



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship March 24, 2024 9:30am
Palm Sunday



Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Breathe”

by Marie Barnett

All

This is the air I breathe ~ this is the air I breathe ~ Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread. ~ this is my daily bread.~ Your very word spoken to me.

And I ~ I’m desp’rate for you. And I ~ I’m lost without you.

Repeat all

This is the air I breathe ~ this is the air I breathe.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Bures

SONG TO PRAISE

“Loud Hosanna”

by Elizabeth Charles

Joy! Singers (4s – 1st graders)

Emily Hussey & Hilary Schmidt, co-directors and Caitlin Hussey, assistant

Singers: Rowan Cabe, Brody Frye, Henry Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Nathan Hearn, Sophia Hearn, Aidan Hussey, Evie Schmidt, Bristol Sellers, Magnolia Sellers, & Zoey Wetzig

Hosanna, loud hosanna, sing a song of praise. Hosanna, loud hosanna, on this happy day.

Hosanna, loud hosanna, lift your voice and sing. Hosanna, loud hosanna, Jesus is the King.

Wave your branches, wave them high. Wave your branches, Jesus is passing by!

Hosanna, loud hosanna, sing a song of praise. Hosanna, loud hosanna, on this happy day.

Hosanna, loud hosanna, lift your voice and sing. Hosanna, loud hosanna, Jesus is the King!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***PROCESSIONAL SONG**

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

by Baloché & Brown

Praise Team/All

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**'Cause when we see you, we find strength to face the day;
In your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.**

**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. Hosanna – Hosanna!**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

“Celebrate the King”

by Cindy Berry

Celebration! Choir (2nd – 6th graders) – Pam Smith Kelly, director

Lara Schesser, assistant director – Angela Krug, accompanist

Singers: Xander Circo, Abel Frye, Kamden Frye, Melo Golston-Circo, Nini Golston-Circo,

Kate Haaf, Mallory Hearn-Soloist, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, James Schmidt,

Max Soule, Ethan Stromberg, Grant Stromberg, & Harrison Stromberg

Soloist/ALL: Celebrate! Celebrate the King! Lift your voice; let loud hosannas ring.

Sing hosanna, praise his name. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (Repeat)

Who is this King who rides on a donkey, entering Jerusalem today?

See the crowds before him. Lay the palms before him as joyful crowds line the way.

Celebrate! Celebrate the King! Lift your voice; let loud hosannas ring.

Sing hosanna, praise his name. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (Repeat)

Celebrate! Celebrate the King!

(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children, and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathy Bures

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, it seemed like a fun idea. Walk the road with Jesus, we thought. But the journey has had many difficult times, and our spirits have been challenged and tested. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful; for you to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. We want you to do what we direct. Forgive us, Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. When we mistake our will for your will. Help us to let go of our desire to control things. Release us from our fear and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*SONG OF PEACE

“Goodness of Jesus”

by City Alight Music

All

The Goodness of Jesus

(as published by City Alight Music)

Words and Music by

Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren,
Jaywan Maxell, Jonny Robinson and Rich Tompson

INTRO

$\text{♩} = 70$ C F2/A C G/C F2/A

VERSE

C G/C F2

1. Come you wea - ry heart now to Je - sus.
2. Come find what this world can - not of - fer.
3. Come and find your hope now in Je - sus.

7 C G/C F2 Am Am2/G C/E F

Come you an - xious soul now and see. There is per - fect love and com - fort in your tears.
Come and find your joy here com - plete. Taste the liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er thirst a - gain.
He is all He said He would be. Grace is o - ver - flow - ing from the Sav - iour's heart.

CHORUS

11 C/G G Csus C F C G F Am

Rest here in His won - drous peace. Oh the good - ness, the good - ness of Je - sus. Sat - is - fied, He is all that I
Rest here in His won - drous peace.
Rest here in His won - drous grace.

Gsus G Am F C/E F C/G G(4) C

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need. May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days in the good - ness of Je - sus.

(1) 2,3

21 F2/A C/G G(4) C F2/A C G/C F2/A

good - ness of Je - sus.

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Rick Randolph

(Good News Testament)

Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good,
and his love is eternal.
Let the people of Israel say,
“His love is eternal.”
Open to me the gates of the Temple;
I will go in and give thanks to the LORD!
This is the gate of the LORD;
only the righteous can come in.
I praise you, LORD, because you heard me,
because you have given me victory.
The stone which the builders rejected as worthless
turned out to be the most important of all.
This was done by the LORD;
what a wonderful sight it is!
This is the day of the LORD's victory;
let us be happy, let us celebrate!
Save us, LORD, save us!
Give us success, O LORD!
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.
You are my God, and I give you thanks;
I will proclaim your greatness.
Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good,
and his love is eternal.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Give Us Your Heart”

by Merritt, Tierce, Richards

Praise Team

& The Emerging Sound

*Your eyes are on the lowly though others look away.
Your feet run to the broken. Your hands are quick to save.
Make us like you, Lord.
You walk with the forgotten and offer them a home.
Adopting the unwanted and calling them your own.
Make us like you, Lord.*

*O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
Let the light of heaven shine as we step into the dark.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
All to see your kingdom come and death depart.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.*

*Let justice flow like a river in the desert.
Let the nations know that you will reign forever.
As the earth beholds the glory of the savior. Let justice flow.*

*O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
Let the light of heaven shine as we step into the dark.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.
All to see your kingdom come and death depart.
O give us your heart~ O give us your heart.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:12–16

(Good News Testament)

The next day the large crowd that had come to the Passover Festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the King of Israel!”

Jesus found a donkey and rode on it, just as the scripture says, “Do not be afraid, city of Zion! Here comes your king, riding on a young donkey.”

His disciples did not understand this at the time; but when Jesus had been raised to glory, they remembered that the scripture said this about him and that they had done this for him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Expecting the Unexpected”

Kathy Bures

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Common Text*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“Jesus There’s No One Like You”

by Sovereign Grace

Carrie DeVries

*There is no song we could sing to honor the weight of your glory.
There are no words we could speak to capture the depth of your beauty.
Jesus, there’s no one like you; Jesus, we love you, ever adore you.
There’s no one like you; Jesus we love you, ever adore you, Lord.*

*There is no sinner beyond the infinite stretch of your mercy.
How can we thank you enough for how you have loved us completely?
Jesus, there’s no one like you; Jesus, we love you, ever adore you.
There’s no one like you; Jesus we love you, ever adore you, Lord.*

*All we have, all we need, all we want is you.
Jesus, there’s no one like you; Jesus, we love you, ever adore you.
There’s no one like you; Jesus we love you, ever adore you, Lord.*

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Kathy Bures

*SONG TO SEND

“May the Peoples Praise You”

by Getty, Getty, Townend,
Cash & Zimmer

All

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!
All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

**Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, Holy, is the Lord Almighty,
All creation praise your glorious name.**

**May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad!
All your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of Jesus.**

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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