

Welcome All to Palm Sunday Worship Service



April 2, 2023

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First Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Sixth Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday

Prelude “The Entry Into Jerusalem”

Van Denman Thompson, 1936

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

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

No. 88

Call to Worship

One: Blessed us the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ
who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***Invitation to Confession**

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus’ passion with honesty,
confessing our sin before God.

***Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy God,
sure of your faithfulness even in your dying,
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,
we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude.
We have looked to you for paltry favors,
when you have given everything.
We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,
and from your creation, our Earth,
the care and tending they deserve.
We have rejected the cornerstone you sent
to build a people of righteousness even here, today.
Forgive our failings.
Heal what we have broken,
nurture what we have neglected,
and lead us to your vision,
so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Your God has come to you,
humble, in the form of a slave,
to free you from the weight of sin and death.
Jesus’ obedient suffering has released you.
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

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering	and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ’s love in lives given to your service. Amen
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<u>First Scripture Reading:</u> Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	P. P. 565-566 in the Old Testament
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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.	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.
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<u>Organ Anthem:</u> The Palms	<i>Jean Baptiste Faure, 1830-1914</i>
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<u>Second Scripture Reading:</u> Matthew 21:1-11	P. 23 in the New Testament
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When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”
When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Sermon: A Glorious Parade

Rev. Jim DeMent

Matthew 21:8: A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Silence and stillness

***Congregational Hymn:** “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

No. 91

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: When, His Salvation Bringing

Berthold Tours, 1872

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(unison)*

God of all good gifts,
we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.
May these gifts lead to great feasting
for those who have no banquets set before them.
May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer
for those who are homeless.
May these gifts proclaim your desire
that all your creation live in peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God,
in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith** *(unison)*

The Apostles’ 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

One: Reassure us with your promises, Holy God, remembering:
All: “God’s steadfast love endures forever.”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just to give you thanks
in every time and in every place, almighty God.

We give you thanks for the gift of creation
and especially for the gift of our life.
We are grateful that you have made us in your image
and that you pardon us when we act
as though you have no authority over our lives.
We are grateful that you sustain us in your great love.

And so, with all your people,
with angels, archangels,
and with all the company of heaven
we praise and magnify your glorious name,
joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS: UNISON

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ,
who was born of Mary
and shared the joys and sorrows
of the life that we know.
You anointed Jesus Christ with your Spirit
to preach good news to the poor,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to give sight to the blind, and to liberate the oppressed,
proclaiming the year of the Lord’s favor.

In Christ’s baptism, suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
and made a new covenant with us
by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine,
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming,
proclaiming the mystery of faith:

GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: UNISON

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
so that the bread we share and the cup we bless
will be for us the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ
and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ’s body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Make us one with Christ,
one with our neighbors,
and one in service to all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Mighty God, holy is your name.
We thank you for gathering us at your table
and feeding us with the bread of life.

All: **As we leave this table
to go to the many places where you call us,
send your Spirit to accompany us,
so that we may share in your magnificent work:
lifting up those who are laid low,
showing mercy to all in need of human kindness,
and feeding the bodies and hearts
of all those who are hungry. Amen.**

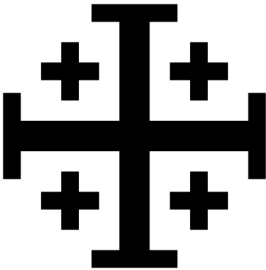
***Closing Hymn:** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” No. 89

***Charge**

*Congregational Response <i>(unison)</i>	<i>Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880</i>
God be with you until we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you, With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you ‘till we meet agai	‘Till we meet, ‘till we meet ‘Till we meet at Jesus’ feet; ‘Till we meet, till we meet God be with you ‘till we meet again.

***Benediction**

Postlude: Postlude in D -Cyrus S. Mallard, 1917



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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.
Refrain

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

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

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

Refrain:

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

Ride on! Ride On in Majesty

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power and reign.

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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APRIL 7, 2023 NOON
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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2023 10:30 AM



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<u>Easter Sunday, April 9</u> 9:30 AM “2023 Lent Devotions Examen: Inward Work For Outward Living” Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class 9:30 AM Kingdom Kids– Sunday School for children ages 5-12 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service <i>Lord’s Supper</i>			
<u>Pastor’s Notes</u>			
<p>How many of us have a sort of “Sunday School image” of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem-- riding on a donkey, no less-- on the day we now celebrate as Palm Sunday? The picture on our Bulletin cover this morning shows a more contemporary imagine of a Palm Sunday procession (your pastor is tempted to call it a parade) down from the Mount of Olives into the old city of Jerusalem. Palms (and cameras and musical instruments) abound, and the crowd looks excited and happy as we might well expect.</p> <p>No subsequent celebration, however, can ever capture the original excitement of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Matthew says that the city was in “turmoil” as the crowds proclaimed the arrival of the prophet Jesus from Nazareth (21:10-11 [NSRB]). “Hosanna in the highest heaven,” the crowds shouted as they celebrated the arrival of the Messiah, their Savior.</p> <p>As Lent crescendos to a close during the Holy Week that will follow our worship service today, let us try to recapture in our hearts the anticipation and joy of those original followers of Jesus. Can we hold a “figurative parade” in our hearts and minds to welcome the son of God into our lives? Jesus is coming; Easter will soon be here. First, we must stop at Golgotha to mourn the death of our Lord, but then, gloriously, we shall move on to Easter Morning!</p>			
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