Prelude
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

J.S Bach

Gathering Tones

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Thom Shuman

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and give thanks!

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and give thanks!

Give thanks! God’s love is constant and devoted to us.

Let us say over and over:

God’s hope is unfailing in caring for us, through health care workers and researchers, through teachers offering online lessons, and therapists available around the clock.

Give thanks, O give thanks! Justice is the gate God opens to all.

Let us say over and over:

God hears the cries of those who are forgotten: those who sleep rough in emptied streets, those who are most vulnerable around us, those who have no family to care for them.

Give thanks, O give thanks, people of God! God comes to bring us new life.

Let us say this over and over:

God takes the stone tossed aside by us to build the foundation of salvation, a foundation made out of grace’s gravel, the sand of hope shaken out of Jesus’ shoes, and mixed with the waters of life.

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Congregational Response

This is the Day

Text: Psalm 118:24, Music: Les Garrett

This is the day
That the Lord has made
We will rejoice
And be glad in it

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That the Lord has made!
PRAYER OF THE DAY

When we are so weary we cannot seem to put one foot in front of the other, you take us by the hand, Steadfast Love, so we can join you on a morning walk to hear the songbirds.

When we would rather stuff our ears with cotton than listen to one more whine, one more argument, Word of hope for all, you teach us how to listen to the hearts which are ignored by everyone, everywhere.

When we long to run away from all the worries, the fears, the insults flung in our faces, Peace of the weary, you model for us how to be willing to care for those who suffer injustices which we cannot begin to imagine.

Steadfast Love, Word of hope, Spirit of peace, God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we lift our prayer to you,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Maori, from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you,
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Dona Nobis Pacem

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

(Matthew 21:1-11)

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 they 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 Jesus 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."

**REFLECTION**

**PRAYER**

Questions For Prayer And Reflection  
*by Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook, adapted*

1. What are you grieving the loss of during this season of COVID-19? Name it and lift it up to God, trusting that God hears you and is with you in your loss.
2. What do you have to offer Jesus this week? What metaphorical palm branch will you wave or coat will you offer?
3. What are your favorite memories of Palm Sunday? Share them with someone sometime today and think about how you can incorporate the most meaningful aspects of this Sunday and this week into your reordered circumstances.
4. Is there anyone you know who needs to be remembered and prayed for today?

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Sanctus**  
*Mark A. Miller*

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed in the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

**MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND THANKSGIVING**

For what are you thankful today? Where and how can you give back to God?

*If you wish to contribute to the ongoing work of McKinley, you can either send us a check through street mail, use your bank’s bill pay option, or you can use the PayPal link on the McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church website.*

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!  

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**  
*Liturgy by Maren Tirabassi*
At this time you are invited to prepare your communion elements – bread and cup. Jesus used bread and wine because that was most common on his dinner table. You may use whatever is common for you.

INVITATION
For communion this morning, I invite you to lend Christ your table.
On the first day of Holy week long ago, people throughout Judea arrived at the dusty gates of Jerusalem, primed with “Hosanna” in their hearts ...
... and Jesus asked to borrow a donkey.
On the Thursday that followed, Jesus rented or was given John Mark's mother's Upper Room to celebrate the Passover with the disciples.
On the afternoon of the resurrection, Jesus was invited into a house in Emmaus and used the bread of that hospitality to break and bless.
Lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup and your heart, for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey, “The Lord has need of it.”

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you, and also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing. Though we are many throughout the earth and this church community is scattered, we are one in Christ. In your many kitchens, and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. Let us ask God’s blessing upon them.

Gentle Redeemer, there is no lockdown on your blessing and no quarantine on grace. Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon every table where your child shelters in place, that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
We remember that Paul the apostle wrote letters to congregations throughout places we now call Greece, Turkey and Macedonia, and they were the first “remote” worship resources. Our online service has a long heritage. The Communion words sent to the church at Corinth were these:

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

**We are one in Christ in the bread we share.**

_You are invited to eat your bread._

Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

**We are one in Christ in the cup we share.**

_You are invited to drink from your cup._

**PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL**

Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ’s love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

**Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives. May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic. Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
This Little Light of Mine  
_African American Spiritual_

**POSTLUDE**  
O Sacred Head Now Wounded  
_Dietrich Buxtehude_

**Assisting in Today’s Service**

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Pastor.............................................Rev. Heidi Weatherford
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Sanctus

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Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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