

LARGE PRINT

ROCK PRAIRIE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.



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Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Sylvia O'Connor

"Ride On!" | John B. Dykes, Arr. Lani Smith

*"Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" | Thomas A. Arne,
Arr. Richard A. Williamson*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

Sylvia O'Connor

"The Lion and the Lamb" | Brenton Brown, Arr. Phillip Keveren

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 118, MARK 11

One: Friends of God, come to prepare for this holiest of weeks. Join the crowd and sing, Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: We raise our voices and wave the joyful palms of hope and deliverance of God's people.

One: Jesus leads us through this week. As we follow, we joyfully celebrate God's historic activity in the Passover Feast.

All: Our hearts are filled with expectation. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: Behold the king comes riding on a donkey. Jesus, the just, comes in peace and brings salvation to God's people, Hosanna in the highest!

All: We stand firm in the faith and worship the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

[248] +HFG

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PSALM 51

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, who comes in the name of the Lord, we welcome You. Yet, we acknowledge the times when our half-hearted actions display our fickle faith. We seek to be justice warriors, yet we tire easily and grow weary of the world's resistance.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

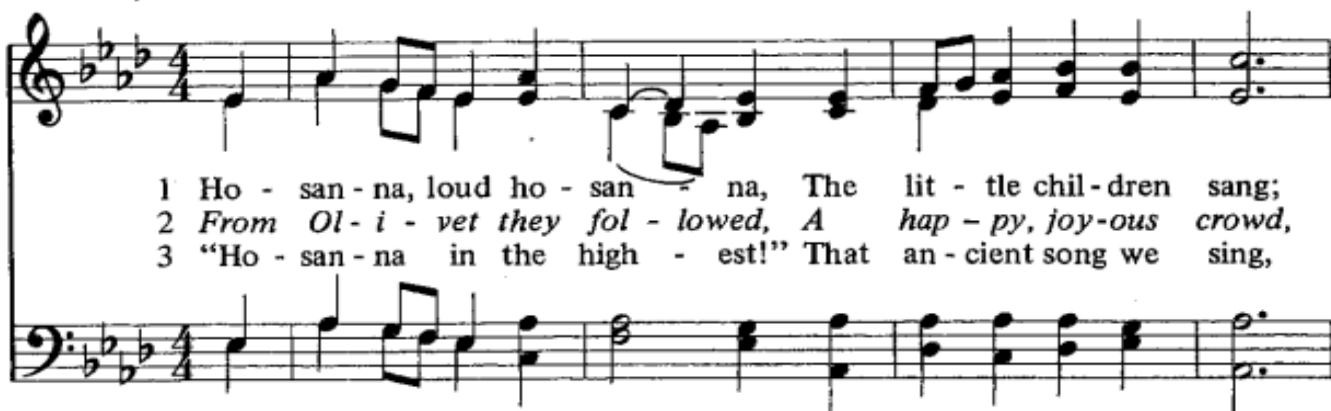
— Matthew 21:9

Based on Matthew 21:15, 16

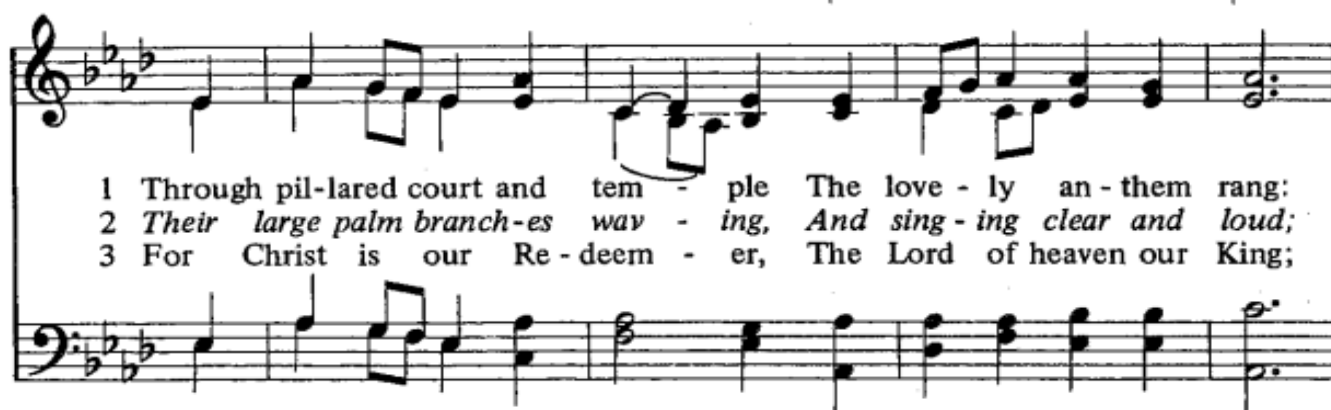
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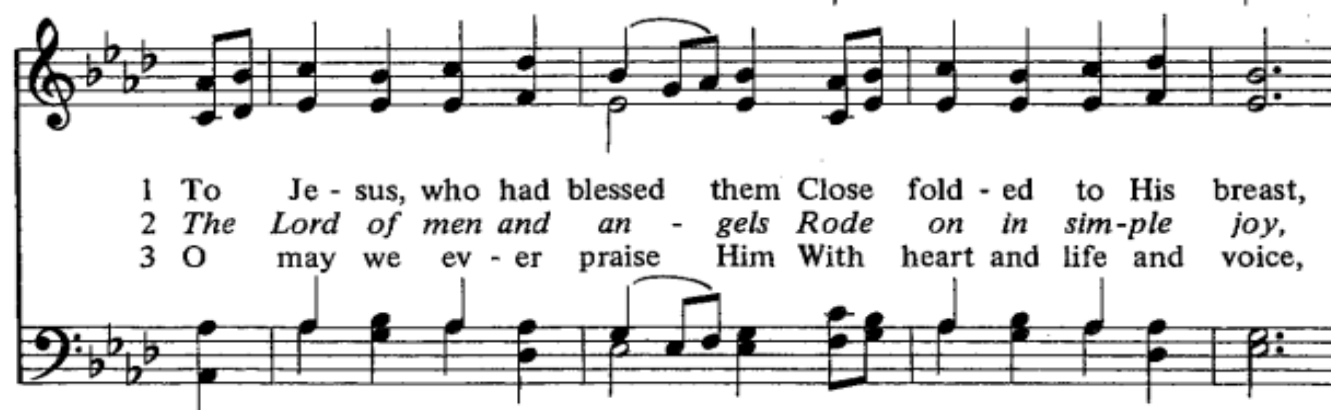
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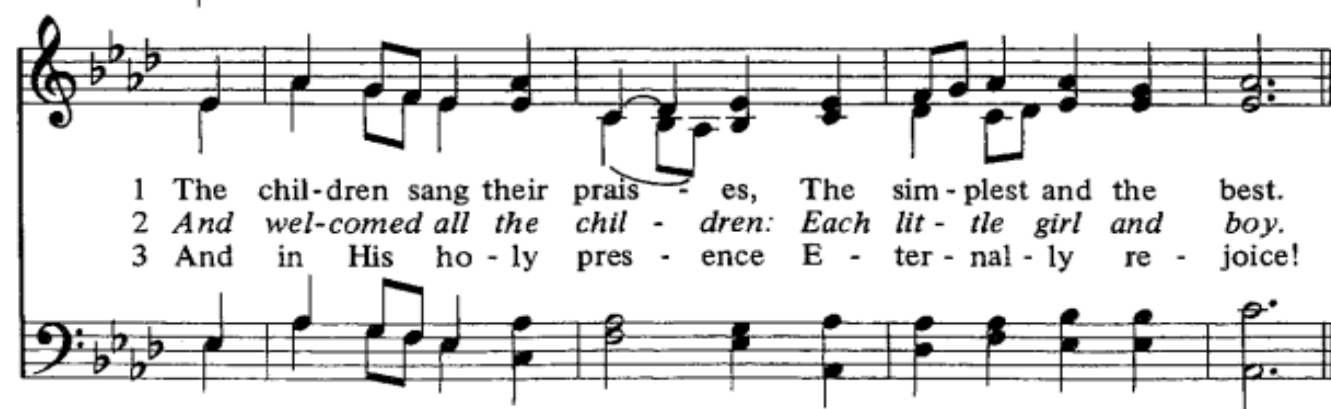
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed, A hap - py, joy - ous crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



1 Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;
2 Their large palm branch - es wav - ing, And sing - ing clear and loud;
3 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King;



1 To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
2 The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in sim - ple joy,
3 O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



1 The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
2 And wel - comed all the chil - dren: Each lit - tle girl and boy.
3 And in His ho - ly pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

We declare our love for neighbors yet are unsure of their deepest needs. Lord have mercy and hear our prayer in silent confession.

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Bless the Lord, our Redeemer King, who reigns sovereign in our hearts and in all the earth. Hosanna in the highest.

Forgive us Lord and save us from our fickleness that we may stay the steady course of faith. Grant us grace to overcome our sin and enable us to follow Jesus. Help us to open ourselves to Your Holy Spirit, to have compassion, courage, and obedience; to forgive others, to love neighbors, to strive for justice, and to live in Christ's love. Christ have mercy and grant us Your peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Friends, in Christ Jesus, you are forgiven. Live in steadfast faith, restored and renewed for your journey of faith. Amen.

All: We are renewed, restored, and loved--a new creation in Christ, Let us greet one another with God's love and share the Good News.

PASSING THE PEACE

***RESPONSE** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* [258 v. 1 & 3] +HFG

"When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so Rich a Crown?"

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

JEREMIAH 31, JOHN 12

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 12:12-16

JESUS'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

KIDS KIRK

Gail Wolfe

Children are invited to come up to the front chancel as we sing.

*"Jesus Loves Me!"**[226] v. 1 + HFG****"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.******Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.******Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!******Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*****CHOIR ANTHEM** *"Prepare the Way" | Price & Besig*

Choir

THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

IMITATING CHRIST'S HUMILITY

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 the 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 should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God**SERMON***"Empty to be Exalted"*

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THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

***HYMN** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* [249] +HFG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING RICK FABER

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE EPHESIANS 2

***RESPONSE** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* [258 v. 2 & 4] +HFG

*"Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
death of Christ my God; All the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*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. Amen."*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** PRAYER OF IGNATIUS

**We come with palms of thanksgiving to praise Jesus, our Lord
with an offering of our heart. We honor Christ our King, with
these faithful tithes and offerings. Freely we have received;
freely we give. We present these gifts as humble tokens of love,
a public display of affection, and a shout of hosanna to the One
who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN** *"Ride! Ride On in Majesty"* [198] //GG

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Sylvia O'Connor
"Go to Dark Gethsemane" | Richard Redhead, Arr. Anthony Giamanco

****Please remember to wear your name tags****

If you do not have one, notify the office and
we will have one made for you.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

... Hosanna; Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Theodulph of Orleans
Tr. by John M. Neale

— John 12 :13

ST. THEODULPH
Melchior Teschner

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem - er, King,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,
 3 To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;

1 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring:
 2 And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply:
 3 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise:

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
 3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es— Ac - cept the praise we bring,

1 Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed one!
 2 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 3 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King! A-men.

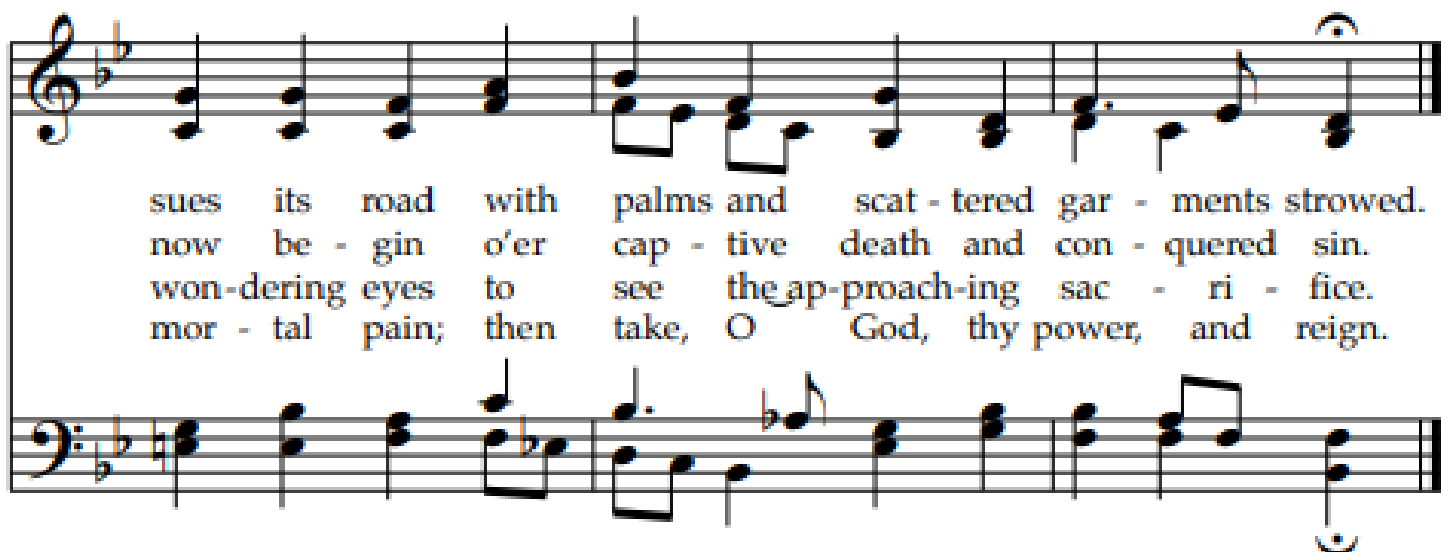
Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Carolyn Hart, Sean Hart

Ushers: Laurie VanderJagt, Sandi Fogle

Liturgist: Marge Knauer

Kids Kirk: Gail Wolfe

WORSHIP GUIDE

Bold text said in unison

* Please stand if you are able.

// GG - *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*

+ HFG – *Hymns for the Family of God*

**SF – *Sing the Faith*, small blue hymnal

- Audio enhancements, larger print Bibles and bulletins, children's resources are available at the rear of the sanctuary.

- CCLI church license 1555479, and OneLicense A-73845

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

Director of Music: Krista Jones

Piano/Organ Accompanist: Sylvia O'Connor

Administrative Assistant: Sandi Fogle

Bookkeeper: Scott Moebius

Nursery Coordinator: Jessica Wellnitz

Audio/Video Technician: Matthew Blija

Church Caretaker: Michael Blija

If you are visiting or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in the life and ministry of this church.

Speak to our pastor or someone next to you for more information. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

LOOKING AHEAD

Today, March 24th

Palm Sunday

Sunday School 9:15 am
(putting Easter Baskets together)
Adult Bible Study 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am

Tuesday, March 26th

NO Bible Study
Tuesday Crafters 10:00 am

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 pm
1st Presbyterian Church downtown

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday

Sanctuary open 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 31st

Easter

Sunrise service 8:00 am
Easter breakfast 9:00 am
Worship 10:30 am

Monday, April 1st

Church Office is Closed

Church News

Crop Hunger Walk: Crop Hunger Walk Janesville area will take place on Sunday, April 28th at 1:00pm. starting at Cargill United Methodist Church. This year's theme is "Take Your Kid to Walk Day"! It is a multi-generational walk, so plan to bring the whole family! Whether it be by foot, wagon, bike come on out and enjoy fellowship and helping others in need.

The first phase of the walk is under way and that is recruiting walkers. We want to make this a record-breaking year for the number of walkers and donations. Come add your name to walkers' sheet on the table in the Narthex. Starting in April, look for our CROP Walk table where you can sign up, pick up a honey stick, and donate. Call or see Sandi Fogle for information. Thank you!

The March Cart Item Is: Canned Vegetables! The items will be divided between local food pantries. Thank you to everyone who helps fill the cart! Don't beet around the bush. Peas don't go until you put a can or two in the cart.

Ushers and Greeters Are Always Needed: Stop by the Narthex table sign-up sheet and look for any openings for greeter or usher. If you are available, please sign up for a morning or two.
Thank you!

Aluminum Cans: If you did not know, we collect aluminum cans. Bring in your empty, rinsed out cans. Toss them into the blue barrels that are located outside the front entrance. They are then taken to be recycled, and the proceeds go to the Living Water Mission.

Prescription Bottles: Thank you all for bringing in your empty prescription bottles. RPPC is rocking! Please continue to bring them in. HealthNet re-uses those medicine bottles. If you cannot get label off, blacken out the information so it cannot be read. Thank you!

Pastoral Care: If pastoral care needs arise, please call Rev. Bruce Jones at (608) 205-7428 to assist you with emotional, social, and spiritual support. If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, the best practice if you'd like a pastoral visit is to call Rev. Bruce instead of expecting the hospital staff calling the church office. Please do not hesitate to call at any time of day or night for pastoral emergencies.

Volunteers Needed for Agrace's Hospice Services:

Agrace is seeking volunteers in Rock County and surrounding areas and will host a volunteer orientation training in April to help them prepare for their roles.

Volunteering may involve reading aloud, listening to music together, playing cards, assisting with meal delivery, or simply being there as a caring presence. No previous health care experience is necessary.

Orientation for volunteers will be held **Tuesday, April 23, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.**, at the Agrace Janesville campus.

For more information, or to get started, fill out an online application at Agrace.org/Volunteer or call Agrace at (608) 327-7163. All new volunteers will discuss their skills and interests with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff before attending orientation.

Free Senior Pass: The School District of Janesville offers a Senior Discount Pass that provides free entry to any athletics event (excluding WIAA tournament games), and theatrical or musical performances at either Craig or Parker High Schools. This benefit is available for SDJ residents over the age of 65. Passes are available at the Educational Services Center, 527 South Franklin Street. Bring a photo ID and proof of residence.

Badger Talks: Join Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Outreach Specialist with the Division of Extension | Agriculture Institute of UW-Madison for a crash course in how the geography, climate, sociology, and farming culture of Wisconsin combine to make the most productive cranberry region in the world. Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm in The Ridge Hotel, W4240 WI-50, Lake Geneva.

Paper Quilling for Beginners: Lake Geneva Public Library is offering Learn the art of paper quilling, also called paper filigree. Quilling originated in ancient China and is a beautiful technique for decorating cards and other items. All supplies provided. Registration required. This program is made possible by a grant from the Center for East Asian Studies at UW-Madison. Wednesday, March 27th @ 6:00 pm or Saturday, April 6th 2 10:00 am. Registration required.