

The Worship of God
Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025 – 9:00 Morning Worship
Welcome to First Presbyterian Church via Zoom!

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steadfast God, Lent has been a long journey.

Now the long shadow of the cross and the footsteps of Jesus
find us waiting at the gates of Jerusalem.

We have arrived.

Yet it seems the journey is still not complete;
there is a deeper journey still to make.

This Lenten wandering has been just the beginning.

This great story is still unfolding.

Come let us gather at the gates of the city;
the crowds are preparing to enter.

PALM PARADE

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

OPENING PRAYER

May we be your disciples today, O Jesus,
where we know what we cry,

where we take to heart the hosannas and live them beyond the parade.

May we be your supporters today, O Jesus,

where we know the savior you are,

where we intend to follow you from gate to garden.

May we be your voice today, O Jesus,

where we cry out against the protests,

where we stake our faith and lives on what you begin here today.

Amen.

SONG

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Give us the courage, in this holy week,

to journey with Jesus all the way to the cross,

and there risk everything – as Jesus did;

to proclaim – as Jesus did – God’s love for all.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, in a fateful journey to a cross

Jesus proclaimed God's unconditional
and never-ending love for all people.

Hear, then, in the events of this week that same proclamation
and receive that same love,

which you in turn might share with others who hunger for it.

Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

I invite you to turn to one another and share a sign of peace:

You're invited to unmute yourselves and exchange peace with one another

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

...The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Reverend Susan Phillips

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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GIVING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

#607

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Save us from injustice from hunger

from conflict

from indifference.

Call us to works of justice,

feeding the hungry,

peacemaking in conflict,

and seeking the lost.

And we will go with you, beside you, because of you, now.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE CHAT

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts & debtors)

SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

SONG

"Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!"

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BENEDICTION

Let us go out into God's world in peace;
have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING

There is a tradition that Palm Sunday
is the beginning of a one-week-long service
through Holy Week so there is no Amen,
just words of encouragement and invitation to gather again.
May we share the journey with Jesus as we gather in an Upper Room
and walk to the Garden of Gethsemane
and look up at the cross and weep
all for the sake of divine love for us.
We go together, led by the Holy Spirit.
We go.

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune in D Major"

Henry Purcell