

Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019



† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), arr. Marvin Gaspard

GATHERING

Procession of the Palms

Those who wish are invited to gather outside in the courtyard and when instructed, follow the choir and process around the courtyard and into the narthex and to your seats in the sanctuary while waving palms.

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

† Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Haynes

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

All: ***Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross.***

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

All: ***We fill the air with welcome to the Lord! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

† Hymn No. 91

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

† Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Mary Kilgore

*Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom,
yet we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation.*

*You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips,
but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness.*

*You beg us to learn the songs of salvation,
but we hum along with the chorus of death as it plays in the background of our lives.*

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness.

*As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness,
peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds.*

*May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you,
so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

† Assurance of Pardon Mary Kilgore
One: This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever!
All: *Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!*

† Response (#347) *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*
*v.1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord to pray.
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
v.4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.*

† Passing of the Peace Mary Kilgore
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Elizabeth Small

Scripture Lesson Luke 19:28-40 Elizabeth Small
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem/Special Music *"Gloria" from Gloria, RV 589* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Sermon *"Jesus Goes BIG"* Rev. Haynes

† Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed Rev. Haynes
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn (see insert in bulletin) *"One Day as Jesus Reached a Town"* FOREST GREEN CMD

Prayers of the People Elizabeth Small

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering Elizabeth Small
Offertory *"Trumpet Voluntary"* John Travers (1703-1758)

† Doxology (#592)

"Old Hundredth"

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

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Small

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.

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 89

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Congregational Response (#535)

"Go With Us, Lord"

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Go with us Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.*

† Postlude

"33 Portraits" Op. 101, No. 5

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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You are invited to bring cut flowers for the cross in the courtyard on Easter Sunday.





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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