



Wandering Heart

"Songs of loudest praise"

Palm Sunday



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2024 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*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, & Honor
arr. Clay Christiansen

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* 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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 581*

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents of children in Kindergarten or younger, will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Sing Out Hosanna!
Patrick M. Liebergen

Chancel Choir

Sermon

God Save Us

David Lower

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.

Prayers of the People 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.

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Nancy Moore

The OfferingLift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
arr. Brenda E. Austin

Festival Ringers

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 inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,*
- 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* 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Benediction***Choral Amen*****Postlude***Toccata No. 9 on DIADEMATA
arr. Joel Raney

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

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