Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives

The Service for the Lord's Day;
Palm Sunday; March 28, 2021
Our vocalists today are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: "the peace of Christ be with you "

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: "And also with you."

PRELUDE Hosanna Filio David arr. Smith

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

- L: Hosanna to the Son of David!
- P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
- L: Shout your blessings, sing your praises!
- P: This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

You give us tongues to speak comforting words to those who are weary and afraid. Each morning you waken us to the life you give and the call you extend. Open our hearts that we like the crowd may proclaim your praise. Open our ears to hear your words of hope and salvation. Make us ever grateful for the gift that Christ has given us in forgiveness and eternal life. Our lives are in your hands, O God. Amen

HYMN #196

All Glory Laud and Honor

Refrain:

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

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

2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;

our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. [Refrain]

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

As we hear the familiar story of the Triumphal Entry and the wonderful music of praise by the Soloist, we are reminded that while our lives often lift up God in glory and honor, we also too often turn our backs on God and go our own ways. During these days of waiting for the vaccination, still wearing masks and social distancing, it is easy to become tired of our family, bored with time on our hands or resentful that we are alone. We tend to think more of ourselves than those who struggle with more serious challenges – loss of health, loss of work, loss of finances, and loss of loved ones. Hear us now as we allow you to examine our hearts and confess those sins which we have committed knowing that you have and will forgive us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Wonderful God, we want to live so that our lives praise you, but we are tempted by greed, selfishness and pride. We have heard your call and witnessed in your name, but too often we are silent or we run when frightened and unsure. Forgive us for not turning to you when we feel alone or frustrated. Help us to be faithful followers willing to go where Christ leads. Amen

(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sister and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

CHORAL RESPONSE: HYMN#197 vs. 3 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

Gerald Doyle, Lector

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Dawson

SERMON HOSANNA! Nancy Dawson

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, 32, 43-50

Nancy Dawson

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people." ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. ⁴³They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he spoke to his disciples. While he was speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.

ANTHEM

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

#200

- 1. A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare, and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved branches in the air.
- 2. They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms and vows of lasting love bestowed with royal hymns and psalms.
- 3. When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade till only trampled leaves and bark were left from the parade.
- 4. Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise, remind us, God, as this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
- 5. Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled, a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - From 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN #198

Ride on! Ride On in Majesty!

1 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

The hosts of angels in the sky

thy humble beast pursues its road look down with sad and wondering eyes

with palms and scattered garments strowed. to see the approaching sacrifice.

2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin bow thy meek head to mortal pain;

o'er captive death and conquered sin. then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hosanna, Loud Hosanna arr. Turner