

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025
10:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *St. Theodulph in Five* S. Phillips
(Isaac Mingus, bass, Mark DeRose, drums, Steven Phillips, piano)

adapted from Psalm 118

CALL TO WORSHIP Charlie Weitekamp

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let all who fear the Lord say,
God's steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord has answered our prayer
and become our salvation
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Hosanna, hosanna!
Let us worship God!

***PALM PROCESSIONAL** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* St. Theodulph
(Text for the hymn can be found on a separate insert in your bulletin.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Loving God,
you sent your son to show us that
to lead is to serve,
to forgive is to be forgiven, and
to love others is to love you.
And yet, our faith isn't strong enough
for us to be that gentle.
Forgive us.
Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Renew a right spirit within us.
Set us free to follow you.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***SONG OF JOY 538** (v. 2) *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* HAELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Refrain:
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. (Refrain)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Eric Robinson

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rachel Melissa Rudisill - daughter of Liz & Joe Rudisill
and sister of Anderson, Bobby and Polly

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Hosanna* Michael W. Smith
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna

King of Israel, welcome to our hearts,
Here to reign in righteousness.
Oh, Ruler of the world, Ruler of our hearts,
Now ascend Your throne.
You are the King of kings,
Hosanna! (Refrain)

To Jerusalem, to the sons of man,
Riding on in gentle strength,
Oh come to save your own, come to give your life
The kingdom is at hand.
You are the King of kings
Hosanna!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:29-40

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Longest Mile* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Dave Householder

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Hosanna! Praise is Rising* Brown & Baloche
(The NewSong Band)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you,
We turn to you.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you,
We long for you.
And when we see you, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away!

Chorus
Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Come have Your way among us,
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus!

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new,
You make us new,
And when we see you, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away,
Washed away! (chorus)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Philippians 2:5b-11

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Charlie Weitekamp

Christ Jesus,
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 servant,
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 Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 200** *A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd* CHRISTIAN LOVE

A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd
had stripped the green trees bare,
and hailing Christ as king aloud,
waved branches in the air.

They laid their garments in the road
and spread his path with palms
and vows of lasting love bestowed
with royal hymns and psalms.

When day dimmed down to deepening dark
the crowd began to fade
till only trampled leaves and bark
were left from the parade.

Lest we be fooled because our hearts
have surged with passing praise,
remind us, God, as this week starts
where Christ has fixed his gaze.

Instead of palms, a winding sheet
will have to be unrolled,
a carpet much more fit to greet
the king a cross will hold.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* David German

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before you we present.
To you, before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you received their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O
good and gracious King!
All glory, laud and honor to you,
Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!