



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE Linda Dover
If you would like to participate in the Parade of Palms during the Hymn, please gather in the Concourse with your palms.

THE LIGHT ENTERS Nadine Peck

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Fred Holbrook
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

*HYMN 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE
(The children are invited to come forward on the final stanza.)

COME AS A CHILD
(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship service. Greeters will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary and go to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up children when worship is over.)

Sing 199 "Filled with Excitement" HOSANNA

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*
Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: God's love has entered our world through the triumphant love of Christ Jesus our Lord. Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 264 "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

Equipping People to Develop and Share a Faith That Works in Real Life

SUNG HALLELUJAHS "Listen to the People Singing" by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir – Hunter Lillian, tambourine
*Listen to the people join in singing, "halle, sing hallelujah."
Come and rejoice in the song they're bringing, "halle, sing hallelujah."
Praise in joyful celebration. Raise your voices in song.
Shout to the rock of our salvation. Sing your praise to the Lord.
Praise the Lord, come praise the Lord!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Sophie Shaw

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11
(Old Testament, Page 197)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11
(New Testament, Page 23)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Who Is This?" Fred Holbrook

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

*HYMN 196 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

THE LIGHT DEPARTS Nadine Peck

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE SENDING *(seated)* "Come with Me" Music by Patti Drennan
Chancel Choir - David Sutherland, soloist
The Call of Christ
*Come with Me to the sea of Galilee; come with Me, come apart with Me.
Come with Me, leave the multitude; come with Me to a place of solitude.
Come with Me, watch and pray. Come with Me for soon I go;
but I will leave My spirit to guide and comfort you, and I will come again for you.
Come with me to Gethsemane; come with Me, come and pray with Me.
Come with Me as I am betrayed; come with Me, see My father's will obeyed.
Come with Me, come to Calvary; come with Me as I do my Father's will.
Come with Me, see Me lifted up; Come with Me as I drink death's cup.
Come with Me, watch and pray. Come with Me for soon I go;
but I will leave My spirit to guide and comfort you, and I will come again for you.*

**If convenient/able, please stand.*

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