



The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

Celebration of Worship

Palm Processional

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

One: Look! Your King is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

Many: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

One: Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

Many: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

One: Raise your voices. Lift up hearts. Rejoice—our Savior Comes!

Many: **Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Valet Will Ich der Geben

Confession and Pardon

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Alexandra Mead

Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road. It is draining. It is demanding. It is fraught with danger. You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary. But weariness and fear overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick to betray you, to deny you, to abandon you. Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion. As the darkness gathers, renew our faith, fill us with hope, and startle us with your grace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

One: Jesus said, "Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy-laden,

Many: and I will give you rest.

One: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

Many: for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 21:1-11

Patrick Allred

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

"Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

It Takes a Village

Rev. Dr. Smazik

Hymn 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

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.

Benediction

Song of Sending

Ride On, King Jesus
Eric McKeever, baritone and Matt Webb, piano

Hall Johnson

Today's service is led by the Reverend Dr. David Smazik, Dr. Matthew Webb, Alexandra Mead, Patrick Allred and Eric McKeever. Thank you to Jenny Tooley, Sheldon Rajkumar, and Bruce Frazier for their assistance.

The flowers in the service are given by the church in honor of all our health care workers across the country.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be available online at noon each day.
Easter Service will be available early Sunday morning.

Online Meetings

Although our physical doors are closed, our spiritual and outreach doors continue to remain open. Please see below for our online programming; if you have any questions or concerns about accessing weekly programs, please contact the leader listed.

Sundays at 12:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. – Young Professionals Small Group led by Patrick Allred
Wednesdays at 4 p.m. – Midweek led by Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro and Alexandra Mead
Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. – Middle School Youth Group led by Patrick Allred
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. – Music Ministry Hangout led by Matt Webb
Fridays at 1 p.m. – Caregiver Support Group led by Rev. Sarah Green

Sunday Morning Worship is available online. The service will be posted on the website on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.



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