

SERMON NOTES:

1. He comes humbly to rescue (vv. 28-40).

2. He comes tearfully to reconcile (vv. 41-44).

3. He comes boldly to cleanse (vv. 45-48).

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin O. Moore and Alvin O. Moore, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 3rd.



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, April 2		
10:15 AM	Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
6:30 PM	High School Youth Small Group	Student Center

Monday, April 3		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:30 PM	Session Meeting	Session Room
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208
7:00 PM	CSO Chorus Rehearsal	Choir Room

Tuesday, April 4		
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:00 PM	RUF	Student Center
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, April 5		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Easter Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6		
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, April 7
Church Offices Closed

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

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in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,
to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord's Day
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

WORSHIP REFLECTION
Welcome to our celebration of Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.
What is one way you would like King Jesus to change you?
Charles Spurgeon offers a practical word from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem:
"It is not Christ who has come to you, if you have grown prouder, harsher, and more obsessive than ever. No, the Christ Who enters to save is Himself gentle and humble of heart. Those who take His yoke upon them learn of Him, and they become like Him. Invite the humble Christ into your life and He will kill your bad temper, conquer your malice, and cast out your pride."
Let us worship our King who conquers by humility

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Let us prepare our hearts for worship by reflecting on the following prayer of preparation:
On this day Lord Jesus, You did enter the rebellious city where You were to die. Enter into our hearts, we beseech You, and subdue them wholly to You. And as Your faithful disciples rejoiced in Your coming and spread their garments on the road, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are. And grant that we, after having confessed and worshiped You upon earth, may be numbered among those who shall hail Your eternal triumph and bear in their hands the palms of victory when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE
"Praise Him, Praise Him" arr. Tammy Rawlinson
Reformation Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
"Celebrate the Day" by Pepper Choplin

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7,10
Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory!

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†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.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“O Worship the King”
“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” No. 310 (vv. 1,3,5)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A31
Q. Why is Jesus called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?
A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit
to be our chief prophet and teacher
Who fully reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God
concerning our deliverance;
our only high priest
Who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of His body,
and Who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our eternal king
Who governs us by His Word and Spirit,
and Who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom He has won for us.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God, our gracious heavenly Father,
You sent the gentle King of glory to rescue us.
Forgive us for our resistance to Your meek and humble ways.
We confess that we have leaned too much on earthly wisdom
that has produced strife, jealousy, and selfish ambition.
May Your heavenly wisdom bring about its fruit in our lives
—peaceable relationships, merciful hearts, a gentle manner,
a godly sincerity, and a pursuit of purity. Mold us into the image
of the gentle King of glory, for we pray in His name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Zechariah 9:9-10
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king comes to you,
righteous and having salvation,
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt,
the foal of a donkey . . .
He will proclaim peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the river to the ends of the earth.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Way Maker”

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“To the Lamb on the Throne” by Dan Forrest
(Congregation sings as directed)

Bulletin

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

Luke 19:28-48 — “Welcome the Transcendental Interferer”
Rev. Richard Cain

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” arr. Lloyd Larson

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

from Numbers 6:24-26
Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King” arr. Jeff Anderson
Instrumental Ensemble

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Commissioned by the Kingwood United Methodist Church Chancel Choir (David Allen, director)
to honor Sheila Childers for 30 years of faithful service as organist

To the Lamb on the Throne

“Ye Servants of God”,
Charles Wesley, 1744

DAN FORREST
(ASCAP)

4. Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all

glo - ry and pow’r, all wis - dom and might; all

hon - or and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove, and

thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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