

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Fanfare” (Buxtehude)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say,
‘His steadfast love endures forever.’**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

***OPENING HYMN #35** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”* (Gesangbuch)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who saves, we confess today that we relish the project of making you, your Son, your Spirit, into tame and nonthreatening entities. We much prefer a god we can construct with our own hands, in our own minds, to our own liking. We are threatened and intimidated by the God we find in Scripture, a God who loves us passionately, who gives to us lavishly, who calls to us relentlessly. We want a god whom we can bend to our purposes and our desires. Forgive us, God who is the only God. Teach us humility, that we may be conformed, that we may be transformed, that we may be yours. Save us, Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581** *“Gloria Patri”* (Greatorex)

**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.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Zechariah 9:9-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Philippians 2:5-11

ANTHEM

“Hosanna to the King of Kings!” (Larson)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 11:1-11

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“This is the Lord’s Doing”

***HYMN #196**

“*All Glory, Laud and Honor*” (Teschner)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1561)

By his passion and death and everything which he did and endured for our sake by his coming in the flesh, our Lord reconciled all the faithful to the heavenly Father, made expiation for sins, disarmed death, overcame damnation and hell, and by his resurrection from the dead brought again and restored life and immortality. For he is our righteousness, life and resurrection, in a word, the fulness and perfection of all the faithful, salvation and all sufficiency.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*The Palms*” (Faure)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

God who saves, on this Palm Sunday we give thanks to you, for indeed you are good: your steadfast love endures forever. You open for us the gates of righteousness, so that we may enter and render our thanks. You have answered us and become our salvation.

This is the day that you have made; therefore, we rejoice and are glad, in this day. You are our God; we will give thanks to you. You are our God; we will extol you all our days.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #198**

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (Dykes)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Herzogl)

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 bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.