

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



April 2, 2023

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, \* indicates please stand, if able. Bathrooms are located down the hall, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom is located in the hallway on the right hand side (next to the Kidz Klub).

## PRELUDE

*Congregation assembles at the back of the sanctuary with palms.  
Those who would find it difficult to stand for the call to worship or process during the hymn  
may take a seat in advance of the Call to Worship. We will walk in together with palms  
during the opening hymn.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

A: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"

B: Should I lay down my cloak?

C: Is this the beginning of the end?

D: Should we follow?

A: Should we watch?

B: Should we sing, "Hosanna"?

C: Stay awake!

A: He's on the move.

B: Where is he going?

C: Listen.

D: Where is he going?

A: Watch.

B: Where is he going?

C: Stay close.

D: Where is he going?

A: Sing, "Hosanna."

All: **Hosanna! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN GTG 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*all verses*

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,  
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

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;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

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,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

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.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

For today's prayer of confession we are going to read the Palm Sunday story together. As we read through the story, we will pause to admit the places where we so often and so easily could change the narrative. So read with me, trusting that no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love. Let us pray:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matthew 21:1-11, NIV

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

**God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you.**

**Forgive us when we play it safe.**

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

**God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us, drawing near..**

**Help us find you in our midst.**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

**Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.**

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

**Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"**

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

**With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise.

There will be days when we dare not follow.

There will be days when we ignore God's call,

when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others.

But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God.  
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

**We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve.**

**Hosanna! Amen.**

*Query: Where do you feel the Spirit leading in your life today?*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts, our mental to-do lists, or our desire to fit in. Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world. So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem, stop traffic here. Pause the rush. Open the gates. Dwell among us, until your Word is all we can hear. We are here. We are listening. **Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE READING

### Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to cling to.

**Instead Christ, in complete self-emptying,**

**took the form of the oppressed,**

**and was born into the human condition.** And being found in human form,  
Jesus humbled himself.

**Jesus became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

Therefore God also highly exalted Christ  
and gave to Jesus the name that is above every name.

**At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,**

**in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**and every tongue should confess,**

**to the glory of God the Life-Giver of us all,**

**that Jesus Christ reigns supreme!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Majesty*

CPC Choir

By Jack W. Hayford, arr. Jack Schrader

# THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

## I. Jesus anointed in Bethany

## II. The betrayal of Judas

## III. The last supper

We share the meal with Jesus and the disciples

*Each person offers the elements to their neighbor with these words:*

“The body of Christ, for you.”

“The blood of Christ, for you.”

A hymn is sung: Eat This Bread

*Repeat as bread and cup are passed.*



“Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and

nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread;

drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.”

## IV. The Mount of Olives

V. Gethsemane

Musical score for 'Gethsemane' in 4/4 time, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.'

VI. Jesus Prays (Psalm 31)

VII. The Disciples Sleep

VIII. The Betrayal

IX. Trial before Caiaphas

X. Peter's denial; Judas's death

XI. Jesus before Pilate

XI. Golgotha

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**





XIII. Jesus' death

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

XIV. Burial

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

All: The gospel of the Lord.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**



# SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

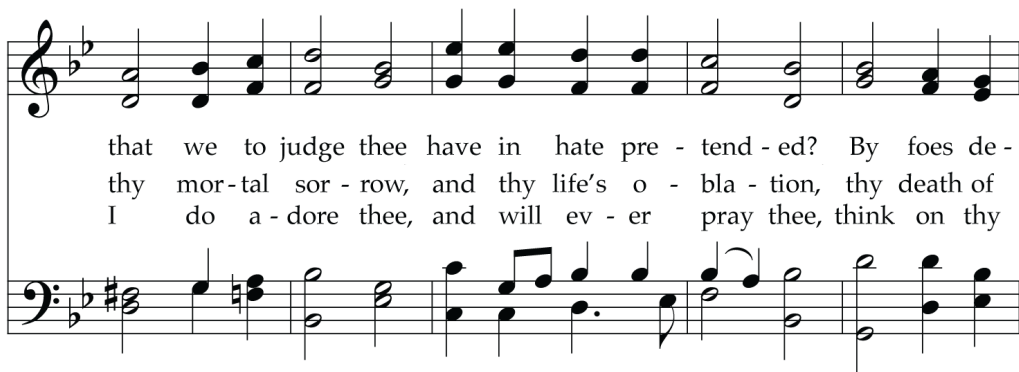
\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

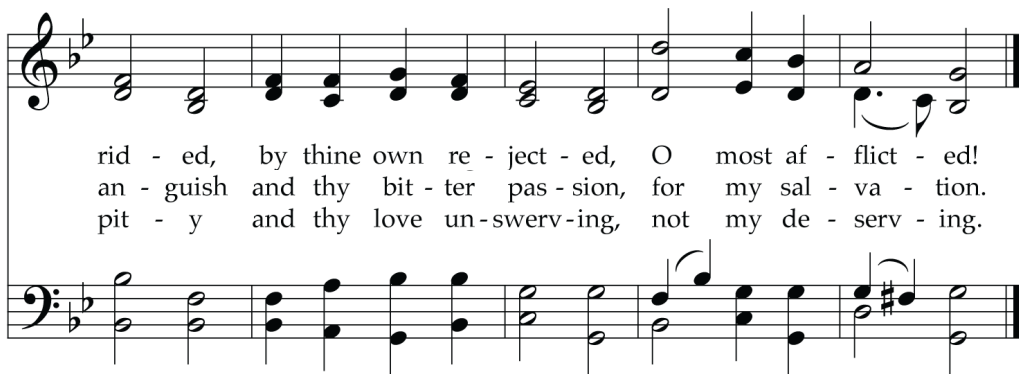
vs. 1, 4, 5



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of  
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*Congregation departs in silence*



WENDY FRANCOIS, ALAMY/STOCK

# You shall be called **Repairers of the breach**

— ISAIAH 58



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

02.22.23 - 04.9.23

During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection, and connects us with "those who have least." One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

*CPC will be collecting this offering on Easter Sunday. However, you may donate at any time, just denote "OGHS" in the memo!*

**I WAS HUNGRY  
AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD.  
I WAS THIRSTY  
AND YOU GAVE ME  
SOMETHING TO DRINK.  
I WAS A STRANGER  
AND YOU WELCOMED ME.  
I WAS NAKED AND  
YOU GAVE ME CLOTHING.  
I WAS SICK AND  
YOU TOOK CARE OF ME.  
I WAS IN PRISON  
AND YOU VISITED ME.**

— MATTHEW 25:31-46



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# We Are There

In this Season of Lent, we follow Jesus' example; walking alongside the most vulnerable to partner in repairing harms inflicted upon them. We are the Church, Together; and we are there with those who need us.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs ~

## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*Restore Streets  
to Live In*

## **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM**

*Share Bread with  
the Hungry*

## **SELF- DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

*Loose the Bonds  
of Injustice*

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### **Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Choir Director	Meg Cain
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

### **Serving in Worship Today**

Liturgist	Peggy McCarty
Readers	Sue, Sherrie, Nellie, Margie, Bruce, Mark, Aaron, Dave
Special Music	CPC Choir
IT Support	Louis Bouchard

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**Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday**

**9:30 am Worship with Communion  
Onsite and Online**

10:45 am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

**Monday, April 3**

10:00 am Mission Prayer Group

**Tuesday, April 4**

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Christian Education Committee

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

**Wednesday, April 5**

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

12:00 pm Conference Call \*

6:00 pm Confirmation

7:00 pm CPC Choir

**Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday**

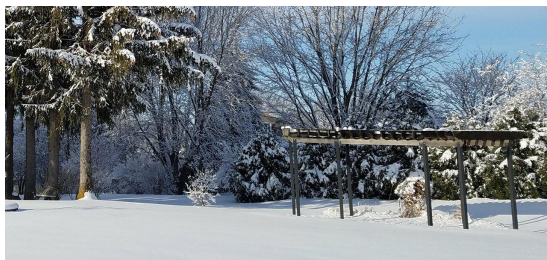
**7:00 pm CPC Worship - Onsite and Online**

**Sunday, April 9 Easter Sunday**

8:30 am Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal

**9:30 am Worship- Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny  
Connie Holst  
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
Shannon Cisewski  
Ron Murray  
Dick and Nancy Massaro  
Nellie Brovold's grandma, Hilda  
The Hall Family

*To be added to the prayer list,  
please contact Pastor Jan at  
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For emergency pastoral care,  
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## **Online Worship:**

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

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