

**Palm Sunday  
April 10, 2022**

**Gathering  
*God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**                      *What Wondrous Hope*  
                                    *Orchestra*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)                      *Celia Weber*

King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.  
**Hail! King Jesus, King of all!**  
Recall the words of the Scriptures: "A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.  
So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'"  
**In praise we adore you, King Jesus.**  
**Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.**

 **Invocation**                      *Celia Weber*

Merciful God,  
as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,  
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,  
to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ  
so that, united with Christ and all the faithful,  
we may one day enter in triumph  
the city not made by human hands,  
the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens,  
where with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Christ lives in glory forever. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 174**                      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

**Confessing**  
***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Prayer of Confession**

*Celia Weber*

Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we also acknowledge our Failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king, friendly companion, or problem-solver, failing to see him as the ruler of all creation. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross, failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Celia Weber*

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:  
Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures for ever."  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.  
I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!  
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

**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.  
A-men, A-men.*

**Cantata**

***"What Wondrous Hope"***  
*written by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson.*

*Speak, O Lord*

*Come, Ye Seekers!*

*Soloist, Greg Mauer*

*Home—The Arms of God*

*Soloist, Robin Miller*

*Hosanna*

*Soloist, Dan Baker*

### Offering

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven and our giving pleases God.

### **Offering**

**Offertory**                      *On Wings of Song*                      Mendelssohn  
   *Piano—Thomas Alberici*

### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

### **Prayer of Dedication (Responsively)**

Ever-giving God, source of all goodness and charity,  
your ear is always open to our needs.

**When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us.**

With joy we bring our thanksgiving.

**For all your mercies, we return to you from our abundance.**

All that we give, we dedicate to your glory.

**All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Bless what we give and what we keep, for all is your creation. Amen.**

### Proclaiming

***God speaks to us through His Word***

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**                      *Matthew 21:1-11*

**21** When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus then sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you. At once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them at once."

<sup>4</sup> This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

<sup>5</sup> Tell Daughter Zion, "See, your King is coming to you,  
gentle, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt,  
the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their clothes on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their clothes on the road;

others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of him and those who followed shouted:

***Hosanna*** to the Son of David!  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
***Hosanna*** in the highest heaven!

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” <sup>11</sup> **The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

**Sermon**

*“Hosanna in the Highest”*  
Rev. Tim Latham

**Responding**  
***We respond to God’s Word***



**Hymn 173**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*



**Profession of Faith**

I believe that God,  
because of Christ’s satisfaction,  
will no longer remember  
any of my sins  
or my sinful nature  
which I need to struggle against all my life.  
Rather, by grace  
God grants me the righteousness of Christ  
to free me forever from judgment.

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***



**Benediction & Blessing**

*This morning’s Prayer Partners are*  
*Linda Gyrath and Jim Fox*



**Postlude**

*The Gates of Jerusalem*

*Paxton*