

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 10, 2022 † 10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Edie Leland

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Sanctuary Choir

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Jim Sandberg, Yvonne Rees

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. AMEN.

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 196 (All Glory, Laud, and Honor)

Refrain: ***All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!***

Verse 1: ***Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.*** Refrain

Verse 2: ***The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.*** Refrain

Verse 3: ***To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*** Refrain

Verse 4: ***Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!*** Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE No. 227 (Jesus, Remember Me) (sung twice)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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◆ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God's steadfast love endures forever. There is no wall high or thick enough to separate us from the love of God. Jesus marched into Jerusalem to save us and save us, he will! Believe and now live the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

◆ RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 215 (What Wondrous Love Is This)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Matthew 21:1-11)

CHORAL ANTHEM ("Steal Away" arranged by Brian Tate)

MESSAGE ("Who is This?" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 197 (Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)

Verse 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.*

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

Verse 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.*

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in the Holy One who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen. We believe in Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb. We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT FOR MISSION ("Opportunities to Give in April" by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY ("Hosanna" by Brooke Fraser; Siena Hertafeld, vocalist) (Offerings can be mailed to the church office or made online by visiting our website: www.valleycommunity.org)

◆ DOXOLOGY

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.

◆ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 363 (Rejoice, the Lord Is King!)

Verse 1: *Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Verse 2: *Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Verse 3: *His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Verse 4: *Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come and gather all the saints to their eternal home. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC