



Southminster Presbyterian Church

"A Christ-centered ... intentionally missional congregation ..."

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Celebration of Worship

Palm Sunday ~ March 24, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, we Pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, And the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Carillon
M. Helman

Sonorillo Handbell Ensemble

Ringing of the Hour

Welcome

Doug Marshall

* Call to Worship *(In Unison)*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his Name.
For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever;
And his faithfulness to all generations.

* Processional Hymn #89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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.

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Fred Barnes

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
Nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or
walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
And sustain us with your bountiful Spirit ...

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Glory to God #579

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.

Announcements

Jennifer Stample

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Cheryl Polito

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Time With the Young Church

Anthem

Celebrate and Sing
Joel Raney

Christin Cooper
Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

p. 492

New Testament Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

p. 183

Response

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"The Journey to Jerusalem"

* Hymn of Response #85

What Wondrous Love is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(In Unison)*

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Entrance into Jerusalem
Wes Cameron

* Praise to God #59 I

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 Dedication

* Hymn of Dedication #88

All Glory, Laud and Honor

[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:]

All glory, laud and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayer we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King! *[Refrain]*

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Congregational Response** *(In Unison)*

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

*** Postlude**

A Canticle of Praise
C. William Goth

** If you are able, please stand.*

Thought For Meditation

Palm Sunday shows us how often we misinterpret God's love, as well as our love for God.

*The true measure of our love must comprise the capacity to extend ourselves
in real acts of compassion toward the afflicted, forcing us to come out of ourselves.*

Michael Battle



Welcome

If you are visiting with us this morning, WELCOME!
Please complete a CONNECT Card so we can be in touch with you.
Thank you for sharing Worship with us this morning.



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