



First Presbyterian Church Remote Worship Service Palm/Passion Sunday April 5, 2020

Opening Remarks/Prayer

Hymn #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Scripture Readings Philippians 2:5-11 and John 19:25-27

Sermon "Mary, Full of Grace" Rev. Steve Frazier

Meditation "Ave Maria"
Kara McCormick (Voice), Amanda McCormick (Flute)

Concluding Prayer/Charge

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Does today's socially distant society make peace more or less accessible? As we're confined to our homes, are you feeling more or less peaceful? Given the pandemic, it's apparent (if it wasn't already) that we're NOT in control. Here's a "the chicken or the egg" kind of question: Which comes first, finding Christ or finding the peace of Christ?

With the peace of Christ in our hearts, we can be calm when the world is literally under siege.

Peace is mentioned in the Bible hundreds of times:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." – John 14:27

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:1

"I have said these things to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." – Matthew 5:9

"May the God of peace be with you all. Amen." – Romans 15:33

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" – Luke 2:14

There are many quotes by famous and not so famous people:

"Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us and the world will be as one." —*John Lennon*

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." —*Eleanor Roosevelt*

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding." —*Albert Einstein*