

Service for the Lord's Day

Passion/Palm Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude *Chaconne in e minor* Dietrich Buxtehude

Chimes

Welcome (Please sign the friendship pad)

Minute for Mission: Sanctuary Piano Update *Janet Cherry*

Call to Worship (from Matthew 21)

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; untie it and bring it to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs it."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey, and put their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.

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 those 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!"

*Hymn 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Facing our Sin and Trusting God's Grace

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. Yet while our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your will. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Oh, the ways that we betray you! Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and who we have been. Lord, save us! *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

*Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* John Merbecke



Lord, have mercy up on us. Christ, have mercy up on us. Lord, have mercy up on us.

(*All who are able may stand.)

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

Passing the peace is more than a greeting. It is a ritual acting out of Jesus' call to love and forgive others, as we have been loved. We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church: "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."

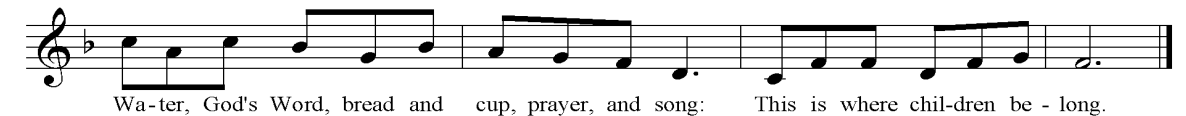
*Response to God's Grace (Hymn 581) *Gloria Patri* William Greatorex

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.

PROCLAMATION

Message for Children *This is Where Children Belong* James Ritchie



Anthem *Alleluia* Ed Harris

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26:14-35 Pew Bible, NT, page29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word Proclaimed *Betty Connette*

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* (pg. 35 in front of hymnal)

*Hymn 221 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

Sharing Pastoral Concerns and Joys

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Were You There* Jean Middleswarth

*Doxology (Hymn 607) OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Chaconne* Louis Couperin

Worship Notes

Acolyte: Will Fischer

Worship Leaders: Betty Connette, Robert Owens, Janet Cherry, and the
Chancel Choir