April 2, 2023
8:30 and 11:00 am

*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

**GATHERING. . .**

The Prelude

*O Worship the King*

Jubilate Ringers

Kevin McChesney

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

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The Introit

Procession and Hymn for Palm Sunday

Craig Courtney

Leader: Matthew 21:1-9...

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.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of all blessedness, we join the crowds from every age, offering all honor and glory to you. In great love you sent to us our Savior, Jesus Christ, to teach us your ways and to lead us from death into life. In this Holy Week, we turn to you again with believing hearts, in deep awe for the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

*The Hymn 196

**All Glory Laud and Honor**

Refrain: All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King,

To Whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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 prayers 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**
Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess we have not lived as though you alone are our Sovereign God. We have failed to sustain our praise of you in our private lives and in our public witness. Forgive us, we pray, for brief faith that fades when trouble comes; for our enthusiasms that fade too quickly; for hopes we parade but do not pursue. Have mercy upon us, we pray, and forgive us. Help us to stand against evil and work for justice, all for love’s sake...

Silent Prayer ...Amen

Assurance of Pardon

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

The 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

The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!

(please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshiping at home, please share Christ’s peace with someone outside your home this week.)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD...

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 31:9-16

The Anthem

To the Lamb on the Throne

Worthy the Lamb! Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; The name all victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all. Worthy the Lamb! Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim.

Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have. The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King. Then let us adore and give Him His right, All glory and power, all wisdom and might; All honor and blessing with angels above and thanks never ceasing and infinite love. Worthy the Lamb!

A Moment With the Children

Bill Nix

*The Hymn 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry; Thy humble beast pursues its 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 hosts of angels in 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.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:14-27; 27:11-14

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Palm Sunday Questions

Kim Clayton
*Affirmation of Faith

Phil. 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him a name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings Presented

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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

GOING FORTH AND SERVING IN GOD’S NAME . . .

*The Hymn 209

My Song is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me, love to the loveless show that they might lovely be.

O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven’s throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know.

But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, whom my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosanas to our King.

Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

Paean

Gordon Young

The flowers on the pulpit are given by Joanne and Harry Farley, Jr. to the Glory of God, and in memory of their parents Ruth Wyatt Farley and Harry Davis Farley, and Ida Neal Smith and Lawrence Preston Smith.

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton
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Organist: Amy Shirk

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