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March 24, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Palm Sunday
A Mt. Zion Lenten Road Trip
Guided to the Cross: Curves Ahead

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hosanna to the King

by Clarke

CALL TO WORSHIP^{1,2}

L: The prophet Jeremiah calls forth to the generations:

C: Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the road that you take. There are curves ahead—but we cannot proceed with caution. Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!

L: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

C: There are curves ahead—but we cannot proceed with caution. Hosanna! Hosanna to the King!

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**C: There are curves ahead—but we cannot proceed with caution. Hosanna!
Hosanna to the King!**

L: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

**C: There are curves ahead—but we cannot proceed with caution. Hosanna!
Hosanna to the King!**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us. He is the King of Glory! So, together let us pray:

**C: God of the cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
You are not the savior we expect. Your power doesn't look like the power we want
our God to have. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the
crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you on this Road Trip
through the curving, winding, roads ahead this Holy Week: into the temple courts,
into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, to the high priest's house, to
the assembly of elders, to Pilate, to Herod, to the place of The Skull, to the foot of
the cross. We need you to go with us on this journey. Grant us clear vision,
Courageous hearts, Persistent steps. Even though we know what this week will
bring, we cannot proceed with caution: Hosanna! Hosanna to the King! Save us, we
beseech you! Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 213 NCH (black hymnal, see next page)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The score consists of four systems of music, each with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - sa - na," the lit - tle chil - dren; 2. From O - li - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing; 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is; sang; through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them; crowd, the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant ing clear and; ours. We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our; rang; To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast, the; loud. The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state, and; powers: "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice. Ho -; chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim plest and the best.; glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.; - san - na! in your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!

*TIME OF CONFESSION³

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Ever constant Love,

C: mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom and invite us to travel with you. But 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 death 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The road God travels never looks like what we expect or what we deserve. Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever and this day you are forgiven!

**C: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!
Amen.**

ACT OF PRAISE (see below)

As We Walk the Road Before Us

As We Walk the Road Before Us

Carol Geisler

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. As we walk the road be - fore us, see each sign a -
2. Fa-ther, lead us to re - pen-tance, teach us from our

4
- long the way. Mark-ing out the steps of Je - sus that we fol - low
sins to turn. In our Sav-ior's steps to fol-low, His hu-mil - i -

8
day by day. Know - ing where the road will take him,
- ty to learn. In your mer - cy grant for - give - ness,

11
Je - sus Christ the sin - ner's friend. Faith - ful to his
lift us up from guilt and shame. Make us each a

14
Fa - ther's prom - ise, fol - lows His path to the end.
new cre - a - tion, now re - stored in Je - sus' name.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

(10:30 AM) **HOLY DINGALINGS**

The Old Rugged Cross

Traditional

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NRSV)

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NCH NO. 215 (black hymnal, see below)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orleans

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Piano ♩ = 80

1. All glo - ry laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we
 2. O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da-vid's roy - al
 3. As you re-ceived their praise - es, re - ceive our prayers to -

5
 sing, to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas
 line, the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di -
 - day, whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereignty hold

9
 ring! The peo-ple of the He brews with palms a - dorned your way; our
 - vine, To you, be-fore your pas sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
 sway All glo-ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing, to

14
 praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

Sing Hosanna

by Jothen

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Testimony

by Pace

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 448 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 4)

Take My Life God, Let It Be

ALL SING: Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee. Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 215 NCH** (see next page)

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty



Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

Henry H. Milman, 1827

John B. Dykes, 1862

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Piano



1. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! O
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! As
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! Ride
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj - es-ty! For

4



Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty, On
crowds of peo - ple come to see And
on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty; Be -
you have set your peo - ple free And

6



low - ly colt, your road pur - sue, as
shout ho - san - nas, lif - ting high their
- hold the ones you came to save from
we, re - mem - bering all your pain, now

8



palms and cloaks are spread for you.
praise for one a - bout to die.
sense - less life and end - less grave.
meet a - gain to hail your reign.

***BENEDICTION**⁴

POSTLUDE

The Palms

by Faure

References

¹The Call to Worship and Time of Confession is adapted from the writings of by Thom Shuman, and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog. And accessed for worship 3/18/24.

²The prayer of the day is posted on Joanna Harader on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/> and accessed on 3/19/24.

³The Act of Confession is adapted from the writings of Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/> and accessed on 3/4/24.

⁴The sending is adapted from the writings of Cheryl Lawrie and posted on [hold this space]. <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8:00 AM Welcome Team Members—Nancy & Barry Schwartz

8:00 AM Tech Team— Denny Daugherty & Dave Firestone

8:00 AM Liturgist—Tama Allison

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Les & Doris Loucks, Scott Kiefer, and Nancy & Jeff Sleeper

10:30 AM Tech Team—Denny Daugherty, George DeMers, Ron Miles

10:30 AM Liturgist—Jen Miller

10:30 AM Worship Choir— Andrea Adams, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Barb Neff, Carol Hartman, Norma Hull, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Paula Strayer