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Worship Bulletin for March 29, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Allegro

Coty Catlin and Susie Rolston

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! *(wave Palm branches)*

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven! *(wave Palm branches)*

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

GtG # 196

(bring palm branches forward during the hymn)

(Refrain)

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. **(Refrain)**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. **(Refrain)**

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! **(Refrain)**

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of Mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation. Our old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

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.

Anthem

Mary Young and Fair

Coty Catlin and Susie Rolston

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer

O Lord, Hear our Prayer

(pew song sheet)

Prayers lifted to God 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.

*Hymn

Ride On! Ride One in Majesty!

GtG #198

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

First Lesson:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

OT page #565

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.

Second Lesson:

Matthew 21:1-11

NT page #23

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 and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 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 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!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Sermon

Hosanna to Humble

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Reflection on Hosanna *by Rev. E. Crumlish*

Let us stay with the Hosannas for a while
Let us let them keep on ringing in our ears -- Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Instead of rushing on to hear the cries that came later in the week
Let us stay with the Hosannas
Maybe once we have heard those in a new way
we will be ready to make the rest of the journey.
For those Hosannas were not simply the innocent cries
of palm branch waving children
Those Hosannas were the war cries of adults
tired of the oppression
of occupying forces
Those Hosannas were the hopeful cries
of a nation seeking liberation.
Those Hosannas were an investment of hope
in one they thought would deliver.
Those Hosannas
that we have sanitized over the years
rang out in clear insurrection
sealing the fate of one who rode on a donkey.
So, let us stay with the Hosannas.
Let us wrest them from the lips of children
and allow them to ring in our ears
and spew from our mouths
as a call to action
a call to justice
a call to love.
Let us stay with the Hosannas
even as we journey with the Christ
who carried those Hosannas
all the way to the cross.

Offering

Offertory

Prayer for Peace

Coty Catlin and Susie Rolston

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that
through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our
Sovereign and our God.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

GtG # 197

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.

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.

"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.

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Erik Ottem

GREETER: Shari Gallegos

COFFEE HOST: Lori Burkett

OFFERING COUNTER: David Allshouse

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Westview Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday: **Bell Choir at 2:15PM**

Tuesday: **Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ
at 1PM, Zoom. Please read CH. 9**

Thursday:

- **Choir at 4PM**
- **Maundy Thursday Service:**
 - ~ **Soup Supper at 5PM**
 - ~ **Service at 6PM**

Upcoming Events

- **Easter Sunday is April 5th**

Join us as we celebrate this joyful day. Invite your family and friends to share in the celebration!

- **SAVE the DATE:** June 2nd - Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall, starts at 8:30AM by appointment only using the Red Cross app.

- **2026 Per Capita Fees** - Annual due charged by Presbytery is based on total membership. It helps when our members contribute their share of \$55 for 2026. THANK YOU!!!