

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY

Andrea Emmel

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

**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.**

PRAYERS FOR 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF SENDING #99 "Lord, You Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #250 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" (verse 1)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.**

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Andrea Emmel

Thanks to Andrea Emmel for providing our music this morning.

Today's call to worship and assurance of pardon were written by Thom Shuman and published on his Lectionary Liturgies blog.

Rev. Betsy Turner, Interim Pastor
Dorothy Clark, Organist
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Choir Director
Linda Hodges, Office Manager
Nursery: Suzie Wharton and Allie Dunn

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

11:00 a.m.



PROCESSION OF THE PALMS

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven."
Luke 19:38*

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during worship.)

* Those who are able, please stand.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andrea Emmel

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Terry Holmes

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Those who are able, please stand.

*CONGREGATION INTROIT #267 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (verses 1 & 3)

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**"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!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Terry Holmes

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

All: **We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

All: **We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes, modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

All: **Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

*OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS #265 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that we too often deny him. Our mean thoughts, words, and deeds deny his kindness. Our self-interest denies his sacrifice. Our stinginess denies his generosity. Our hatred denies his love. Our violence denies his peace. Our indifference to the plight of others denies his deep compassion for all. Our fear and timidness deny his power at work in and among us. Hear us now as we confess in silence the particular ways we need your grace.

~silence~

Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to proclaim Christ in word and deed, instead of denying him. Lead us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Our tears are mingled with those of God; our sighs are held in the heart of grace; our emptiness is filled with hope and peace.

All: **Hesitantly, hopefully, we will walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, and beyond. For everything God has done for us, we bend our knees in praise and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

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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.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Aaron Roberts

ANTHEM "Hosanna in the Highest" arr. Petker

Children's and Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-4, 20-29

Page 534, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Luke 19:28-40

Page 78, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever"

Rev. Betsy Turner