



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship April 2, 2023 9:30am
Palm Sunday



Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“Salt & Light”

by Lauren Daigle

PraiseTeam/**ALL**

Oh, the beauty of the King. You make righteous those who seek.

You have written and redeemed my story.

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around. Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name.

Let my life be a song, revealing who You are, for You are salt and light.

Oh, the love that set me free. You bring hope to those in need.

You have written and redeemed my story.

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around. Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name.

Let my life be a song, revealing who You are, for You are salt and light.

You are love’s great height. You are deep and wide, a consuming fire. (2x)

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around. Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name.

Let my life be a song, revealing who You are, for You are salt and light.

WELCOME

Rev. Sue Trigger

SINGING OUR PRAISES

“Wave Your Palms High”

by IsaBeall Hudson

Joy! Singers (*4s – 1st graders*)

Emily Hussey, director – Hilary Schmidt, assistant director

Singers: Rowan Cabe, Abel Frye, Henry Frye, Kamden Frye,
Charlotte Hearn, Nathan Hearn, Sophia Hearn, Aidan Hussey,
Evelyn Schmidt, Magnolia Sellers, & Grant Stromberg

*Jesus comes riding into the town. Wave your palms high as he rides by!
People are coming from all around, singing their praise, this happy day.
Hosanna, hosanna! Hear the glad song the children sing!
Hosanna, hosanna! Sing praises to the King!*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*video*)

*PROCESSIONAL SONG “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” by Paul Baloche
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.
(Repeat)**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN “Hosanna!” by Lynn Russell

Celebration! Choir (*2nd – 5th graders*) – Pam Smith Kelly, director
Lara Schesser, assistant director – Angela Krug, accompanist
Singers: Melo Golston-Circo, Nini Golston-Circo, Xander Circo, Mallory Hearn,
Caitlin Hussey, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, James Schmidt,
Max Soule, Ethan Stromberg, & Harrison Stromberg

*Hosanna, hosanna, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia! Christ the King comes riding by! Alleluia! Palms and praises fill the sky!
Hosanna, hosanna, O blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

(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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(video)*

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

“Simple Kingdom”

recorded by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

All

Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love.

You welcomed the children, You stopped for the one.

We want to see people the way Jesus does.

Your kingdom is simple, Lord, teach it to us.

Hallelujah, hallowed be Your name, may we live and breathe Your praise.

Hallelujah, let all creation say, “Oh, the King of heaven reigns.”

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (NRSVUE)

Kevin Johnson

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

“No Outsiders”

by Rend Collective

Praise Team

*You are a refuge. You have no borders. When I was a stranger knocking at Your door,
You took me in.
With no questions and no conditions, when I was a sinner, running from Your grace,
You called me friend.*

*There are no outsiders to Your love. We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders. I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

*You are the harbor in ev'ry tempest. When my soul was shipwrecked, tossed upon the waves,
You calmed the storm.
You are the Father; there are no orphans. Ev'ry tribe and nation gathered in Your arms
sings with one voice.*

*There are no outsiders to Your love. We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders. I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

*I was tired, I was poor. I was thrown upon Your shores.
I was homeless and afraid 'til I heard You call my name.
And now I'm ransomed, I'm restored. Resurrected, I am Yours.
I am loved, yes, I belong. Oh, my soul has found its home.*

*There are no outsiders to Your love. We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord, your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders. I'm not an outsider to Your love.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON *(video)*

Matthew 21:1–11

(paraphrase)

As they neared Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples, saying, "Go to the village up ahead. There you will find a young donkey, untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks why, tell them the Lord needs it." The disciples did what Jesus asked and brought the donkey to him. They placed their cloaks on it for Jesus to sit on and a large crowd came out to meet him. They spread palm branches on the road, and shouted, "Hosanna to the son of David! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the king of Israel! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" As they entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and they asked the crowd, "Who is this?" The crowd answered, "He is Jesus."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"A Fresh Look Through Old Eyes"

Rev. Sue Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

SONG FOR GIVING

“Gratitude”

by Nicole Nordeman

Carrie DeVries

*Send some rain, would You send some rain? 'Cause the earth is dry and needs to drink again
and the sun is high and we are sinking in the shade.*

*Would You send a cloud, thunder long and loud, let the sky grow black and send some mercy down?
Surely You can see that we are thirsty and afraid.*

*But maybe not, not today; maybe You'll provide in other ways. And if that's the case,
we'll give thanks to You with gratitude for lessons learned in how to thirst for You;
how the bless the very sun that warms our face if you never send us rain.*

*Daily bread, give us daily bread. Bless our bodies; keep our children fed. Fill our cups, then fill them up
again tonight. Wrap us up and warm us through, tucked away beneath our sturdy roofs.
Let us slumber, safe from danger's view this time.*

*Or maybe not, not today; maybe You'll provide in other ways. And if that's the case,
we'll give thanks to You with gratitude. A lesson learned; to hunger after You,
that a starry sky offers a better view if no roof is overhead, and if we never taste that bread.*

*Oh, the differences that often are between ev'rything we want and what we really need.
So, grant us peace, Jesus, grant us peace.
Move our hearts to hear a single beat between alibis and enemies tonight.*

*Or maybe not, not today. Peace might be another world away, and if that's the case,
we'll give thanks to You with gratitude for lessons learned in how to trust in You,
that we are blessed beyond what we could ever dream in abundance or in need.
And if You never grant us peace,
But, Jesus, would You, please?*

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SONG TO SEND

“Beneath the Cross”

by Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty

All

Beneath The Cross

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Kristyn Getty

♩ = 76 VERSE

G/A D Em⁷ D/F# G Em⁷ D/A Bm⁷



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I _____ find a place to
 (2. Be) - neath the cross of Je - sus, His _____ fam - 'ly is my
 (3. Be) - neath the cross of Je - sus, the _____ path be - fore the

4 Em⁷ Em⁷/A D Em⁷ D/F# G Em⁷ D/A A^{7sus} A⁷



stand; And _____ won - der at such mer - cy, that _____ calls me as I
 own. Once _____ stran - gers chas - ing self - ish _____ dreams, now _____ one, through grace a -
 crown, we _____ fol - low in His foot - steps, where _____ prom - ised hope is

8 D D/F# G A/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷



am. For _____ hands that should dis - card me, hold _____ wounds which tell me,
 - lone. How _____ could I now dis - hon - or the _____ ones that You have
 found. How _____ great the joy be - fore us - To _____ be His per - fect

12 A^{7sus} A G/A D Em⁷ D/F# G Em⁷



"Come." _____ Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, my un -
 loved? _____ Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, see the
 bride. _____ Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, We will

15 D/A A^{7sus} A⁷ 1, 2. 3.

D D/F# A/G G/A D



- wor - thy soul is won. 2. Be - lives.
 chil - dren called by God. 3. Be -
 glad - ly live our

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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