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I. Opening and Announcement Video

II. Feature Music and Worship Videos

1. Feature: “Create in Me a Clean Heart” by Keith Green as sung by Brother Michael

2. Worship led by Brother Rich:

“In The Garden” as sung by Brother Rich

‘I come to the Garden Alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear falling on my ear

The Son of God discloses; and He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there, none others has ever known.

He speaks and at the sound of His voice, the birds hush their singing

And the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known

I’d stay in the garden with Him though the night around me be falling;

and he bids me go through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling

And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.”

III. Your Giving: News: We may now designate any amount in our giving!

You worship The Lord with your giving by mailing a check made out to ‘Brainerd Meta Churches, inc’ or by giving online by going to the “Give/Donate” Tab and then Clicking on the Paypal button or the image if below that if you want to designate your giving. Thank you so much for giving to The Lord’s ministry.

2nd Chance Community Church, 636 McKean Ave, Charleroi, PA 15022 or (preferred) contact me for my mailing address...

IV. Praise and Prayer: Please fill out the form to your right of the Video on the “Services” page or by contacting me (or others) directly.

V. Sermon

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Palm Sunday Sermon Outline: “Power over Politics”

- I. Introduction
- II. The Texts:
 - a. 2nd Corinthians 9:10
 - b. Luke 19:35 – 44
 - c. Luke 23:13-25
 - d. Ezekiel Chapter 34:1-24
- III. Preaching through the text:
- IV. Review: Theological Principles
- V. Close

Scriptures:

Encouragement

2Co 9:10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness

The Triumphal Entry

Luke 19: ^{Lk 19:35} They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ^{Lk 19:36} As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ^{Lk 19:37} When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

Lk 19:38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Lk 19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

Lk 19:40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Lk 19:41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ^{Lk 19:42} and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ^{Lk 19:43} The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ^{Lk 19:44} They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

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The Fickle Crowd

Luke ^{Lk 23:13} Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ^{Lk 23:14} and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ^{Lk 23:15} Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. ^{Lk 23:16} Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

^{Lk 23:18} With one voice they cried out, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!” ^{Lk 23:19} (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) ^{Lk 23:20} Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. ^{Lk 23:21} But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

^{Lk 23:22} For the third time he spoke to them: “Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him.”

^{Lk 23:23} But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. ^{Lk 23:24} So Pilate decided to grant their demand. ^{Lk 23:25} He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

Ezekiel 34: Shepherds and Sheep

^{Eze 34:1} The word of the LORD came to me:

^{Eze 34:2} “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?’

^{Eze 34:3} You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. ^{Eze 34:4} You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally. ^{Eze 34:5} So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. ^{Eze 34:6} My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. ^{Eze 34:7} “ ‘Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD?’

^{Eze 34:8} As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock, ^{Eze 34:9} therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD?

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Eze 34:10 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves. I will rescue my flock from their mouths, and it will no longer be food for them. Eze 34:11 “ For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. Eze 34:12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. Eze 34:13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. Eze 34:14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. Eze 34:15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. Eze 34:16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Eze 34:17 “ As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. Eze 34:18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?

Eze 34:19 Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

Eze 34:20 “ Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Eze 34:21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, Eze 34:22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. Eze 34:23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. Eze 34:24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Eze 34:25 “ I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. Eze 34:26 I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. Eze 34:27 The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. Eze 34:28 They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. Eze 34:29 I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Eze 34:30 Then they will

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know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 34:31 You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.’ ”

Theological Principles: Power over Politics

‘Disciples of all nations’

And He Who supplies seed...

There is an idea in Liberal Theology called ‘The Social Gospel’ that in its ‘purest’ form is a form of unbelief, wherein it claims that Jesus was simply a social reformer. This is not true; He was and is The Eternal Son of The Living God. But it is also true that God does speak into political situations and against injustice and in favor of mercy. In today’s sermon, who was right, the shepherds or the sheep? Neither we are all born sinful and we need Jesus to save us and give us new hearts.

1. The G_____ is the Power over Politics
2. Changing h_____s in people, changes society, regardless of party.
3. He who sows sparingly, reaps s_____.
4. Seed can be literal or sp_____.
5. God holds r_____s to account.
6. God holds p_____e to account too.
7. People are f_____e but God is faithful and dependable.

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- VI. If you mean it (and I don't mean that you feel that you have the will or power to live a perfect life, but if you *want* to, because you want to love Jesus and be forgiven and so on...) Then you can pray a prayer, patterned after this one:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that You are The Eternal Son of the Eternal and Living God. I believe that you became a Man, born of a virgin (named, Mary). I believe that you died on The Cross for my sins. I believe that on the 3rd day, You physically rose from the dead into your glorious resurrected body. And I believe that if I pray to you now and ask you, you will grant me forgiveness of my sin, Eternal security, that You will live in my heart by Your Spirit and that You will begin to change me to become more like You. Please do this for me Jesus, I need You. I am sorry for my sins. Please forgive me. And please live in my heart by Your Spirit.’

Then you can pray whatever words come to your mind. You can ask The Holy Spirit to bring to your mind, sins that you should confess to Jesus and be cleansed in your conscience from...

Or you can simply cry out, meaning all of the above, ‘Lord Jesus, please save me!’ And pray however God leads your heart... But remember, our hearts are wicked, we don't follow our hearts, we follow God as revealed in His Bible and through His Spirit.