

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



Enter Into the City, John August Swanson, 1990

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Bold Letters -- Indicate congregational response

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9

Lay Leader: Anne Baur

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem

Lo, your king comes to you

Triumphant and victorious is he

Humble and riding on a donkey

On a colt, the foal of a donkey

Prayer for Palm Sunday

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 crunches 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.

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the

street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then 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.

Procession Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#196

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed One. (*Refrain*)**

**2 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. (*Refrain*)**

**3 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)**

**4 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! (*Refrain*)**

Prayer of the Day

Lay Leader: Anne Baur

Everlasting God,
In your tender love for the human race
You sent your Son to take our nature,
And to suffer death upon the cross.
In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
And in the glorious victory of resurrection;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Welcome

THE WORD

Hymn of Illumination

The Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

#458

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. *(Refrain)*

Time with the Children

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures for ever."

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Sermon

Great Expectations

Response

Stay with Me

#204

**Stay with me; remain here with me;
watch and pray.
Watch and pray.**

RESPONDING

Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ.
Give us courage to take up our cross
And, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him.
Help us to love you above all else
And to love our neighbors as we love ourselves,
Demonstrating that love in deed and word
In the power of your Spirit.
Through Christ,
All glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
With the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
Now and forever

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

#851

Come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God;
come, bring your burdens to God,
for Jesus will never say no.

Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship

Sending Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#197

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor 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.

3 “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.

Blessing and Charge

The peace of God,
Which passes all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds
In the knowledge and love of God,
And of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

**Thanks be to God,
Amen.**

Response *Be Still and Know That I Am God*

#414

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

Postlude