

# **April 5, 2020/ The Guideline of Worship Service At Home**

## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

- **Let us pray in silence for our worship service at home.**
  
- **Let us join in opening Hymn# 278, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”. This is the link of the website.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FPydZdCL4c>

- **Pastoral Prayer of Worship Service:**

Let us pray

Loving God, thank you for giving us this wonderful day. We thank you for guiding us towards your grace during the Lenten season and the worship we have at home today. We ask that you give peaceful days and safety to all of Your people and especially the elderly during these difficult times with Coronavirus. Strengthen our faith and physical health and give us greater joy and hope even though we are having a hard time physically, emotionally and economically. Renew our inner lives every day with the Holy Spirit.

Today is Palm Sunday, the day that the Lord entered Jerusalem to take up the cross for our sins. It is also the week when the Lord's suffering begins. May we participate in His sufferings so that we can share the glory of the resurrection. Give us a week to pray for struggling neighbors and family by fasting or reducing our food during our passion week.

Gracious God, we glorify you and join our hearts together. May the sound of worship, the sound of prayer, and the sound of blessings and hope overcome the noise of the world. When Elijah was so exhausted and weary, you whispered to him to strengthen him and then you gave him a new calling. We also long to hear your whisper and experience your presence here. Lord, we know that our worship without your presence can be so dry and tiring! Holy Spirit, be with us and touch our hearts during our service. Answer us when we are in trouble and in want!

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together, saying: "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 trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

- **Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9 and John 11:11-11, 39-45
- **Offering:** *on the online church website or mail to Becca Gorski (financial secretary) Her Address is 312 E. Adrian Street Blissfield, MI 49228*  
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- **Offering Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we want to love you with all our hearts. We want to serve you with all our lives. We want to praise you with all our strength. Help us to live lives of service like Jesus who came to serve and not be served. May we not refuse our neighbors when they ask us, but happily give our help to them. May we help the weary, share the pain of those in suffering, and rejoice with those who rejoice. As we know, the biggest joy comes from serving you. May we never cease from serving you.

Bless God's people who offer their tithes and Sunday offerings and use it for your will and the kingdom of God.

We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

- **Scripture Lesson: Matthew 16:24-28**  
**The Life Carrying the Cross**

Read the manuscript of the sermon or listen to the sermon from the church website.

<http://www.blissfieldfirstumc.com/sermons.html>

- **Let us join in Closing hymn #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus".**  
**This is the link of the website.**

[I have decided to follow Jesus](#)

- **Benediction:**

Go forth, celebrate, and live in the love the Father has for his beloved children!

Go in confidence with God's love, opening our hearts to our God and to our sisters and brothers. Physically, keep social distancing, but let our hearts and minds communicate with each other in love.

Amen.

## **'7 Prayers' During Lenten Season**

### **1. Pray for the COVID-19.**

1) For preventing further spread of COVID-19 throughout the world, not only in the United States, 2) For the treatment of all people suffering from COVID-19 with the blood shed on the cross, 3) For Immunity to older people and children to be strengthened. 4) For finding pathogens and making treatments.

### **2. Prayer for our God's people who are struggling.**

1) For those who are struggling with their cancers, 2) For the people of God who struggle with loneliness and suffering mentally and physically, 3) For the people of God who suffer from their chronic diseases, 4) For comforting them by phone or media to the people of God who suffer from loneliness and anxiety.

### **3. Pray for our families, relatives and neighbors.**

1) To ensure that there are no difficulties or pain in our family, 2) for those who are financially challenged, 3) for those who work with coronaviruses, 4) for those who are in need of food, salter and medicine.

### **4. Prayer for our church and UMC churches.**

1) For ensuring that all God's people of the Church participate in the worship service provided by the media, 2) For greeting and comforting the lonely people through telephone or media, 3) For ensuring that all UMC churches are not financially challenged during these difficult times 4) For continuing to stand firmly in front of the Lord through our prayers and God's words

### **5. Prayer for the community in which we live**

1) For those in need, 2) For local churches and leaders, 3) For being a cooperative community, 4) For community safety and evangelization

### **6. Pray for peace in this country and the world.**

1) For the leaders of the United States and for the leaders of the world, 2) For the American election this year, 3) For God's justice to flow like a river in the world, 4) For all nations of the world to overcome economic difficulties.

### **7. Pray for ourselves.**

1) For thorough our repentance of sins, in order to stand upright to God, 2) For practicing the reading the Bible every day, 3) For practicing to pray daily for families, relatives, churches and nations, 4) For practicing discipleship of the Lord to live a life of devotion