



Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Luke 19:28-40 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Judy Smith, Judy & Bruce Schmoyer, Wendy & Henry Hershey, Lois Snyder

Ushers: Johnny Wood, Linda Keener, Phyllis Thompson, Joyce Shaffer, Rachel Reist

The white roses recognize and bear witness to the lives and memories of Mary Lou Stoner and Fred Engle

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 24)

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Lift up your heads, you mighty gates.

People: And be lifted up, you everlasting doors, so the king of glory may come in!

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty; he is the King of glory!

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

All: Hosanna in the highest!

* Processional Hymn #88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Proclaiming God's Word

Call To Confession

Will Massey

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Will Massey

Almighty God, we join voices in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you as our King; yet we have not followed your rule. We seek more to fulfill our own desires than to accomplish your will. We strive more to extend our influence than to seek your kingdom. Forgive us for saying one thing while living another. Help us by your Spirit to walk in the way of the cross, that we would love you with all our hearts, and our neighbors as ourselves.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon (Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b)

Will Massey

Leader: Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us. Thanks be to God! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Will Massey

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

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.

Presentation of Offering

Offertory

"On The Road to Jerusalem"

by Joseph M. Martin

*Doxology 592 (inclusive)

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.

*At this time, children through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Scripture Readings

Luke 19:28-40

Message

"Songs of Loudest Praise"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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.

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #90

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Choral Response

"On The Road to Jerusalem"

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON AND GUS BEAULIEU

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the sanctuary is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

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Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

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