



Pacific Beach

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP *PALM SUNDAY*

APRIL 2, 2023 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Prelude

Greeting

Introit

Video Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Shannon Petersen

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

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

One: 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.

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

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

*Opening Hymn #278

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

Call to Confession

Shannon Petersen

Prayer of Confession *Featuring Matthew 21:1-11, NIV.*

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One: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey

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tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

All: God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.

One: This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

All: God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.

One: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

All: Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

One: The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

All: Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”

One: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

All: With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God’s call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: Nothing can separate us from God’s love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #3014

“You Are Good” *Sing twice*

Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever.

Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation:

We worship you, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We worship you for who you are!

We worship you, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We worship you for who you are,

And you are good!

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time

Message: “Upon This Rock” cantata

Diane Nelson
Voices of Praise

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars. We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power. We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another. We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day. That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit...Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Following Communion

Solo

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

*Benediction

One: Go into the world in peace, renewed and strengthened by Gods Spirit.

All: We go to serve in the name of Christ. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

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Going Forth in Silence



Thank you for worshipping with PBUMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. **All** are welcome at PBUMC!

Today's altar flowers are given by Bill Easter, in honor and memory of Steve Whelchel and the ninth anniversary of Steve's entering heaven.

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April Memory Verse

God, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of God's hands. God and I are one. John 10:29-30

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