Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BIBLE AT HAND FOR WORSHIP!

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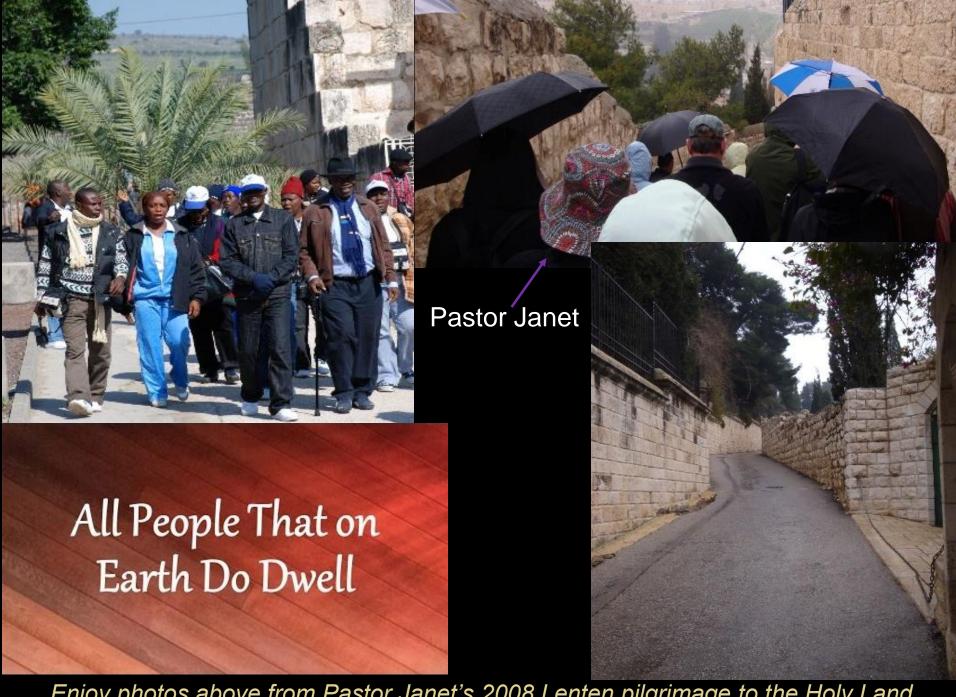
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April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday



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CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 100 Unison Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.



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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Call to Confession

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1John 1:8-9.

Prayer of Confession

(Pause for a time of silent confession.)



Assurance of Forgiveness

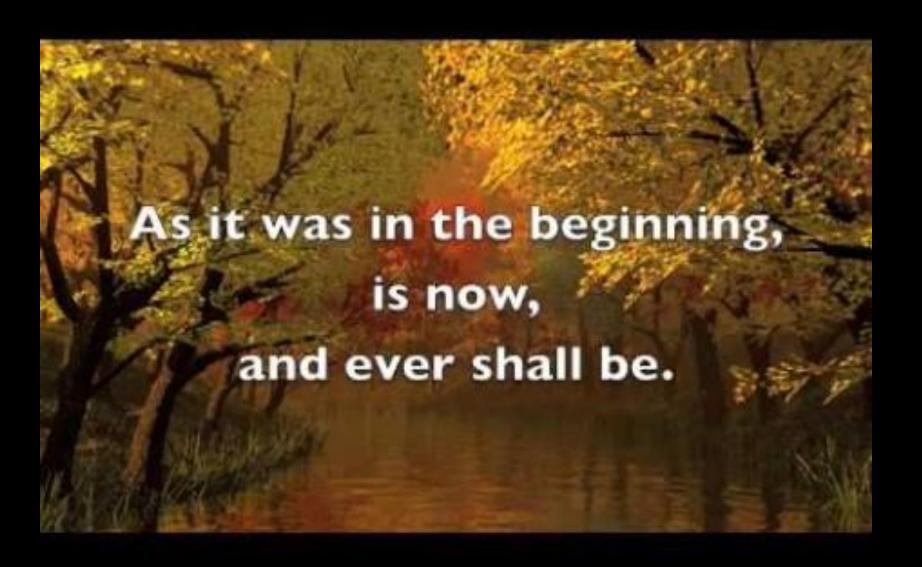
"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death."

Unison



Romans 8:1

The Gloria Patri



Anthem: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



(Look for the recorded sermon on the church website.)

Call to God's Word

Unison

"Scripture cannot be set aside...

What does Scripture say?" John 10:35 & Romans 4:3.

Prayer for Illumination

Unison

Lord, give us eyes to read, ears to hear, and a mind, heart, body, and will to heed your will in accordance with your Word. Amen.



Gospel Reading:

Matthew 7:7-14



SERMON:

"Ask at the Narrow Gate"

The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford



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The Golden Gate in al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of Jerusalem, March 2019.

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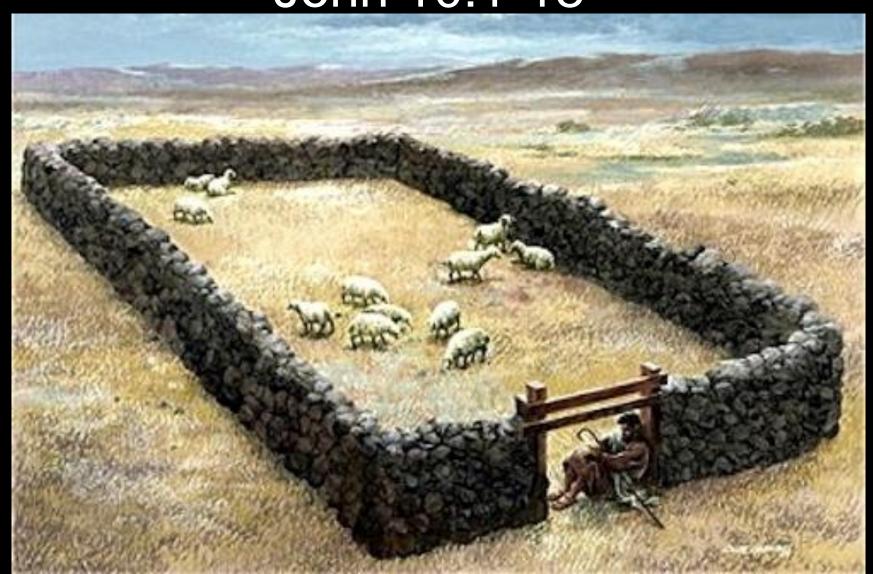


Gate in Nazareth similar to "The Eye of the Needle."

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2nd Gospel Reading:

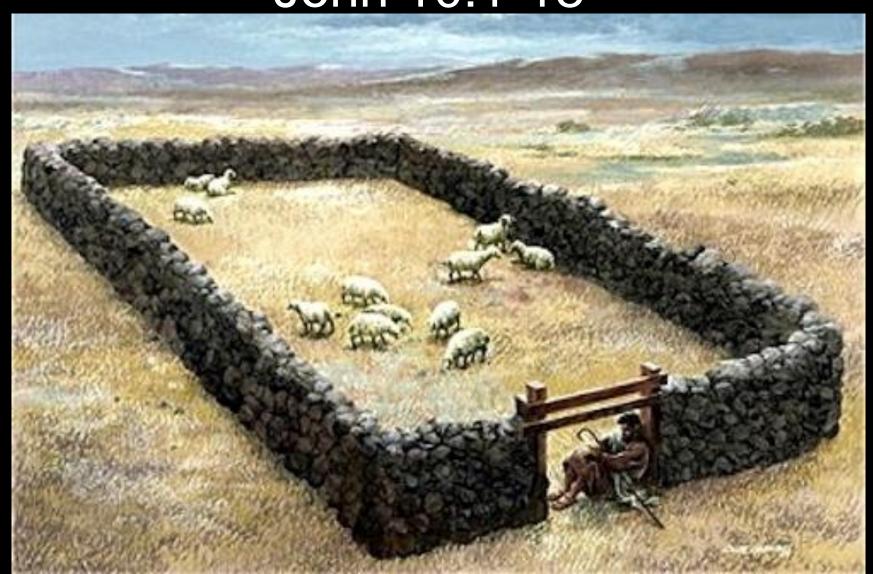
John 10:1-18





2nd Gospel Reading:

John 10:1-18



Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:10-13

¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. 11 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. 13 There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:21-27

²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. ²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. 27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 22:14-15

14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. 15 Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

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Backdoor to the Family Table



Epistle Reading: Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.



"All Glory Laud and Honor"

The company of Angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men, and all things
Created make reply

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went
Our praise and prayers
and anthems
Before thee we present

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Which 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.

OFFERING



Please Remember to Send in Your Giving in Dedication to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus

"To God Be the Glory"



Benediction: Responsively

Even before it is time for the doors of our homes to open again, find new ways to go into the world praising Jesus with great celebration, as people did on Palm Sunday, that the world, too, may know Jesus, as the Son of the Living God, as the Messiah, as the One who has already come for us, and as the One who will come again as Melek Olam, the King of not just the world, but God Most High, who reigns over the entire cosmos. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gather together again next Sunday to continue 40 days of Easter together! Invite a friend to join us.

Sunrise over the Sea of Galilee...



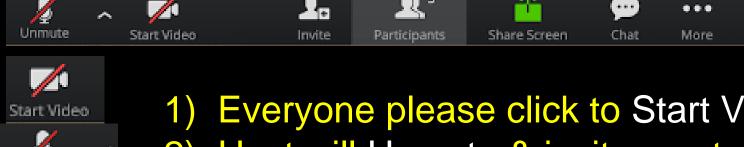
...to
remind us
that the
Son has
risen!

If able, please remain for a time of fellowship.

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