

# Let's Worship!

March 24, 2024—10:30 AM Palm Sunday

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader Marjorie Wetherill; Pastor, the Rev. David Wenker; Production: Norris Clark

The crowd greeted Jesus entering Jerusalem with what was at hand.

Jesus is coming down your street today! Since palm trees don't grow here, what will



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# UPCOMING LENT & EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### SERVICE -

you use to greet him?

Joint service with First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:00 pm, in our Sanctuary, at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, with Communion.



### EASTER SUNRISE AT SUNSET WORSHIP -

Sunday, March 31, 2024, 6:30 am, Sunset Beach Gift Shop area. 502 Sunset Blvd, Cape May.

### EASTER TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Sunday, March 31, 2024, Cold Spring Presbyterian Church.

#### WORSHIP PREVIEW

Pastor Dave Wenker's message for Palm Sunday is "Who is This?". Have you had a, "Who is This" moment in your life? A moment when you came upon people excited to see someone but you couldn't figure who it was? Many coming to Jerusalem for Passover that year saw the crowds cheering Jesus but did not know who he was. They were from out of town, they had missed all the sermons and all the miracles. So they asked, "Who is This?". How would you answer the question about Jesus? What would you tell someone who asked you that question? Everyone needs to deal with the question, "Who is Jesus", no matter where you are in your faith. Who is Jesus to you?

### Music Preview

The opening hymn, All Glory, Laud and Honor, is traditionally sung as worshippers reenact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Though we don't have city gates to proceed through today, this hymn still acts as a royal hymn of praise and proclamation. Today we praise the "Redeemer, King" because we know just what kind of King he was and is – an everlasting King who reigns not just in Jerusalem, but over the entire earth. What more could we do but praise Jesus with glory, laud, and honor? After the Message, we will sing a hymn which identifies Jesus Christ as the one through whom we can do all things, "Jesus Is All The World To Me". The text was written and the tune (Elizabeth) was composed both by Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909). It was first published in his 1904 New Century Hymnal. The copyright was renewed in 1932 by Hope Publishing Co. Thompson was a very popular songwriter, first of secular then of sacred music, in his day. Other well known hymns of his include "Softly and Tenderly," "There's A Great Day Coming," and "Lead Me Gently Home, Father."

In our closing hymn, *Hosanna*, *Loud Hosanna*, the first two verses narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third verse shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

PRELUDE - JAYNE MCDONOUGH
WELCOME - PASTOR DAVID WENKER

### GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON):

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

## CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON) MARGE WETHERILL

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!

## **OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

We join with the multitude of people from every land and every age to praise you for the gift you have given us. You gave your life so we might be able to find forgiveness and enjoy the loving relationship with you. You gave your life so we might be reconciled to God our Father. You gave your life so we might find the fulfilling joy of giving our lives to others as well. You gave us yourself, the best gift of all. We praise you in Jesus name, AMEN

MUSIC HYMN - ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR, BLUE HYMNAL #88, VERSES 1, 2, & 3

All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer King!
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
- 2. The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before Thee we present. All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
- 3. To Thee, before Thy passion, by They sang their hymns of praise; To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.
  All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer King!
  To whom the lips of children get Made sweet hosannas ring.

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (UNISON)

Forgive us when our lips cry words of faith and obedience, but our actions show little trust and love. Forgive us when our actions in public say we love and trust you, but our actions in secret deny you. Forgive us for the inconsistencies of our lives. Help us to be patient as we grow. Help us trust you to lead us into greater love and obedience. We pray in Jesus name. AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

## HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (RESPONSIVELY)

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today

### FIRST READING: PSALM 118: 1-2, 19-29 (RESPONSIVELY)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

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

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

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

## Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

## You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

### GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread

them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Message -- Who is This? - Pastor David Wenker Prayer and Silent Reflection

### MUSIC - JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME, RED HYMNAL #217

1. Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all,
He is my strength
From day to day,
Without Him I would fall,
When I am sad to Him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad He makes me glad,
He's my friend.

2. Jesus is all the world to me,
My friend in trials sore;
I go to Him for blessings,
And He gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
He sends the harvest's golden grain;
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
He's my friend

3. Jesus is all the world to me,
And true to Him I'll be;
O, how could I this friend deny,
When He's so true to me?
Following Him I know I'm right,
He watches o'er me day and night;
Following Him by day and night,
He's my friend.

4. Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;

I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when Life's fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend; Beautiful life that has no end; Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my friend.

#### **GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:**

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the reign of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Whether you share your gifts today as the plates are passed, online, or through the mail, trust that the Lord needs you.

### THE LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



Happy Birthday to Norma Lechburg (3/26) and Pastor Dave Wenker (3/28).



Today is the last day to order Easter flowers, to have your dedication or memorial included in the Worship Guide. Please complete an order form from the narthex and leave it in the collection plate with payment. For more information, contact Beverly Mate.



Lenten Challenge! Donate 40 Things in 40 Days. You can bring your items to Price Hall, Monday-Friday 9 am - 1:00 pm, or drop off yourself at several Community organization Thrift stores.



The Lenten Bible Study of the gospel of Mark, concludes this Monday, March 25 at 4:00 pm with Pastor Nicole Wilkinson. Join us at Cape May Presbyterian or on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84705891917?

Meeting ID: 847 0589 1917

Passcode: 932899

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prayers for: Pastor Dave's Brother recovering from ski accident injuries in Europe, cleared to fly home now. Dale & Jonna Myers family in California, in auto accident, 3 with critical injuries. Bob Lorusso, Chuck's father in law with cancer, seriously ill; Elaine Jordan, prayers for good test results; Pastor Dave & Janet Wenker & Family on the passing of his Father; Anne Ferrari had successful knee surgery & in rehabilitation; Jill Whipple successful surgery; Mary Everett, heart surgery in Phila. (3/7); Prayers of joy from the Ferrari's, granddaughter Jaime is seizure free, following recent brain surgery! And their son, Freddie, Jr is now cancer free, following many months of treatment.

Those on hospice care: John Stalford, Bob Fite, Gertrude Hess, Celeste Bashaw.

Those undergoing cancer treatment: Todd, Brian, Gerri Mills, Robin B, Mike, Kim, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Grover, Glenn, Candy, and Donna.

## Prayer

### 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.

#### FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers, **Now we are neighbors**. Once we were strangers, **Now we are friends**.

### MUSIC HYMN: HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA, BLUE HYMNAL #89

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,

The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

- 2. From Olivet they followed 'Mid an exultant crowd,
  The victor palm branch waving,
  And chanting clear and loud;
  The Lord of earth and heaven
  Rode on in lowly state,
  Nor scorned that little children
  Should on His biding wait.
- 3. "Hosanna in the highest!"
  That ancient song we sing,
  For Christ is our Redeemer,
  The Lord of heav'n our King.
  O may we ever praise Him
  With heart and life and voice,
  And in His blissful presence
  Eternally rejoice.

BENEDICTION: PASTOR DAVID WENKER

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDonough

Go in peace! So glad you've joined us.

Please share your joy and worship experience with others, including with your Facebook and Instagram friends. Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you may view worship any time. The best gift you can offer is to invite others to join you next week!

### Notes for Today's Worship:

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- 1. God Welcomes All: CCLI Song #7102394
- All Glory, Laud, and Honor: John M. Neal, Melchior Teschner, Theodulph of Orleans; CCLI Song #29509
- 3. Jesus is All the World to Me: Will L. Thompson; CCLI Song #7224231
- 4. Doxology. CCLI #4255578
- 5. Hosanna, Loud Hosanna: Jennette Threlfall, Lane Smith; CCLI Song #2698546