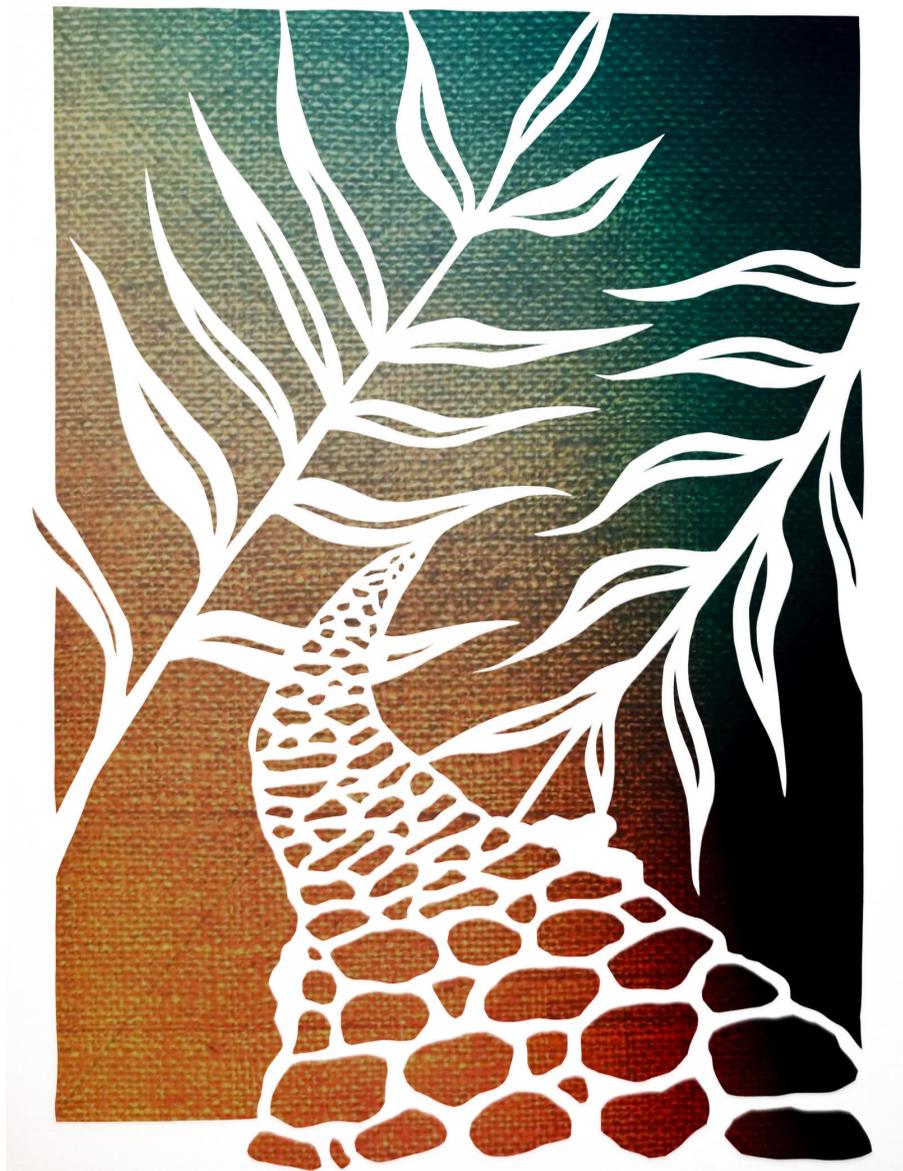


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Welcome to worship this morning!
*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 12:1-2, 9-15

This is John's account of the events leading up to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The "Hosanna!" that they shout literally means, "Save us!"

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.... When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

Who is this unlikely king?

Hosanna! His name is Jesus!

Why does he ride into the city?

Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,

and follow Christ toward the cross.

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

Hosanna, we pray: "Save us, Most Merciful!"

Save us from ourselves,

when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear.

Save us from the systems that keep us bound,

when we cannot see the way out.

Save us from our sins,

when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts.

Remind us that crowds shouting "Hosanna"

will soon be screaming "Crucify him."

Remind us that we could have been among them.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Throughout this Holy Week, the week of Jesus' Passion,
let us carry the knowledge that we are not yet all we shall be.
We trust in the assurance that forgiveness is already ours,
always remembering that new life awaits us in Christ's rising.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty Jubellation Handbell Choir
by Thomas Williams, arr. Joel Raney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

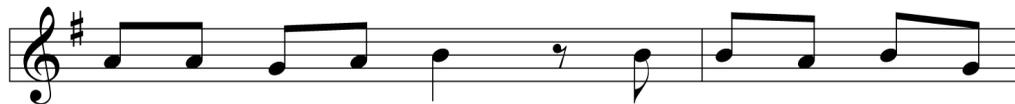
Merciful God, your Word is our way of truth and life. Create in us hearts that are clean and put your Holy Spirit within us, so that we may receive your grace and declare your praise forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMN GTG 200 A Cheerful, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

(vs. 1-3; *Glenna will play the entire melody through one time before we sing*)



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:53-64

On the night of the Passover, Jesus celebrates with his disciples: the Last Supper, the Lord's Supper. During the meal, he predicts that all of them will desert or deny him. Afterward, they go to the Mount of Olives, to the Garden of Gethsemane. There Jesus prays while his disciples sleep. Then the temple authorities, led by Judas the betrayer, come to arrest Jesus.

They took him to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and

‘you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of the Power,
and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

We proclaim Christ crucified - the wisdom and the power of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN GTG 200

A Cheerful, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

vs. 4 and 5

4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

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SERMON

The Mind of Christ

Pastor Jan

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And 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 should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 215 What Wondrous Love Is This?

vs. 1 and 2

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O God, for I am in distress;
my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

But I trust in you, my Maker; I say, "You are my God."

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead, like a broken vessel.

But I trust in you, my Maker; I say, "You are my God."

For I hear the whispering of many— terror all around!—
as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.
My times are in your hand; deliver me from my persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

For I trust in you, my Maker; I say, "You are my God."

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
hear our 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 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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 215

What Wondrous Love Is This?

vs. 3 and 4

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the God of compassion and love
sustain you through pain and grief,
grant you strength in weakness,
bring you peace in the midst of turmoil,
and love to fill all the spaces in your life.

Now give glory to God, from whom all love flows,
glory to Jesus, who loved through suffering,
and glory to the Holy Spirit,
who brings light to the darkest places.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday

9:30 am Online Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, March 30

10:00 am Online Bible Study

12:00 pm Conference Call *

12:00 pm Bulletin Items due

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 31

6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Online Worship Service

Friday, April 2

12:00 pm Conference Call*

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday

9:30 am Outdoor/Online Worship Service



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Jenny, Elissa and
the Burgstaler grandchildren

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Glenna Muir and her mother

Susie Olson

Sue Chipman

Jane Burgstaler's friend, Sara

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Online Worship /Bible Study

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* Tuesday/Friday Conference Call

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Today, the Book Discussion Group will meet at 10:30 am (after worship) to discuss *Where Men Win Glory* by Jon Krakauer. All are welcome to join in the discussion!

“A stunning account of a remarkable young man's [Pat Tillman's] heroic life and death, from the bestselling author of *Into the Wild*, *Into Thin Air*, and *Under the Banner of Heaven*.” (from Amazon)



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**On Easter, the
One Great Hour of
Sharing Offering
will be collected.**



Mauddy Thursday Online Worship - April 1, 7:00 pm

Outdoor Easter Sunday Worship - April 4, 9:30 am

Come, let us worship together on Easter Sunday! Handbells and Holy Communion will enrich our on-site celebration on April 4 at 9:30. To worship virtually, tune in to the usual Google Meet link.

Please come prepared for in-person worship

- Bring your own chair (in case of rain, we'll move indoors, decision will be made Saturday night)
- Bring your mask! We'll maintain all precautions, including adequate distance between household groups, hum along with hymns, and respond meekly in murmurs to the usual bold-face words for participation.
- Dress for the weather.
- No hugs or refreshments will happen, but plenty of feasting of eyes on one another!
- If you have a fever, sore throat, or any other covid-like symptoms, please tune in from home rather than joining in person.

Holy Week and Easter graphics by Heather Gerber



Thank you to the Jubellation Handbell Choir for providing special music today! Ringers for this session include: Bruce Felger, Dave Copeland, Peter Marshall, Tristan Bohl, Meg Cain, Carole Kinion Copeland, Ronda Marshall, Jan Wiersma, Cindy Kunzmann. Thank you also to our dedicated handbell director, Judy Kereakos.

Thank you to First Presbyterian Church for loaning us several bells which we do not own and used in the bell music for last week and this week. Also, thank you to Charter House for loaning us tablecloths made necessary by the setup of the bell tables for safe social distancing.