



*When the power of love
overcomes the love of power,
the world will know peace.*

~ Jimi Hendrix

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

8:45 and 11:15 A.M.

**WE ARE TRAVELERS ON A JOURNEY,
FELLOW PILGRIMS ON THE ROAD**

Prelude

Robert Powell

Intrada on ELLACOMBE

Opening Words

Kim Henderson

Hosanna! Shout it with me!

Hosanna!

We shout with glad voices, even knowing it means “Save us!”

We cry out, “Save us!” to the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We plead for God to save us from the pain of violence and the love of power in our world.

We ask God to save us as we seek to hide from all we fear.

Hosanna! We give thanks and extol God’s holy name,

For the Lord is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Processional Hymn (175) †

ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Children’s Anthem (11:15)

Houts and Judge

Hosanna! Blessed is He!

Carol and Chorister Choirs

Prayer of Praise

Eliza Purtlebaugh

Anthem

William Mathias

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty in battle. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP EACH OTHER
WALK THE MILE AND BEAR THE LOAD**

The Gospel Lesson †

Paul Henderson

Matthew 21:1-11 (Pew Bible page 22—NT)

Hymn of Praise (172) †

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Prayer of Confession

Lauren Jones Mayfield

We cry out, "Hosanna," O God, but then we fail to recognize the things that save us. Time and again, your liberation surprises us. Your grace confuses us. Your compassion overwhelms us. So we continue to wave our palms, desperate for an end to personal unrest and social discord. Forgive our frenetic energy. Calm our spirits as we begin this holy week. Help us to stay by your side, especially in strife. Silence. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace

Justin Sizemore

WHEN WE SING TO GOD IN HEAVEN, WE WILL FIND SUCH HARMONY

The Epistle Lesson

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Philippians 2:5-11 (Pew Bible page 193—NT)
Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)

Sermon

Palm Sunday: A Story about the Love of Power and the Power of Love

Hymn of Response (278) †

BEACH SPRING

We Are Travelers on a Journey

BORN OF ALL WE'VE KNOWN TOGETHER OF CHRIST'S LOVE AND AGONY

Offertory Prayer †

Bill Campbell (8:45)
Robert Davis (11:15)

Offertory

H. Walcha

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

In response to your decision, ***we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.***

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, ***thanks be to God.***

Doxology †

WONDROUS LOVE

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!***

Benediction †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Postlude

Matthew Corl

Postlude on "The King's Majesty"

Today in Worship

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Ayumi Hargrove created the original art for our Palm Sunday bulletin today. Ayumi is a 1st grader who likes cats, dogs, guinea pigs, her friends, her family, drawing pictures of fashion, jumping on the trampoline, roller skating and dancing. Please express your gratitude to Ayumi for sharing her gifts to enrich our journey toward Easter.

Phrases from today's hymn of response, *We Are Travelers on a Journey*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

Our children are proudly waving Eco-Palms in partnership with Lutheran World Relief. We are helping palm harvesters in Latin America, their families, and communities find pathways out of poverty.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

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Holy Week at Highland Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 5: No Regular Wednesday Night Activities; Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.



Maundy Thursday Service: April 6, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This intimate service takes place in smaller gatherings around the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of communion, hymns, reading Scripture, and hand washing. Lauren Jones Mayfield will also offer a Lenten Reflection.

Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Service of Darkness is based on the ancient word Tenebrae (shadows) and remembers Christ's suffering and crucifixion through music and scripture. Highland's Sanctuary Choir provides the music for the service.



Easter Sunday: April 9, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Join us for this time of celebration and joy as the Sanctuary resounds with congregational singing, choirs, and instruments. Our 2nd and 3rd grade children will process Easter lilies in the 11:15 a.m. service.

Hope and joy burst into our world as we see the power of Love over hate, Life over death. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Easter Sunday: April 9, 10:00 a.m., Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt, and Resurrection Cross on the Lawn

Join us for a finger-food breakfast as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter morning. **We will serve breakfast in the Fellowship Hall** (check your newsletter to sign up to bring food).

We also invite you to bring fresh flowers on Sunday morning to help adorn our Easter cross, which we will transform from a symbol of death and hate to love and new life! The cross, created by Chip Miller, will be outside in front of the sanctuary, where you can bring your flowers to a volunteer from 8:30-8:45 a.m. or from 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Children will also have the opportunity to participate in an Easter egg hunt! We look forward to a beautiful Easter morning together with the Highland family!

