

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Palm Sunday

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude William Gaither

I Feel Like Something Good is about to Happen

David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Call to Worship¹ Stanley Pace-Lyons

Leader: If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing. Do not leave without hearing who you are: Beloved, named by the One who has traveled this path before you. Do not go without letting it echo in your ears, and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart, do not despair.

All: That is what this journey is for.

Invocation Stanley Pace-Lyons

* Processional Hymn 130 ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Psalter Reading *Psalm 118:26-29* Stanley Pace-Lyons

(page 531 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

All: Lord, we remember the depths of your love for us, and we repent of our half-hearted discipleship.

We have been called to deny ourselves: forgive us for putting self-interest before the interests of your kingdom; forgive us that Christ's lordship in our hearts has been challenged by our ambition, our appetites, our desires, and our needs; forgive us for the times when self-interest hindered our care for others.

Leader: Lord have mercy,

All: Christ have mercy.

All: Lord, we have been called to carry a cross; forgive us for complaining when it has weighed heavily upon us; forgive us that, having received so much, we have sacrificed little; forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love; forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity, resisting the fire and passion of Christ's love upon the cross.

Leader: Christ have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy.

Choral Response *Ubi Caritas* TAIZE COMMUNITY
The Sanctuary Choir

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Offertory *Hosanna* arr. David Clydesdale
The Sanctuary Choir

* Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

John 12:9-19
(page 932 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Palms and Praises

Musical Meditation arr. Howard Helvey

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

David Córdoba Hernandez and Dr. Larry Edwards, *duet*

Prayers of the People Rev. Ray Hatton

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ray Hatton

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI

Gloria Patri

***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.***

* Invitation to Easter Egg Hunt Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 126 ST. THEODULPH

All Glory Laud and Honor

The Welcoming of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

* Commission and Blessing Stanley Pace-Lyons

Leader: Do not leave without hearing who you are:

All: Beloved. Beloved. Beloved.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Postlude *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure

Aaron Foster, *organist*

Today's worship participant is Stanley Pace-Lyons. Broadcast and streaming assistance of the worship service is provided by Harold Weaver, Jack Hagerman, Scott Malone and Skip Howard.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Lent is a season of repentance, confession and examination. During these formative forty days we are gifted with time to take a closer look at our lives and are participation in the building of the kingdom as Christ's disciples. We are also given the opportunity to consider the many new possibilities offered to us as disciples of Christ. May we walk together through this season with intentionality and care.

¹ *Circle of Grace* by Jan Richardson, pg. 96