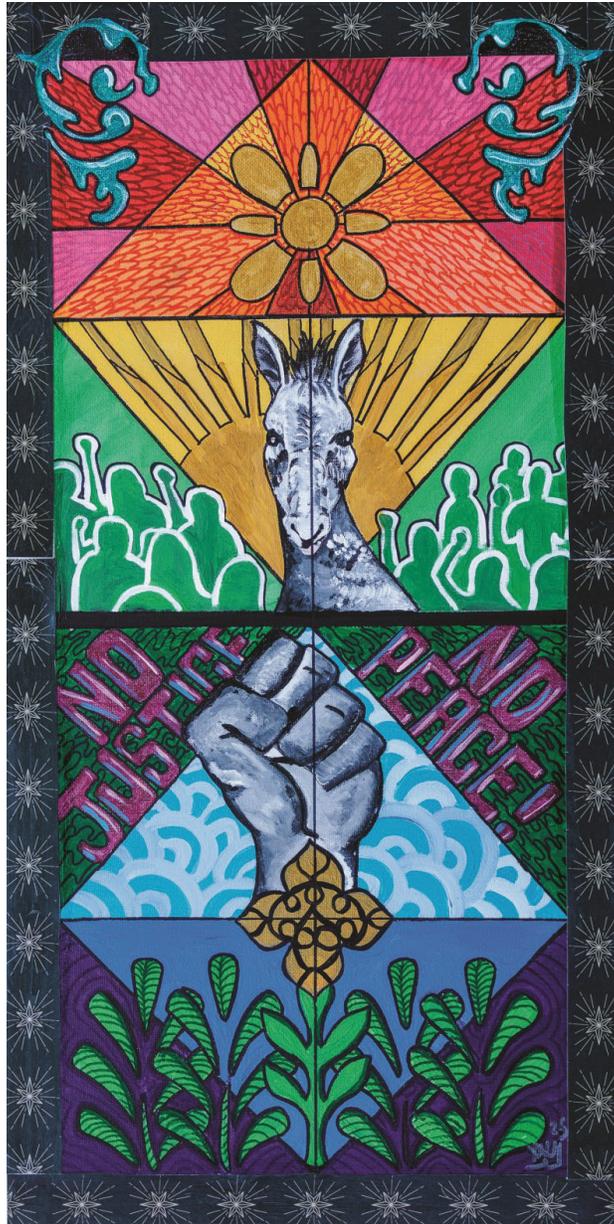


# Sixth Presbyterian Church

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sunday, March 29, 2026



*Palm Sunday Was a Protest*  
by Nicolette Faison  
Inspired by Mark 11:1-11  
12"x24" Acrylic, marker,  
paper collage on canvas

**We gather as God's people for worship and to share the gifts, strengths, and talents of all who are here while respecting the beliefs, opinions and struggles of others as we strive to love one another as God loves us.**

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**Sixth Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, March 29, 2026, 11:00 am  
Palm Sunday

*The Sanctuary is a sacred space. The choral chimes will ring three times to let you know it is time to quiet your hearts, minds, and voices to prepare for worship.*

Prelude                      “Hosanna Filio David”                      Pietro Cattaneo

Processional and Waving of Palms      “All Glory Laud and Honor”                      196  
*Congregation invited to sing.*

Welcome and Announcements

Peace Candle

Introit                      “Blessed Is He!”                      Vivian Hare and Katie Houts  
*Sixth Church Youth Choir*

Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord our God!  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King of Kings!

Call to Worship

Will you follow? Will you lay down your coat?  
Will you lay down something important? Will you shout “Hosanna”?  
Will you join the parade? Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?  
Will you cut down a palm branch? Will you wave it in the air?  
Will you follow the one riding on a donkey? Will you let this good news inspire you to act?  
**We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention. We will worship. We will follow.**  
Hosanna in the highest!  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

\*Hymn                      “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”                      197

\*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.**

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

# 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang,  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

# Silent Confession

## *Kyrie, Lord Have Mercy*

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains two measures of music with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second staff contains two measures of music with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' The music consists of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

## Assurance of Pardon

Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you. Jesus will never stop marching for you.

The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

**We are claimed, loved, and held in grace. What good, good news. Amen!**

## \*Gloria

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The music consists of chords and single notes, with some notes beamed together.

## Time of Wonder

Jenny Newman

## \*Exchange of Peace

Remembering that some of our church family is watching the livestream, let us first turn to the cameras and say, "Peace be with you!" (*turn and offer the peace.*) Being mindful of the comfort levels and boundaries of those around us, let us pass the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

**Holy One, if we've heard this story before, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, then help us to hear it again. And if we've never heard this story before, if we've never heard the story of Palm Sunday or the cries of "Hosanna," then give us the wisdom to follow along. Give us the wisdom to hear these words. Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts. Give us the wisdom to act on their truth. We are listening. Amen.**

## First Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 , p. 694

## \*Second Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11, p. 57

## Response to the Scripture Readings

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe

## \*Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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## \*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

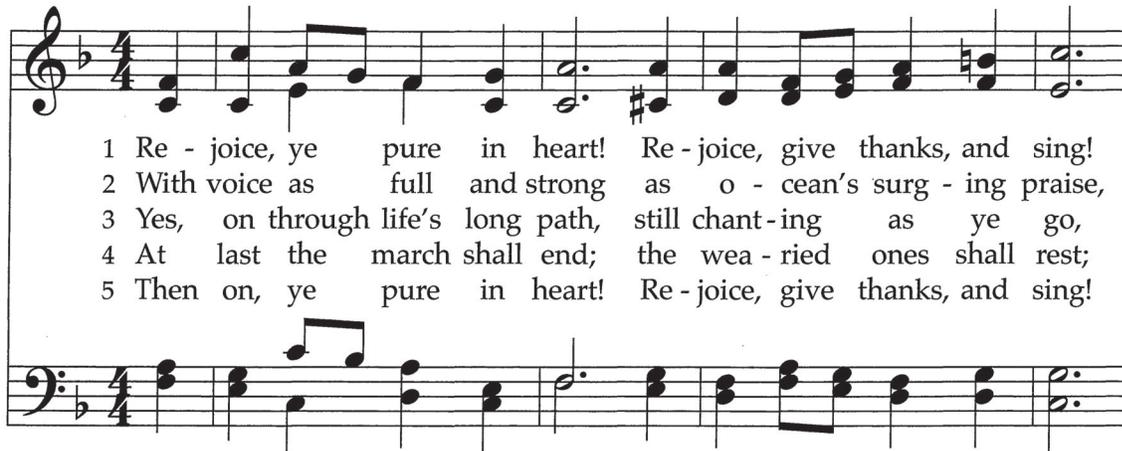
*As led between petitions, all are invited to respond: **God, in your mercy, hear our prayers.***

## The Lord's Prayer

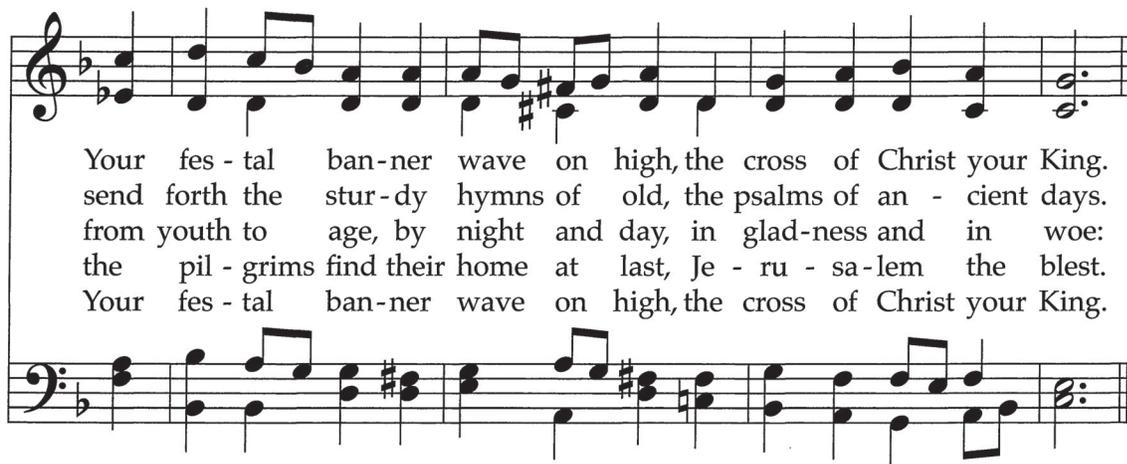
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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver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

# 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,  
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;  
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

## Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

## Offertory Sentence

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

There is only one Lord and God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

*For our electronic giving option, scan QR code:*



## Offertory Anthem

“The Royal Banners Forward Go”

James H. Laster

The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow  
Where he, as man, who gave all breath, now bows beneath the yoke of death.  
Fulfilled is all that David told in true prophetic song of old;  
How God the nation’s king should be, for God is reigning from the tree.  
Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore the wealth that did the world restore,  
The price of humankind to pay, and spoil the spoiler of his prey.  
To thee, eternal Three in One, let homage meet by all be done:  
As by the cross thou dost restore, so rule and guide us evermore. Amen, amen.

## \*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below;**  
**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Hymn

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

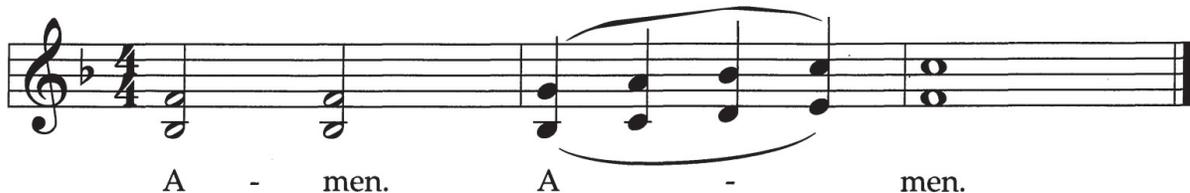
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## Benediction *All are welcome to join in singing:*

**May the peace of our Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

## \*Amen

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## Postlude

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

Wilbur Held

*Feel free to sit and enjoy the Postlude or quietly leave as you wish.*

*\*Those who can may stand*

# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

# Church Announcements

## Today's Service:

Diana Patton (liturgist); Peter Watt-Morse (pastoral prayer); Liam Greenley (livestreaming); Mary Lang, Barb Parees, and Lori Swensson (ushers); *and a HUGE thank you to today's Youth Choir!*

Liturgy: Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

## Coffee Hour After Service Today

Refreshments can be found in the chapel after worship.

## \*Join Us for Holy Week!\*

## Upcoming Meetings and Events in (and around) the Church:

### Sunday, March 29 (after worship)

#### *Palm Sunday*

Coffee Hour (12pm, Chapel)

Hosanna! Love Demands Courage (3pm,  
Community of Reconciliation)

NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)

### Tuesday, March 31

The Stories We Share (7pm, Zoom)

### Wednesday, April 1

Bible Study (10:30-11:30am, Zoom)

Pgh Bridges OCD Support (7-9pm, Parlor)

### Thursday, April 2

#### *Maundy Thursday*

In-person Maundy Thursday worship with  
Agape meal (7pm, Chapel)

### Friday, April 3

#### *Good Friday*

Prayer Stations at Sixth (9-11am, 2-4pm,  
6-8pm)

Good Friday worship (12pm, Church of the  
Redeemer- 5700 Forces Ave.)

Tri Lam (2-5pm, Parlor)

### Saturday, April 4

AA-Turning Point (5-6pm)

NA-Squirrel Hill Group (7:30-8:30pm)

### Sunday, April 5

#### *Easter Sunday*

Sunday School (10am)

Choir Rehearsal (10am, Sanctuary)

Worship (11am-12pm, in-person & streaming)

Annual Deviled Egg Taste-Off (12pm, Chapel)

NA- Keep Coming Back Men's Mtg (8-9pm)

## Our Final Conversation in Sixth's The Stories We Share Lenten series:

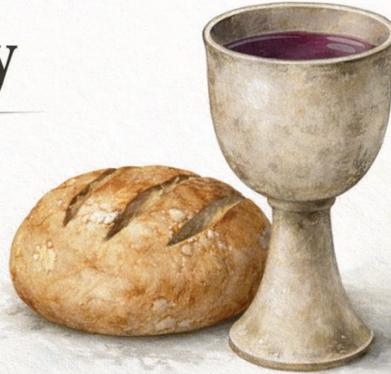
3/31/26, 7PM    **The Story of Possibility: Hope for our Future**

Please contact the church office for the Zoom link. Or scan the QR code now to add this to your calendar.



## April 2nd Maundy Thursday

7pm service—  
In-person worship  
with combined Agape  
meal in Sixth's chapel



## April 3rd Good Friday



*Visit our prayer stations in the sanctuary!*

*Stop by Sixth Church anytime between:*

**9 to 11 AM**

**2 to 4 PM**

**or 6 to 8 PM**

*Good Friday worship service at Church of the Redeemer  
at noon (5700 Forbes Ave)*

### **Easter Sunday School**

C&Y Sunday School will be held at 10am on the front lawn (weather permitting) or in the chapel. Join us for Easter Egg hunting and sharing the Easter story.

Please Note: There will be no Extended Session on Easter Sunday. Children are invited to worship with their families. We will provide nursery care for infants and toddlers during the service.

### **Deviled Egg Taste-Off**

The SIXTH CHURCH DEVILED EGG TASTE-OFF during coffee hour on Easter Sunday is on! We'd love for you to participate by bringing in a plate/container of deviled eggs on Easter Sunday.

Take them to the downstairs kitchen from 9:30am till the start of worship, so that the catering committee can refrigerate, plate and set them out with the coffee and other refreshments after the service. Thank you! The more eggs, the merrier!



# HOSANNA!

**Love Demands Courage**

**A Palm Sunday Procession of Neighbors**

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 3pm

Gather in front of Community of Reconciliation

100 North Bellefield, corner of Bellefield & Fifth Ave, Oakland



For more information, please scan QR or go to  
[www.queervirtue.com/stonecatchers](http://www.queervirtue.com/stonecatchers)

**TODAY AT 3PM**



## **Sixth Church Earth Care Team - Food Justice**

On Monday, April 13, we'll begin our Wild Indigo Food Justice Project. We'll start with weekly Foundation Meetings, *"Eight Themes for Exploration and Discovery"*. The first meeting will be held on April 13 at 7:30 in the Chapel. The remaining 7 meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings until June 2. Then we'll head outdoors to plant the crops we hope to distribute at the end of the summer. Does this sound ambitious? We hope so.

Stay tuned - more information will be coming.

Rev. Dr. Charissa Howe, *Pastor*  
Jenny Newman, *Director of Christian Education*  
Shay Carter McGraw, *Music Director*  
Harry Kirk, *Building Administrator*  
Kelly Johnson, *Office Administrator*  
John S. McCall, *Pastor Emeritus*

To be added to the church newsletter email list, request pastoral care, or for any other questions or concerns, please contact us here.



# EASTER MEMORIALS

We offer two options for honoring our loved ones at Easter:

1. You can buy an Easter lily for \$10.00 and have a name placed in the bulletin in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You can then take your lily home after the Easter service.
2. The second option will be to have a loved one's name placed in the bulletin but instead of buying a flower, you can donate \$10.00 or more to the Deacons' fund.

We realize that there may be fewer flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter, but we feel that some of the money can be used for another cause while still having the opportunity to honor our loved ones.

*Please complete this form and return it to the church office.*

Checks should be made payable to "Sixth Presbyterian Church" with "Flowers" or "Deacons' Fund" written in the memo field. If you would like to purchase flowers **and** donate to the Deacons fund as well, please write separate checks.

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at \$10.00 each

I wish to donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Deacons Fund

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Your name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to be remembered:

In Memory Of  In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of  In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

*(use other side if needed)*

**The deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, March 29th.**



Name(s) to be remembered (continued from other side):

In Memory Of  In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember, the deadline for ordering flowers is **Sunday, March 29th.***

*Please pick up your lilies after worship on Easter, April 5th.*

