

# NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



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## WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Rev. Nicole Bates

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgists Michael Malone (8:30), Olivia Chen (11:00)

✠HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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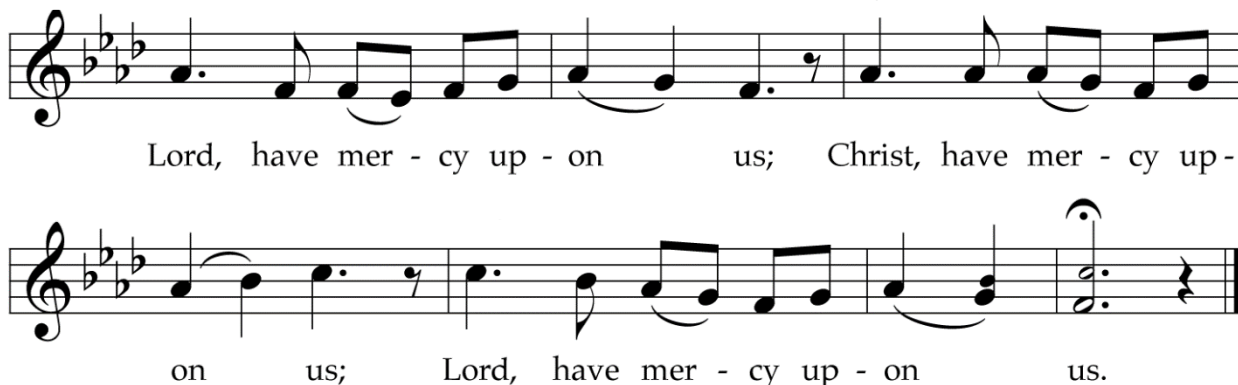
✠Please rise as you are able.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of street parades and hosannas,  
we know that you count on us  
to speak out against oppression and speak up for love,  
but so often we are silent.  
We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,  
so we don't say anything at all.  
We worry that we'll offend,  
so we keep our convictions to ourselves.  
And meanwhile, the parade marches on.  
Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.  
Give us the courage to shout, "Hosanna!"  
Gratefully we pray. Amen.

✠RESPONSE Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON



✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Today, the slate is wiped clean.  
All: We are held in God's love.  
We are made new. Amen.

✠HYMN 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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.

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!  
All: And also with you!

<b>ANTHEM</b>	Hosanna! Blessed Is He (11:00) Children's Choir Carol Blackwood, Director	Michael Bedford
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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Matthew 21:1-11
One:	The Word of the Lord.
All:	<b>Thanks be to God!</b>

<b>SERMON</b>	Seeking: Where Are You Headed?
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✠**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (together)

**We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,  
who lights a candle in the darkest night,  
who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.  
We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,  
who is bold in seeking justice and humble in taking power.  
We believe in a God who sees our hurt,  
wraps love around it, and cocoons us in hope.  
We believe in a God who is always carrying us  
from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.  
That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. Amen.**

**SHARING OUR GIFTS**

<b>ANTHEM</b>	Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! (11:00) Sanctuary Choir Tinsley Silcox, Director	Howard Helvey
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✠ <b>HYMN 606</b>	Doxology	OLD HUNDREDTH
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		

✠**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (together)

**Faithful God, may we who have come to this table seek you the way you seek after us. May we who have joined the feast glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ - our salvation, life and hope, who reigns as Lord now and forever. Amen.**

✠HYMN 205 Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Matthew 22:37-39

**Go out into the world in peace.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind;  
and love your neighbor as yourself.**

RESPONSE Go to Dark Gethsemane (11:00)

Richard Redhead

POSTLUDE Fantasy on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

J.S. Bach

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# TODAY AT NORTHPARK

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NorthPark! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew and pass it down to others. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher. After worship, please join us in the foyer. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or are looking for a church home.

## JOIN THE PALM SUNDAY PARADE!

During today's 11:00 a.m. service, all children (plus youth, parents, and anyone else who wants to participate) are invited to the foyer to take part in the Palm Sunday parade during the first hymn.

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are available in the foyer. Childcare is also available for infants - age 4 in Room 50. There at 11:30 a.m., a Sunday School lesson for preschoolers is offered. Parents, your little ones might want to begin in the Sanctuary, stay through the Moments for Children, then go to Room 50 for Sunday School and playtime.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Chris and Susan Arends in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grades K-6 begin in Room 36 at 9:30 a.m. (pick up for Grades K-3 is in Room 37, Grades 4-6 in Room 31). Grades 7-12 meet in the Youth Lounge. There is no Sunday School on Easter.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This is the last Sunday for adults to meet at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to discuss Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine. There is no Sunday School on Easter. On April 16, individual Sunday School classes resume meeting. You do not have to be a member of a class to join any of these discussions. Check on the enews on April 11 for more info about adult learning opportunities.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

OGHS offering is collected every Easter and supports PC(USA) efforts to relieve hunger, promote community development, and assist in areas of disaster. Please consider giving to this special offering. Envelopes are in the pews through April 24. You can also give online by clicking the QR code below (choose fund "One Great Hour").

## HOW TO GIVE



NorthPark relies on your generosity to support the mission and ministry of the church. Offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code with your phone camera. Checks may be mailed to NPPC; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### REVERSE FOOD TRUCK (RFT) COLLECTION

The RFT will collect Vickery Meadow Food Pantry's in the church parking lot today from 9:00-9:30 a.m., 10:00 - 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Even if you didn't bring a donation, stop by and learn more about the RFT and how you can support its ministry.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. for a soup and salad supper, followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. Reservations for dinner are encouraged. RSVP today at the Welcome Desk.

### GOOD FRIDAY

Join us on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. for this most solemn day of the church year. Worship will include scripture, music, and growing darkness in which to remember Christ's crucifixion. Childcare will be available. The service will be livestreamed.

### EASTER WORSHIP AND EVENTS

Celebrate Easter at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. Services will be identical and include special music from the Sanctuary Choir and brass quartet. Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a butterfly release and egg hunt at 10:00 a.m. Please bring flowers to decorate the courtyard cross.

### FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

NorthPark welcomes first responders and anyone who wants to enjoy a homemade breakfast on Saturday, April 8, 7:00-9:30 a.m. Stop by for breakfast and thank those who support us.

### VOLUNTEER AT THE BRIDGE

Interested in joining NorthPark to serve lunch at Second Chance Café: The Bridge, a homeless recovery center in downtown Dallas? Contact Phil Daily ([phildaily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:phildaily@sbcglobal.net)).

### YOUTH SUNDAY

NorthPark Youth lead worship on April 16 at 11:00! Please join us for this inspiring and uplifting service. *Please note: There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.*

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

At NorthPark, we are serious about following God without taking ourselves too seriously. Seekers, thinkers, doers – all are welcome here! To learn more about NorthPark, contact Cheryl Cunningham, Membership Coordinator ([membership@northparkpres.org](mailto:membership@northparkpres.org)).

### LEARN MORE

More information, including a complete calendar of events and staff contact information, can be found on the NorthPark website, [northparkpres.org](http://northparkpres.org).