

Worship Service Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jim West

Monday ~ Uplift Support Group meeting at the church at 3 pm.

Tuesday ~ Choir Practice at 7 pm at the church.

Wednesday ~ the Seeking God Together group will meet via zoom at 11 am.

Thursday ~ Maundy Thursday potluck meal and Communion beginning at 5:30 pm

Friday ~ Good Friday “*Journey to the Cross*” from noon to 3 pm.

Saturday ~ Mary and Martha breakfast, meeting, and preparing the flowers for the Easter cross beginning at 8:30 am.

Next Sunday ~ You can attend the Community Sunrise Service at the Dormy Grill at 6:30 am, the Easter Worship Service at 10:30 am or both.

Happy Birthday to Cathy Comar on Thursday!



Thank you to Jenny Sprague for the palms
in loving memory of her dad, Moe Thompson

Thank you to Lois Squires for flowers in memory of Nadine Hayes,
and to Bonnie Lincoln for flowers in memory of her mom, Betty Block.

Word of Preparation ~ Psalm 118: 26-27 (GNT)

May God bless the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!
From the Temple of the Lord, we bless you.
The Lord is God;
he has been good to us.
With branches in your hands,
start the festival
and march around the altar.

Prelude ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“Hosanna / Praise is Rising”

*Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You*

*Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for You*

*‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
(Washed away)*

Chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna!

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

*Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You*

*In Your Kingdom, broken lives are made new
You make us new*

*‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
(Washed away)*

Chorus

*‘Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away
(Washed away)*

Chorus

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

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Call to Worship ~ Psalm 2:1-12 (TPT) read by Jim West

Please join in reading the bold lines.

¹ How dare the nations plan a rebellion. Their foolish plots are futile!

**² Look at how the power brokers of the world
rise up to hold their summit as the rulers scheme and confer together
against Yahweh and his Anointed King, saying:**

³ “Let’s come together and break away from the Creator.
Once and for all, let’s cast off these controlling chains
of God and his Christ!”

**⁴ God-Enthroned merely laughs at them;
the Sovereign One mocks their madness!**

⁵ Then with the fierceness of his fiery anger,
he settles the issue and terrifies them to death with these words:

⁶ “I myself have poured out my King on Zion, my holy mountain.”

⁷ “I will reveal the eternal purpose of God.

For he has decreed over me, ‘You are my favored Son.

And as your Father, I have crowned you as my King Eternal.

Today I became your Father.

**⁸ Ask me to give you the nations, and I will do it,
and they shall become your legacy.**

Your domain will stretch to the ends of the earth.

⁹ And you will shepherd them with unlimited authority,
crushing their rebellion, as an iron rod smashes jars of clay!’ ”

**¹⁰ “Listen to me, all you rebel kings
and all you upstart judges of the earth.**

Learn your lesson while there’s still time.

¹¹ Serve and worship the awe-inspiring God.
Recognize his greatness and bow before him,
trembling with reverence in his presence.

**¹² Fall facedown before him and kiss the Son
before his anger is roused against you.**

Remember that his wrath can be quickly kindled!

**But many blessings are waiting for all
who turn aside to hide themselves in him!”**

Song ~ “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (#192 in the blue hymnal)

*All glory, laud, and honor, to you, Redeemer King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
You are a child of Israel, Great David’s greater son
You ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed one!*

*The company of angels are praising you on high
And we with all creation in chorus make reply
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present
To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.*

Words ~ Theodulph of Orleans c. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854
Music ~ Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

Lifting our Praises and Prayers to the Lord ~

Space for Prayer Requests and Praises

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

Choir Song ~ “Prepare the Palms of Praise”

Song ~ “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” (#191 in the blue hymnal)

*Ride on, ride on in majesty! As all the crowds hosanna cry
Through waving branches slowly ride, O Savior, to be crucified
Ride on, ride on, in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die
O Christ, your triumph now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin
Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice
Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest foe defy
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your power and reign*

Words ~ Henry H. Milman, 1827 Music ~ Adapt. From Robert Schumann, 1839

Sermon Introduction ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons

Scripture ~ Luke 19:28-44 (NIV) read by Jim West

- ²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead,
going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany
at the hill called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,
³⁰ “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.
³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’
say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”
³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.
³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,
“Why are you untying the colt?”
³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

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- ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt
and put Jesus on it.

- ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

- ³⁷ 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:

- ³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

- ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus,
“Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

- ⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

- ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it
⁴² and said,

- “If you, even you, had only known on this day
what would bring you peace—
but now it is hidden from your eyes.

- ⁴³ The days will come upon you
when your enemies will build an embankment against you
and encircle you and hem you in on every side.

- ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground,
you and the children within your walls.
They will not leave one stone on another,
because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

Message ~

“From Joy to Tears”

Question to Consider ~

Is Christ the Lord of your life?

Song ~ The worship team will lead us in singing

“King of Heaven”

*Jesus, let Your kingdom come here
Let Your will be done here, in us
Jesus, there is no one greater
You alone are Savior, show the world Your love*

Chorus

***King of heaven, come down
King of heaven, come now
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day
King of heaven, come
King of heaven, rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name
King of heaven, come
We are children of Your mercy
Rescued for Your glory
We cry Jesus, set our hearts towards You
That every eye would see You lifted high***

Chorus

*King of heaven, come ~ King of heaven, come ~
King of heaven, come ~ King of heaven, come*

Chorus

***King of heaven, come ~ King of heaven, come ~
King of heaven, come ~ King of heaven, come
King of heaven, come down
King of heaven, come now
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day
King of Heaven, come***

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Benediction ~ Philippians 2:5-11 (GNT)

⁵ Have the same attitude
that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Although he was in the form of God
and equal with God,
he did not take advantage of this equality.

⁷ Instead, he emptied himself
by taking on the form of a servant,
by becoming like other humans,
by having a human appearance.

⁸ He humbled himself
by becoming obedient
to the point of death,
death on a cross.

⁹ This is why God has given him
an exceptional honor—
the name honored above all other names—

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
everyone in heaven,
on earth,
and in the world below
will kneel

¹¹ and confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God
the Father.

Amen