



CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 10, 2022

8:30am

Palm Sunday



Worshipping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and we welcome the presence of children with their families in worship. Parents of young children are also welcome to use our nursery care (8 wks - 3 yrs), cry room, and children's worship during the sermon (ages 3 - 1st grade). Please ask an usher or greeter if you need directions.

Amplification devices are available from ushers at the rear of the sanctuary.

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Eric Schmidt

Themes and Keywords: promise, conqueror, peace

PRELUDE

Praeludium and Minuet from Partita in B-Flat

J.S. Bach

INTROIT

Hosanna, Blessed Is He Who Comes

Chancel Choir | Matt Patterson, soloist

Text: John 12:13

Music: Christian Gregor, 1783

arr. M. Mazzoni

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

from Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:9

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,
the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

WE PRAISE GOD

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orléans, c. 820

trans. J.M. Neale, 1854

Tune: Melchior Teschner, 1613

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
3. Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
For you de - light in good - ness, O good and gra - cious King!

You are the King of Is - ra - el, and Da - vid's roy - al Son.
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
the com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;

Now in the Lord's name com - ing the King and Bless - ed One.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
and we, with all cre - a - tion, in chor - us make re - ply.

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESS OUR SIN

from Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:7-8, 10

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Our majestic Conqueror and King,
you rightly require and receive our praise
for your glory is our greatest good.

**But we are prone to seek our deepest joy
in other loves that cannot truly satisfy.**

You showed us true kingship in sacrifice
by clothing your majesty in meekness.

**But we often grasp for power and control
to direct our own lives rather than sacrifice for others.**

Your kingship produces true peace.

**But we often turn away from your way of peace
when we yield to our anger and desire for revenge
or surrender to fear and our desire to escape.**

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Gracious Father, help us see and treasure your glory revealed in Christ so that we turn away from the false promises of every idol to give our greatest praise and loyalty to you. Transform us by the renewing work of your Holy Spirit so that we will trust your promises, abide in Christ our conquering King, and follow him in the way of the cross, laying down our lives to serve the sacrificial mission of your kingdom. Amen.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS

from Hebrews 2:8-9; 5:8-9

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Jesus. But we see him, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. Although Jesus was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah, Amen!

WE PRAISE GOD

Children ages 3 - 1st grade are invited to Children's Church and will return during the offering.

O For a Thousand Tongues

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739
Tune: C. G. Gläser, 1828
adapt. Lowell Mason

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great re - deem - er's praise,
2. Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin, he sets the pris - oner free.
4. Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy.
5. My gra - cious mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - veiled for me.
Ye - blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!
to spread thro' all the earth a - broad, the hon - ors of Thy name.

SEATED

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:12-19, pg. 899

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷

The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

The grass withers and the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8

GOD INSTRUCTS US IN PREACHING

"Lasting Promise"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

WE OFFER OURSELVES IN GIFTS AND SONG

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or visit www.centralpres.com/give.*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chancel Choir

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707
Music: Philip Stopford, 2015

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an off'ring far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Stanza 1 (next page)

(prayers for the church)

Stanza 2 (next page)

(prayers for the nations)

**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.**

Stanza 3 (next page)

The Royal Banners Forward Go

Text: Venantius Fortunatus
trans. J.M. Neale
Tune: Lowell Mason



1. The roy-al ban- ners for- ward go; the cross shows forth re - demp tion's flow,
2. Ful - filled is all that Dav - id told in sure pro - phe - tic song of old,
3. Blest Tri - ni - ty, life's source and spring, may ev' - ry soul your prais - es sing,



where he, by whom our flesh was made, our ran-som in his flesh has paid.
that God the na - tion's king should be and reign in tri - umph from the tree.
and all you ran - som and re - store, please guide and keep for - ev - er - more.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

And all God's people said...

Hallelujah! Amen.

Lenten Doxology

Text: from *This Is My Father's World*
Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
Tune: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915



This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems



oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not



done. Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heav'n be one.

Musicians: Matthew Mazzoni (director), *piano and organ*; Cathy Benton, *piano and organ*

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Anne Butler by her sister, Rosemary Oliver, and her family.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASTORAL STAFF

Clay Smith — Senior Pastor

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 14	Holy Thursday	7:00pm
April 15	Good Friday	7:00pm
April 17	Easter Sunrise	7:00am (Forest Park)
	Easter Sunday	9:00 & 10:45am (Central)

We invite you to experience Holy Week in a new way through the Stations of the Cross. Visit the outdoor Stations along Hanley and Davis Drives, and prior to the Holy Thursday or Good Friday services, stop by the Student Center for an immersive, interactive Stations experience. Learn more by visiting www.centralpres.com/easter.

At Central, we believe in and rely upon the power of prayer. If you have a specific need or concern for which you would like prayer, contact us at prayer@centralpres.com or visit www.centralpres.com/prayer.

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