



seeking:

*Where are
you headed?*



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 10:30 am



In Preparation for Worship

“This Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” – Zechariah 9:9

Prelude

Les Rameaux (The Palms)

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: It is holy to gather. It is holy to sing.

People: It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

Leader: It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

People: It is holy to shout, “Hosanna!”

Leader: It is holy to remember. It is holy to gather. It is holy to sing.

People: Here and now, let us do all of these things. Let us worship God.

Processional Hymn* 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Prayer of Confession*

God of street parades and hosannas,
we know that you are counting on us to speak out against what is wrong,
to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear, but so often we are silent.
We worry that we'll say the wrong thing, so we don't say anything at all.
We worry that we'll offend, so we keep our convictions to ourselves.
We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard, so we stay silent.
And meanwhile, the parade marches on. Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.
Give us the courage to yell, “Hosanna!”
O Lord, hear now also the prayers on each of our hearts...
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise 606*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Maggie Warford

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children via the covered sidewalk to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Anthem

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

Kevin McChesney
The Festival Ringers

Sermon

Who is This?

Michael Sanchez

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

**We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,
who lights a candle in the darkest night,
who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.**

**We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,
who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.**

**We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,
cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.**

**We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the
hope of a new day. That is where God is headed. That is where we follow.**

May it be so. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. When coming forward for Communion, please kneel at the closest available space to the side aisle. If you would like to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand as a communion servers come down the center aisle. A server with gluten-free bread will be standing at the center aisle. All communion trays are served with juice only.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and 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.

*please stand

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Medley of Communion Hymns

The Offering

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Robert Benson
The Chancel Choir

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.*
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving.*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Closing Hymn* 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!

Moment of Recognition for Randy Romig

Benediction*

Postlude*

Jubilate Deo

Alfred Silver

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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