell

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