



## *Palm Sunday Worship*

*March 24, 2024*

*Draw near to God  
for God is waiting for you*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

### **PRELUDE**

#### **DRAMATIC CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look, He's Coming! Verena Johnson  
Rachel Dell'Orefice Eloise Squillace Mary Young Braden Fullman Courtney Woolslayer

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and subdue them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming. In the name of the Lord. Amen.**

*\*HYMN #196* All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son whom in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One
2. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.
3. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee now high exalted, our melody we raise.
4. All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

**... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***\*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.**

***FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Mark 11:1-11

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #197*** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2. From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving,  
and changing clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

***SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Philippians 2:5-11

***SERMON*** Are You a Donkey?

***STATEMENT OF FAITH*** from A Brief Statement of Faith PCUSA

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

***OFFERTORY***

***\*DOXOLOGY***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

**What can we offer that you have not already offered us? What can we do that you have not already done for us? Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and serve you. In both your triumph and your suffering, you deserve our praise. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever you go. Amen.**

***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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.**

**\*HYMN #198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!**

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;  
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, MARCH 24, 2024**

**This week's carillon is in memory of Florence and Josephine Blumrick. Florence was the mother of Ed Blumrick. Josephine (Fuzzy) was Ed's wife, organist for many years here at the church and Courtney Woolslayer's grandmother.**



March 24:	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday worship.
March 27:	11:30 AM	Midweek Communion
March 29:	6:00 PM	Good Friday Worship.
March 31:	9:00 AM	Easter Potluck Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Easter Festival Worship
	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

**SIGN UP FOR EASTER BREAKFAST:** Put on your Easter Bonnet and join us for a Potluck Breakfast at 9:00 Easter Sunday. It is a great way to begin the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and new life offered to each of us – that's the best reason to celebrate!!! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

**SIGN UP FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Once again we will be combining the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday with a service on Friday, March 29 beginning at 6:00. We begin by observing Jesus' final meal with his disciples with our own meager meal of soup and bread. Help us to know how many to expect by signing up for this sacred observance in Fellowship Hall. After the meal, we will move to the sanctuary as we remember Jesus sacrifice on the cross.

**SIGN UP FOR FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** 6:00 – 7:30 PM. April 5<sup>th</sup> is our next Friday Night Fellowship. We will be joining our friends from Anchor Presbyterian Church. They will host: 980 Durham Rd, Newtown, PA 18940. The theme is *Pajama Night*. Wear your PJs and join the group for some spaghetti and meatballs. This is a potluck so bring a side or dessert that will go with spaghetti. Our mission is to collect new or used children and teen books that will be given to Philly Book Bank.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Canned Pasta Meals. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

**This week's calendar of events:**

<b>March 24</b>	10:00 am Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship 11:00 am Easter Choir Rehearsal 4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>March 25</b>	9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting on Zoom
<b>March 26</b>	7:00 pm Session Meeting In-Person
<b>March 27</b>	11:30 am Lenten Mid-week Communion Service 12:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
<b>March 29</b>	6:00 pm Good Friday Worship

**Elder of the month:** Maggie Rash  
**Ushers:** Mike Guarracino and Bill Wark

**Deacon of the month:** Louise Stemplewicz  
**Sunday School Teachers:** Kim King

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder, Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright. Sharon Ruth



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