



HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community of believers making a difference by making disciples.



Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
10:30 AM

Bold text is read in unison.

GATHERING

*We gather as a community of faith to meet God in a new and fresh way.
We share joys and concerns and come into God's presence with song.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"The Palms"

J.B. Faure

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The story of faith is a story of courage.

It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to lower him through the roof.

It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

Again and again, God, show us the way.

Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

HYMN #196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1. *(Refrain)*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One.*

2. *(Refrain)*

*The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present.*

3. *(Refrain)*

*To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.*

4. *(Refrain)*

*Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!*

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:
We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.
We love the sound of a joyful parade.
We love shouting, “hallelujah!”
We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.
We love good news.
However, if we slow down and pay attention,
We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.
There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.
You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,
And the whole world knew it.
Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.
Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,
And even we can do hard things.
With hope we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith,
Even when we gloss over the truth, even when our courage fails us, even when we doubt that we can do hard things, God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us. Hear and believe this truth:
We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. Again and again and again. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Brian & Molly Pollock

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Christine Coy Fohr

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Hal Hopson

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:12-25

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God, we go into the world to share God's love.

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:26-48

HYMN #218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

- Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!*
- Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.*
- Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

J.S. Bach

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