



Central Presbyterian Church

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March 24, 2024
Palm/Passion Sunday
Holy Week Begins

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude *“Morning Has Broken”* Farjeon

Prayer of Preparation (for your personal use, during Prelude)

God Most High, gracious and glorious, blessed is the one who comes in Your name. Lead us now on the road to the cross. May we follow with faithfulness and joy, shouting hosanna in the highest heaven, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.

P: **Let all Israel repeat:** *“His faithful love endures forever.”*

L: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord.

P: **These gates lead to the presence of the Lord, and the godly enter there.**

L: I thank You for answering my prayer and giving me victory!

P: **The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.**

L: This is the Lord’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.

P: **This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

***Hymn** *“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”* **RED #134**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

L: We pray together.

P: **O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout “hosanna” as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want Him to come too close—not close enough to really see.**

L: And we pray together.

P: **O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted His entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail.**

L: And we pray together.

P: **O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with Him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear.**

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

Chancel Choir *“King Triumphant”*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Sermon

“The King is Coming!”

Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – *Good News Confession*

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

*Hymn “*Ride on! Ride On in Majesty*” RED #132

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn “*On a Hill Far Away*” RED #236

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher: Dan Stephenson

Liturgist: Ron Sanert

Choir Director: Rich Ford

Keyboard/Organist: Emma Lou Denton

Pianist: Rich Ford/Julia Territo

**Please stand, if able* CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon by Rev. Dr. Steven F. Plymale