



**March 24, 2024  
Palm Sunday  
First Presbyterian Church  
Waterloo, IA**

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**Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo  
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**Silent Reflection** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

~Philippians 4:7

**Prelude**

*Hosanna!*  
Celebration Ringers

arr. Krug

**Greeting and Opening Sentences**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

**Song of Praise**

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

#196, *Hymnal*

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Call to Confession**

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response to Grace**

*"Gloria Patri"*

#581, *Hymnal*

**\*Passing The Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Life of the Church**

**Choir Anthem**

*"Hosanna to the King"*

arr. Larson

**Scripture Readings**

Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 47, NT)  
Matthew 6:25-33 (pg. 6, NT)

**Sermon** I Think God is Watching Out For Us Rev. Dave Feltman

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

~Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**\*Song of Response**

*"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

#683, *Hymnal*

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

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.

**Presentation of Our Offerings**

**Offertory**

*Elegy*

Ritter

**\*Doxology**

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#606, *Hymnal*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Song of Sending**

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

#450, *Hymnal*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. Pethel

**\* Please stand in body or spirit**

*The lay leader today is John Roderick*

*The pulpit flowers are provided by Amber Gilles, in loving memory of Dianne, Patty, and Rose Haley*

**Life of the Church**

**Please refer to Pastor Connection and insert.**

**First Church Staff**

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