

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you,
please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader **Bold: Congregation** *Asterisk: Please stand if able

Corrie ten Boom was once asked if it were difficult for her to remain humble. Her reply was simple. “When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road, and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?” She continued, “If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honor.”
-Mark Schaeufele, in *A Messiah Who Serves*.

✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD ✝

Welcome & Announcements

Introit (11:00) Come, Let Us Adore Him anonymous, from *The Hymnal* (1874)

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 118)
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation.
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!
The Lord is God, and God has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches.
God’s steadfast love endures for ever. Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

*Processional Hymn: #197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

*Prayer of Confession:
Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. The first Palm Sunday, crowds shouted, “Hosanna: Save us now!” On Good Friday they shouted, “Crucify!” We have been influenced by the voices of others. We may have shouted out at both events. We confess our shallow and hesitant commitment. Forgive us. Forgive our faltering and floundering discipleship. We confess that we are easily influenced, taking the easy way, seeking to be accepted. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow the way of obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*The Gloria Patri

music: Henry Greatorex (1813–1858)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost, as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-17 *Pew Bible p.1081-1082*
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message for Young Disciples Vickie Fischer

Choral Anthem (11:00) *Acclamations for Palm Sunday* Kevin Dill (2014)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11 *Pew Bible p.27-28*

Sermon: HOSANNA! *Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll*

✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Offertory Interlude *Adagio in A minor* J.S. Bach (Germany, 1685-1750)

*Hymn: #711 Lord of All Good TOULON

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

✚ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✚

*Closing Hymn: Once Was Heard the Song of Children MADELEINE

Howard Kingsbury, 1840

Donna Kasbohm, 1995

1 Once was heard the song of child - ren by the Sav - ior when on earth,
2 Palms of vic - tory spread a - round him, gar - ments placed be - neath his feet,
3 God of all, in glo - ry reign - ing, we this day thy prais - es sing,

joy - ful in the sac - red tem - ple shouts of youth - ful praise had birth;
proph - et of the Lord they crowned him in the ci - ty's crowd - ed street;
not with palms thy path - way strew - ing: we would loft - ier trib - ute bring,

and Ho - san - nas, and Ho - san - nas loud to Dav - id's Son broke forth.
while Ho - san - nas, while Ho - san - nas child - ren sang in ac - cents sweet.
glad Ho - san - nas, glad Ho - san - nas to our proph - et, priest, and King.

*Benediction

Postlude: *Ride on in Majesty* Alfred Rawlings (England, 1860-1924)



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