



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 24, 2024

10:15 am

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Palm Sunday procession will arrive at 10:15. The service will begin outside of the Sanctuary at that time.

The Introit

Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout for Me

Lloyd Larson

*The Call To Worship: *Mark 11:1-11*

*The Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The congregation will process into the Sanctuary

*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.*

*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.*

*"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!*

The Welcome and Announcements

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Children's Anthem:

Hosanna to the Lord

The Covenant Choir

*The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. United with Christ and with all the faithful, may we mend our lives and seek to be more faithful disciples. Forgive us for the ways we deny, betray, and fall away from the way of Christ. May we one day enter the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, where we may praise and glorify you forever...silent prayer... Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

Thanks be to God for the grace we have received in Christ!

*Sung Response Hymn 227

Jesus, Remember Me (sung twice)
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*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 worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside your home this week.).

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

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

Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 31:9-16*

Anthem

Behold the Lamb of God

Craig Courtney

*Behold the Lamb of God, The Lamb for sinners slain;
A perfect sacrifice for all, He died, but lives again.
Behold the Lamb of God, Behold His hands, His side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.
He lives let Heav'n rejoice, And earth her honors bring to Him the everlasting God,
the great, eternal King.
Oh, strike your harps of gold, Ye ransomed host above.
Praise Him who bought you with His blood, And saved you by His love.
Behold the Lamb of God, Behold His hands,
His side. The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 14:3-9, 15:21, 35-41*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon

Passionate Responses

Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD...

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

*Response to Offering: Hymn 223 verse 4

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH AND SERVING IN GOD'S NAME

*The Hymn 209

My Song is Love Unknown (verses 1-3, 5)

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown 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, who at my need his life did spend!*

*Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.*

*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 and Benediction

The Postlude

Prelude in A Minor

Benedetto Marcello

Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

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of their sixtieth wedding anniversary on March 21, 2024.*

The flowers on the piano are given by the LeFebre family in memory of Mary Jane King.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton

Liturgists: Adam Nelen, Jen Rowe

Choirmasters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Bruce and Elizabeth Smith

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Karen Johnson

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