



The Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/ Passion Sunday

Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.

*The * indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

April 14, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation.

9:30 am

Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

David Paxton

Call to Worship

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Raising our branches in joy!

One: Joining all who wish to see Jesus

All: eager for a healing touch, a blessing received.

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Raising our branches in hope!

One: Joining all who wish to hear Jesus

All: longing for a message of welcome and acceptance on our journey.

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Laying down our branches in fear.

One: Wondering if we are able to walk with Jesus

All: through the week ahead, through anguish, accusations, despair.

One: We gather together in this place.

All: Waving branches of prayer.

Walking toward the Cross, and the empty tomb. Let us worship God!

*Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, as we remember your Son's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we confess that all too often we have been part of the crowd. When things go our way, we believe our lives are good because we worked hard; when things do not go our way, we blame others for our troubles. God, help us to take responsibility, not only for our own lives, but for the lives of our neighbors. Forgive us when we have forgotten your commandments and have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us of our faults and renew in us a sense of your love, justice, and mercy. Guide us in ways that we might live more faithfully. Help us to seek Christ amidst the suffering in this world and guide us as the body of Christ to be your hands and feet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Choral Response

Heal Us, O Lord

Choir

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?

All: Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

One: Hear the good news, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

All: We are forgiven and freed! Praise be to God!

*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.

*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.
All children and youth are invited to Sunday School classes following the Message.
Childcare for infants through two-year-olds is available in the nursery, room 11.
Breakfast Club will be meeting this morning in Room 22.*

Prayer for Illumination

Kim Bailey– Manzella

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (page 492)

Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus
Memorial Ringers

Valerie W. Stephenson

Gospel Reading

Luke 19: 28-40 (page 854)

Sermon

Even the Stones Would Shout!

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

*Affirmation of Faith

[from the PCUSA Confession of 1967]

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all. The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

*Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Readings and scripture interpolated throughout as candles are extinguished

Easter Sunday, April 21

Resurrection of the Lord

Festive Service at 9:30am

Rev. Amy Lincoln preaching

"I Have Seen the Lord!" based on John 20: 1-18

Chancel Choir with Brass Quartet participating