

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Kerr

* Gospel Reading: Mark 11:1-11 (NT, p. 47)

* Call to Worship

Psalm 118:26-27

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

* Processional Hymn 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

O Lord, on this day you entered the beloved city that rejected you.

We confess that our wills are rebellious,

that our faith is often more show than substance,

that our hearts are in need of cleansing.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.

Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are,

trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,

to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie

James MacMillan

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
Welcome and Concerns of the Church
Special Music "Hosanna! Jesus Comes!" Sewell
Alleluia and Chapel Choirs

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Psalter: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT, p. 565)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Hosanna to the Son of David" Allen Pote

Second Lesson: Mark 10:35-45 (NT, p. 47)

Sermon: "A Ransom for Many" Rev. Carter
Lenten sermon series: The Word of the Cross

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

* Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:6-11

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant.
Being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "The Palms" Jean Baptiste Faure

- * Doxology (606)
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty" arr. Paxton

*All are invited to remain seated to listen to the postlude.
If you are leaving before it is finished, please do so quietly.*

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Acker by her family.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Director of Children's Choirs	Kay Ten Eyck
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Dave Porter
Greeters	John and Myrna Diven
Ushers	Steve Selige, Hadley Gilbert

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