

WELCOME ALL
TO
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



MARCH 28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church
March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

*For everyone's safety,
please wear masks and maintain
social distancing at all times.*

Prelude “The Holy City”

- Michael Maverick AKA Stephens Adams, 1841-1913

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace and Waving of the Palms

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Call to Worship

One: Blessed is the coming kingdom.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer of the Day

One: God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life.

All: **In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross,
that we may be raised in a resurrection like his
and dwell forever in you, Eternal God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

No. 88

Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession *unison*

We confess that we have sinned,
and although we want to deny it,
we have forsaken you.

We are horrified by the suffering we cause—
to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.
Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us
in your love,
for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison *unison*

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced.
The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty?
Believe in God, Friends!
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.
As we hear again the story of the passion,
let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,
who was a servant that we might be free.
Awaken our ears, open our hearts,
and sustain the weary with your Word. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

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First Scripture Reading *(continued)*

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Anthem: “The Palms”

Solo by Dawn Neel

- Jean Baptiste Faure, 1830-1914

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

P. 82 in the New Testament

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Sermon: Jesus’ Triumphal Entry

Rev. Jim DeMent

Mark 11:9: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Silence and stillness

Congregational Hymn: “Were You There?”

No. 102

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle’s Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

One: Save us, O Lord,
All: for your mercy is great.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *unison*

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love
made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.
Bless these gifts that they may bring life
on earth as in heaven;
in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, all heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- *Genevan Psalter, 1551*

Closing Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 89

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: “At the Name of Jesus”

- *R.V. Williams, 1925*



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Verse 1
Verse 2

Verse 3
Verse 4

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and love and anthems
Before Thee we present.

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King!

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Where You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Refrain:

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when ...?

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
Mid an exultant crowd,
The victory palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.



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GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 2, 2021 NOON

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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021 10:30 AM

Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Friday, April 2

12:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, April 4

10:30 AM Easter Morning Worship Service

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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for In-Person Gatherings
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Other

Paula Leske, Presbyterian Women
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Shelley Hartman, Dawn Neel, and Helen Resendez,
Kids for Christ, Vacation Bible School
Henry Hauschild, Historian

Pastor's Notes

“Messianic Secret” is the term used to describe the phenomena found especially in the Gospel According to Mark when Jesus instructs his followers not to proclaim him as the Messiah (e.g., Mark 8:30, 9:9). One explanation of Jesus' desire for secrecy regarding his identity is that the world was not yet ready to understand, nor would it be able to comprehend, his divinity until the miracle of his resurrection became known.

Prior to his final return to Jerusalem, and his triumphal entry into the city just before the Jewish Passover, Jesus has tried to tell his disciples that his destiny is to suffer grievously—to be rejected, delivered into the hands of his enemies, condemned to death, and yet to rise again. Even then, however, they did not have ears to hear or eyes to see. How could they yet understand that he was God incarnate among them?

Now, however, in this week before Passover, Jesus decides to enter Jerusalem with full publicity—to receive the acclaim of the crowds and to appear before the world as if he is fulfilling one of the messianic prophecies. The Messianic Secret will be fully reveal on Sunday morning when the women discover the empty tomb!

Clergy, Music, and Administration

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