

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

March 24, 2024, at 10:00am

PALM SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“At the Name of Jesus”

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

“Jesus, My Lord”

“The Palms”

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

“The King Is Coming”

“Thou Art Worthy”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Wilson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cheers fill the air –

The sound of hope and victory.

The people wear glad hearts,

Their King has come into his own.

So, we come with hope this day,

To worship God, who sends Jesus into our midst.

***OPENING HYMN #197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (Herzog)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, then we deceive ourselves. Whether we think Jesus died for our sins, or whether we think Jesus died because of the corruption and evil of a few, the truth remains that he died, and we are changed, yet we also remain unchanged. For those ways in which we remain unchanged by that suffering and sacrifice, let us make our confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lamb of God, we remain unmoved by your tears, by your slow dying. We hear the taunts, and pretend our words are always sweet. We watch you forgive, and hoard grace for ourselves. We know you die, and we go on about our usual way. Forgive us for not stopping, for not weeping, for not acknowledging that we allow your children in our time to suffer. Heal our broken, imperfect hearts, that we might love more fully and more wondrously, following You, O Lamb, not into death but into life. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Siblings in Christ, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Reverend Rose McCurdy

ENSEMBLE CHOIR *“A Palm Sunday Jubilation”* (Arr. Paige)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Lord Jesus, into our midst this day. Open our hearts to receive your love; open our minds to hear your story; open our hands to receive your grace. In praise and adoration, we raise our palms to you. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Psalm 98

SECOND READING

Luke 19:28-48

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Creation Sings & Shouts

Reverend Rose McCurdy

***HYMN #198**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” (Dykes)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“The Palms” (Faure)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

PASTORAL PRAYER/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.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #450** *“Be Thou My Vision”* (Irish Ballad)
(March Hymn of the Month)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

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