





# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday

## THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”*

J. S Bach

Jo Plunkett, Piano

arr. Smith/Hustad

Brenda Scott, Organ

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### † THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”*

*Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!*

*To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 118:24-26)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **We bless you from the house of God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

#### † OPENING PRAYER (from Eph. 1:3-14)

God of grace, you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. In him, you have chosen us, forgiven us, redeemed us, and lavished upon us the richness of your grace. In this worship hour, draw us deeper into the mystery of your plan to gather all things up in Christ, in heaven and on earth. As we place our hope in him, show us how to live each day to the praise of his glory. Amen.

#### † HYMN

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

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#### † CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 118:2)

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

#### † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we are eager for Easter joy and new life, and yet we are not eager to walk in the way of Jesus when it becomes difficult. We prefer to be in control and are afraid of what you may ask us to do. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to let go of our own small agendas so that you may write your future on our hearts. Grant us a new mind, a new spirit, and a new desire to trust and follow you. We pray this in Jesus’ name.

## † SILENT CONFESSION

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Eph. 2:4, 8-10)

Leader: We have been saved by grace, through faith, and this is not our doing; it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one may boast. Since we have been created in Christ Jesus, we believe that God has prepared our way of life and will lead us faithfully in the way that we should go. Believe the good news, and walk confidently with Jesus each and every day, in courage and in peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

## † GLORIA PATRI

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# WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as we hear your word, we ask that you break open our hearts, so that we may begin this Holy Week ready to meet Jesus as he is, not what we expect him to be. We pray this in his name, Amen.

FIRST READING                      Mark 11:1-11                      N. T. Page 47

SECOND READING                      Mark 15:1-47                      N. T. Page 53

SERMON                      *“Back When I Was Somebody”*                      Rev. Sandra Hedrick

## † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† HYMN                      *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*                      #215

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

Offertory                      *“Filled with Excitement”*                      Avila

† Doxology                      #606

† Prayer of Dedication

# THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN                      *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*                      #353

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*                      Melchor  
Jo Plunkett, Piano                      arr. Smith/Hustad  
Brenda Scott, Organ

† All those who are able, please stand.

**Worship Assistant: Betsy Rinker**

**Ushers: Bev Davis, Pat Carlile, Dave and Kathy Morrison**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 46

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## **COMMUNITY CORNER**

**WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP:** Welcome to our visitors and those returning after being away! We invite you to fill out a “Connect Card” and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to find out more about being baptized or becoming a member of the church, please see Pastor Sandra.

**GIVING CARDS RETURNED TODAY:** Please return your giving card in one of the boxes placed at each entrance to the church (or in the offering plate). If you cannot return it today, you can still do so next Sunday, or drop it by the office, or use the electronic form in the email sent this past week. Thank you for your generosity!

**FELLOWSHIP TODAY:** All are invited to stay for “Lemonade on the Lawn” after the service, when we will share some sweet treats, lemonade, tea and water.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT 6:30 p.m.:** On Maundy Thursday, we remember that Jesus surprised his disciples by washing their feet as a servant and giving them a new commandment to “love one another.” We also celebrate the Lord’s Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. The service will be in the Fellowship Hall, following a supper at 5:30 that will feature a potato bar with a variety of toppings, bread, and dessert. Please give your supper RSVP to an usher, or write it on a connect card, and place the card in the offering plate. An online RSVP form was in our last newsletter. No RSVP is needed for the service.

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP:** We will celebrate the resurrection next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.! On that day, we will also continue our beautiful tradition of remembrance and celebration of the resurrection of the Lord by placing flowers on the cross outside of the church. You may arrive with your fresh flowers as early as 10:00 a.m., as we welcome one another to a joyful time of worship.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** We will receive this special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Easter. Envelopes for this offering are available in today’s bulletin, or the offering may be included with your regular offering with a designation of the amount given for “One Great Hour of Sharing.”

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** The church-wide Bible study for Lent was a blessing! Our regular offerings will begin the Sunday after Easter (see our next newsletter and bulletin for more information).

**CHOIR PRACTICE DATES:** The next two practices will be on April 3 and 17, at 6:30 p.m.

**BULLETIN IMAGE:** The image of Jesus riding into Jerusalem (1905) is a print by the Stecher Lithographic Company. The company was formed in Germany in the 1800s and became a major printer of chromolithographic posters, labels and holiday cards.