



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018



Gathering as the Children of God *(in the Narthex)*

Rev. Susan Haynes

One: Let all creation shout!

All: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

One: He comes in humility to claim God's own.

All: May he claim us this day and heal our hearts!

One: Hosanna to the Son of David.

All: Hosanna to the blessed Son of God. Amen.

Today we enter the sanctuary waving palms reenacting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The procession marks the beginning of Holy Week as we begin the final stage of our Lenten journey.

Processional

"Towers"

by Cathy Moglebust

† Opening Hymn No. 88

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Ricardo Green

Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem—singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Green

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Response

"Glory Be to the Father"

(hymn no. 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. Amen.***

Prayer for Illumination

TJ Shirley

Scripture Lesson (186 NT)

Philippians 2:5-11

TJ Shirley

Anthem/Special Music

“Toccata: Ride on King Jesus from Cantata”
by John Carter; Kayla White, mezzo-soprano

*Ride on King Jesus, no man can-a hinder me...
He is King of Kings. He is Lord of Lords.
Jesus Christ, first and last, no man works like him.
King Jesus rides a milk white horse, no man works like him.
The river of Jordan he did cross, no man works like him.
Ride on King Jesus, no man can-a hinder me...*

Time with the Children

Rev. Haynes

See children’s options on back of bulletin

Scripture Lesson (100 NT)

John 12:12-16

Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Journeying With Jesus: Arrival

Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith**

from the Westminster Confession of Faith

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and humankind, the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of his Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.



† **Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Haynes

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

† **Hymn No. 91**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

The congregation is encouraged to continue to wave palms throughout the music of today’s service.

“African-American pianist and composer John Daniels Carter (1932-1981) is widely recognized for his Cantata for voice and piano (also arranged for voice and orchestra), Carter’s only published work. However, relatively little information has been published about Carter’s life, his compositional output, or career as a pianist.” – Casey Robards

Church Family Life

Rev. Haynes

Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row. If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.

Prayers of the People

TJ Shirley



Offering

Offertory

"Glory to the King"

by Kevin Stewart

† Response

The Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Green

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.

† Closing Hymn No. 89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response

"Amen"

(hymn no. 588)

† Postlude

"Improvisation"

by Nick Johns-Cooper

† Those who are able, please stand

A note about the palms today: The Presbyterian Church USA Enough for Everyone Program partners with Eco-Palms to bring us branches worthy of celebration. The palms are harvested sustainably and processed in the harvesting communities, ensuring more of the benefit goes to the workers and towns where the palms are grown. Last year, almost 1,200 PC(USA) congregations purchased Eco-Palms for Palm Sunday which aided the harvesters and their families.

Worship Enrichment. Worship Enrichment is led by Carrie Southard at the 11:00 service after the children's time. Children, K - 5th grade, are invited to join Carrie in the chapel for worship enrichment activities. The children will return to their parents during the Hymn following the "Passing of the Peace." Children 4 years and younger who opt to attend 11:00 worship until the children's time, will depart for childcare to Room 120 for the remainder of the service.



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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