



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship April 10, 2022 9:30am
Palm Sunday

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Carrie DeVries, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

ONE: Honor, praise, and glory.

ALL: Honor, praise, and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ONE: In celebration, we join the crowds of old,

ALL: waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.

ONE: Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn't end here.

ALL: We know the pain of what lies ahead.

ONE: Today anticipates the rest of the story—

ALL: a story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.

*SONGS TO PRAISE & PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

“Standin’ in the Need of Prayer”

as sung by Seth & Nirva

ALL: It's me, it's me, it's me Oh Lord~ standin' in the need of prayer!

It's me, it's me, it's me Oh Lord~ standin' in the need of prayer!

ONE: For all of the people; all the upheaval; the hurt and the broken everywhere
 For all the injustice; the fighting among us;
 the pain and the hatred everywhere
 Peace like a river flowing forever — flood every heart come fill this world
 Joy like a fountain move every mountain
 I fall on my knees look heavenward

**ALL: It's me, it's me, it's me Oh Lord~ standin' in the need of prayer!
 It's me, it's me, it's me Oh Lord~ standin' in the need of prayer!**

ONE: My lord is calling – I'm crossing the Jordan –
 believin' I'll see the promised land
 Chains will be broken on streets that are golden —
 we'll overcome and we will stand - Oh lord I know you see...

**ALL: It's me, it's me, it's me Oh Lord~ standin' in the need of prayer!
 It's me, it's me, it's me Oh Lord~ standin' in the need of prayer! (Repeat)**

CHILDREN'S GIFT OF SONG

"Here Comes Jesus"

by Carol Huffman Dickerson

Joy! – Emily Hussey, director

*Abel Frye, Camden Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Aidan Hussey,
 Evie Schmidt, Magnolia Sellers, and Grant Stromberg*

Here comes Jesus riding on a donkey, riding on a donkey passing by.
 Clip clop clip clop, riding on a donkey through Jerusalem.
 Lift your praises high. Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus is the King.
 Hosanna, hosanna, wave your palms and sing.

"A Joyful Hosanna"

by Becki Slagle Mayo

Pam Kelly, director – Lara Schesser, assistant director

Angela Krug, accompanist – Cate Hussey & James Schmidt, soloists

*Xander Circo, Melo Golston, Nini Golston, Mallory Hearn, Cate Hussey, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug,
 Morgan Krug, Conor Schesser, James Schmidt, Max Soule, Ethan Stromberg, and Harrison Stromberg*

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

Riding on a donkey, behold our Lord and King. Shout your loud hosannas; lift up your voice and sing!

Riding on a donkey, the King is passing by. Shout your loud hosannas and raise your branches high!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Compassionate God, 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 Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem—
singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams.
It is far more difficult to stand by Jesus as the crowd cries for his crucifixion.
Forgive our weakness when we turn away.
Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive Jesus’ suffering and death,
that we might stay beside him to the end.
Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: Christ is the source of our joy and gladness.
May the peace and love of Christ be with you.
ALL: **And also with you and all others!**

Equipping

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19–29 (Common English Bible)

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.
Let Israel say it: “God’s faithful love lasts forever!”
Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the Lord!
This is the Lord’s gate; those who are righteous enter through it.
I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.
The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!
This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!
This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!
Lord, please save us! Lord, please let us succeed!
The one who enters in the Lord’s name is blessed; we bless all of you from the Lord’s house.
The Lord is God! He has shined a light on us!
So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar.
You are my God — I will give thanks to you! You are my God — I will lift you up high!
Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

SONG TO REFLECT

“Hold On”

African American Spiritual

PraiseTeam

Noah, Noah let me come in~Doors all fastened and the windows pinned
Keep your hand on that plough, hold on.
Noa said: “You done lost your track. Can’t plow straight and keep a-lookin back”
Keep your hand on that plough and hold on.
Hold on — Hold on! Keep your hand on that plough and hold on. Repeat

Mary had a gold chain, every link spelt with Jesus' name.
Keep your hand on that plough and hold on.
All that chain had never been tied, every round goes higher and higher.
Keep your hand on that plough and hold on.

Hold on — Hold on! Keep your hand on that plough and hold on.

If you wanna get to Heaven, now I'll tell you how~ Keep your hand on the Gospel plough.
Keep your hand on that plough, just hold on.
All that chain had never been tied, every round goes higher and higher.
Keep your hand on that plough and hold on.

Hold on — Hold on! Keep your hand on that plough and hold on.

GOSPEL LESSON (*video*)

Luke 19:28–40

(New International Version)

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them.

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

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:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A New Hope"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ed & Christine Caseres, Doug Faught

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

Jubilee Song

"Ride On, King Jesus"

ALL: Ride On, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No one can a-hinder me!

Praise Team: I was but young when I begun

ALL: No one can a-hinder me!

PT: But now my race is almost done.

ALL: No one can a-hinder me!

ALL: Ride On, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No one can a-hinder me!

Praise Team: King Jesus rides on a mild white horse,

ALL: No one hinders me!

PT: The river of Jordan he did cross

ALL: No one hinders me!

ALL: Ride On, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No one can a-hinder me!

Praise Team: If you want to find your way to God,

ALL: No one hinders me!

PT: The gospel highway must be trod!

ALL: No one hinders me!

ALL: Ride On, King Jesus, no one can a-hinder me!
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No one can a-hinder me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

*SONG TO SEND

“Ride On, King Jesus” reprise

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can a-hinder me.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on.

No man can a-hinder me,
no man can a-hinder me,

no man can a-hinder me,
no man can a-hinder me.
**In that great gettin' up morning,
fare ye well, fare ye well.**
**In that great gettin' up morning,
fare ye well, fare ye well.**
**No man can a-hinder me,
no man can a-hinder me,
no man can a-hinder me.**
Ride on, King Jesus.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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