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**A SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**March 24, 2024**

*Palm & Passion Sunday*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude:** *"Hallelujah, Amen"*

George Frideric Handel

**Call to Worship:** from Psalm 118

Leader: Open for me the gates of the righteous!

**People: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

**People: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**People: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!**

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

**\*Opening Hymn #145:** *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, on this Palm Sunday we prepare for you, praise you, and celebrate your peace. Yet we also admit how fickle and fearful we really are. Our hearts grow hard; with our mouths, we deny or defy you; and our hands so easily become fists of rage. Have mercy on us, and please hear us as we confess our sins to you. (*Silent confession*)

**\*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**\*Hymn #154:** *"Live in Charity"*

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Children's Message

*We invite children ages 3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to come forward for a brief lesson, after which they may go back to their seats or on to Children's Church.*

**Anthem:** *"Hosanna!"*

by G. Alan Smith

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, loud Hosanna the little children sang  
Through pillared court and temple their lovely anthem rang  
To Jesus who had blest them, close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and best.

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 19:28-44

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *"Blessed is the King"*

Rev. Blake Daniel

**\*Hymn of Response #146:** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* (verses 1-3)

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

## 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.

**Tithes & Offerings:** *"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

arr. by Thomas Keesecker

**\*Doxology #965**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*Closing Hymn #149:** *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"* (verses 1-2)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response #149:** *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"* (verse 4)

**Postlude:** *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

Drew Umphlett, Tuba

*We invite you to join us for coffee fellowship in the Fellowship Hall following the service!*

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### **OUR MISSION**

*To make disciples who love Jesus Christ, love the church, and love their neighbors as themselves.*

### **TO OUR VISITORS**

We are glad you are here! Please write your name and contact information in the visitor pad in your pew before you leave. We would love to send you a personal note of welcome. Please notify our Pastor if you are interested in joining our congregation as a member.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **We will gather for dinner and worship on Maundy Thursday, March 28**, starting at 6:00pm. Potluck dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall, followed by the Lord's Supper; worship will then take place in the Sanctuary around 7:15pm. Childcare will be provided.
- **An Easter Sunrise Service will take place on March 31 at 7:00am.** We will meet in the church pavilion behind the Mary Jay Patten Center alongside friends from First Baptist and First United Methodist churches. Coffee and breakfast will be provided.
- **Traditional Easter Worship will be on March 31 at 11:00am.** We encourage our regular attenders who are able to park farther away in order to leave parking spaces for visitors.
- **A Yard Sale to benefit The Community Table will be on Sat., April 6 from 9am-12pm** in our church parking lot. We need your donations! Please leave any clothes, toys, books, tools, or other items in good condition on the table in the Fellowship Hall to donate.
- **A Spring Hike will take place on Sat., April 13 at 4pm.** We will meet in the main parking lot of the Jackson County Greenway (near Locust Creek) and walk approximately 2 miles.
- **Our Sanctuary has been very full lately. What a good problem to have!** We kindly ask that you scoot down the pews to leave room for other folks to sit down during the service.
- **Remember to wear your nametags!** They are in the box in the entry hallway. If you don't have one, please write your name on the sheet provided and we will make one for you.
- **Would you like to receive our weekly email newsletter, if you aren't already?** Please notify Pastor Blake or Jean Chance in the church office at [office@sylvapres.org](mailto:office@sylvapres.org).

## A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP

Today is the beginning of Holy Week. The events framed by Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection on Easter Sunday are some of the most dramatic and theologically important of the entire biblical narrative. These days feature not only the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion, but also poignant prayers and prophetic teachings of our Lord. Worship on Palm & Passion Sunday, as well as in other Holy Week services, thus invites Christians to think of themselves as participants in a dramatic reenactment of biblical events, journeying alongside Jesus as witnesses to and recipients of his work of redemption.

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** 03-14-24 / 03-20-24

**Regular:** \$8,113.21; **Organ:** \$180.69; **Disaster:** \$100.00; **Contingency:** \$75.00; **Total:** \$8,469.69

**Online Giving:** [www.sylvapres.org/giving](http://www.sylvapres.org/giving); **Attendance:** 125

## SERVERS

**Ushers & Greeters:** Jeff Pope, Billy Noell, Sara Beth Foti; **Acolyte:** Luke Daniel

**Coffee Fellowship:** Beth & Steve Baxley

**Flowers:** Christi Hooper

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Send prayer concerns or updates to our prayer email address: [pray@sylvapres.org](mailto:pray@sylvapres.org).

You may also call the church office at (828) 586-4256 to share a request.

*Please contact our Pastor or Deacon of the Month if you or a loved one are in the hospital or in need.*

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