



Worship for the Lord's Day  
Palm Sunday Service  
March 24, 2024  
8:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please pass & sign the red friendship folders with attendance pads found on the pews.)*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** (Hymn No. 1 vs. 1)

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Rev. 4:8-11

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 118)*

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**Congregation: The LORD is God, and God Has given us light.**

Leader: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.**

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Please stand if able.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, and see ourselves as pure, when stained, great, when small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive us. Return us to Your path. Return us to Your work.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

While we know we will never be perfect, we must remember that our God is a God of infinite second chances. Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose for us. Jesus lives in power for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### **THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**Leader:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another with words and signs of peace.)*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn No. 581)

## **LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” <sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“Irony Celebration”

Rev. Katie Rosenson

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

### **PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Stewardship remains a part of what we do about what we believe. Please mail your offering by check to the church, or send it electronically via the “Give Now” button at the top of our homepage. If you are attending services in person, you can place your offering in the red boxes or in the plate, as the ushers come down the center aisles.*

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Hymn No. 37)

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise;  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER IN UNISON**

**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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

## **COMMUNION**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN No. 198**

**“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”**

**ST. DROSTANE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**“Three-fold Amen”**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Peace Pearl: For God is not a God of disorder, but a God of peace.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

# *Between the Dust*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 28 | 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

MARCH 29 | 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

MARCH 31 | 6:30 a.m. | SAM LEWIS STATE PARK

TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICES

MARCH 31 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 p.m.

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