

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2023 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Palm Sunday Processional"

Richard Pantcheff

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Click **HERE** to register your attendance.

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT "Hosanna"

Moravian hymn arr. Keith Atwater

* CALL TO WORSHIP Tracey Dron

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior! **People: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**Leader: Come, with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

People: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

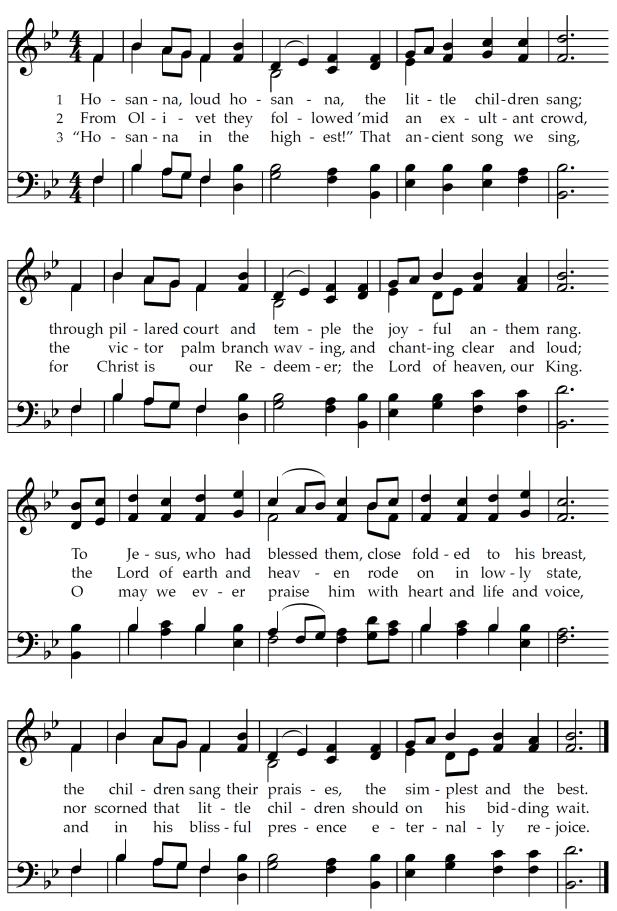
Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

No. 197 Glory to God

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tracey Dron

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin Leader:

before God.

All:

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence

Leader: Your God has come to you, humble, in the form of a slave, to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus' obedient suffering has released you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ our Savior and Lord.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Bring Palm Branches" Waterfall Singers Nancy Studer, Director Kathy Phillips, Accompanist Cindy Berry

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Sanctuary Choir (Congregation, please join in singing)

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Mathew 21: 9 Hymn text by Henry H. Milman (1791-1868), alt. Based on the hymn tune WAREHAM Melody by William Knapp (1698-1768), alt. harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882) Choral setting by Howard Helvey (ASCAP)



SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

SERMON

Spectacle, Pageantry, and Turmoil

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away, You give and take away My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God.

Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we

lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the

faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your

glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.

If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Holy God, we shout, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, while also acknowledging the crucifixion that is to come and the real suffering of your people. In this moment of prayer, hear our cries for mercy, peace and justice.

Reassure us with your promises, Holy God, remembering: "God's steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

Source of life and love, hold those who are grieving; those who have lost loved ones; those who feel their world growing smaller with the death of friends, spouses, companions, partners. Accompany these grieving souls in their journey with death, allowing them to experience the peace of your presence and the gentle guidance of your hand.

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Prince of Peace, friend of the oppressed, seeker of the poor and the marginalized, offer hope to those abandoned and ignored. Feed the poor with the hope of your good news. Shelter the houseless and guide us as your architects of grace. May your people live in the safety and security each deserves.

Reassure us with your promises, Holy God, remembering: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Savior God, wounded healer, befriend the sick and their caregivers. Look with mercy on those struggling with physical pain and illness. Lighten the load of those whose bodies betray them. Heal the heartsick and apply your balm of love on all your hurting people.

Reassure us with your promises, Holy God, remembering: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Mighty Prophet, speak truth to those who abuse their power, oppress others for their nation's or their personal gain, and betray the dignity of each human life. Right what is wrong among warring nations, Holy God, and empower those who thirst for peace. May we wage Christ's nonviolent love in a world dead set on waging violent wars.

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Now, as your people gather on this Sabbath day, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

All: 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.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister)

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds of fire The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin The people sing. The people sing.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest Hosanna, hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees. We're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity.

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Vocals: Karen Gray, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

