PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP APRIL 13, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting Introit Welcome

Call to Worship Christina Boyd

One: On this day, Jesus marched

All: in between the city walls and the Temple, in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers, in between oppressive poverty and greedy power, in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

One: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

All: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

One: Hosanna in the highest! All: Hosanna in between!

*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 Pastor Lori

Prayer of Confession Congregation

Leader: Great Creator, forgive me

People: when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words.

Leader: Creator God, forgive me

People: when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.

Leader: Creator God, forgive me

People: when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me.

Leader: Create in me a heart like yours.

People: Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice, God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ #277

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" Vs 1, 3

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;

Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:

Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,

Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; One of his heralds, yes, I would sing Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Tami Johnson

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Luke 19:29-40

Message: Everything In Between: Shouting and Silence Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that many years ago a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem. We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and praying for a better world. We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope, and we believe that hope cannot be silenced. So we listen for the Spirit. We sing Hosanna. We pay attention. For in between the silence and the song, we believe the Spirit is speaking. Amen.

Song of Prayer

"O Living Breath of God"

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*Doxology

Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God of life. Christ, we adore you and thank you, Compassion of God, our light. Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above. Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing! Alleluia! Bless the God of love!

*Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, O God, for your generous Spirit. We praise you for Christ's gift of self, and your never-failing love. For your many gifts, we thank you. For walking with us in our weakness, we praise you. Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love you offer us—a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #172

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" Vs 1, 2

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; For thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Benediction

As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle. May you know that the world is bigger than two sides. May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone. God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between. Believe that good news, and go in peace.

*On Eagle's Wings #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of God's hand. Assisting in Worship Today Worship Leader: Christina Boyd

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