

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE "Piano Sonata in E, mov. 1" Beethoven

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 N.T. page 17

OPENING SENTENCES

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Zech. 9:9
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.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ps. 118:26

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #196 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION Isa. 55:1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE: GTG #579 KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)
"Lord, Have Mercy"

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Isa. 55:3

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

+HYMN: GTG #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE John 6:35; Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

... These are the gifts of God for the people of God. 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Thanks be to God.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.
The elements will be passed through the pews.
A gluten-free option is available
on the communion table
or at the rear of the sanctuary.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.
Strengthen our faith,
that through the death and resurrection of your Son
we may be led to salvation,
for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING Phil. 3:7-8

OFFERTORY "Sarabande in d" Bach

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
(England, 1647; language updated)

Q. Which is the Tenth Commandment?

A. The Ten Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's."

Q. What is required in the Tenth Commandment?

A. The Tenth Commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor and all that is theirs.

Q. What is forbidden in the Tenth Commandment?

A. The Tenth Commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is theirs.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a O.T. page 518

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 O.T. page 433

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 N.T. page 152

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 2 Cor. 5:18-19

All of this is from God,
who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "A Palm Sunday Jubilation" Paige

SERMON "Hosanna!" Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" ST. DROSTANE

+BLESSING Phil. 4:7

... remain with you always.

Amen.

+CHARGE

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL BENEDICTION SIYAHAMBA

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

POSTLUDE "Raindrop Prelude" Chopin

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.**

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red) 3

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Emelia Hammond
Greeters: Nancy Sue MacDonald and Darlene Martin
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Andrew Pinches
Today's flowers are given by Barb and Steve VanDyke
in memory of loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#29. Dorcas:

Preaching along the Mediterranean coast, Peter raises a faithful woman in Joppa (modern Jaffa) named Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead. Many believe. (Acts 9:31-43)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 63. What is the mission of the church?

The mission of the church is to bear witness to God's love for the world in Jesus Christ.

Question 64. What forms does this mission take?

The forms are as various as the forms of God's love, yet the center is always Jesus Christ. The church is faithful to its mission when it extends mercy and forgiveness to the needy in ways that point finally to him. For in the end it is always by Christ's mercy that the needs of the needy are met.

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DAILY PRAYER

search for "Daily Prayer (Presbyterian Book of Common Worship)" in your podcast app, or go to www.buzzsprout.com/1466482

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	<i>The Chosen</i> adult study	11:15 am
	Explorers Class	11:15 am
Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Tuesday	<i>Jesus in Me</i> adult study	1:00 pm
	Board of Deacons	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (children/youth)	3:15 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:15 pm
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday worship service	7:00 pm
Friday	Good Friday worship service	12:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Shirley Herrick	Apr. 2	Tonya Seely	Apr. 3
Ted Welch	Apr. 2	Rachael Greene	Apr. 7

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Entry into Jerusalem
by Giotto, 1303

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*