

Seneca Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2023

CELEBRATE AND WAIT

“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Palm/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship

April 2, 2023

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hosanna Loud Hosanna

Jan Palmer, Organist

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts. From hope to despair to hope again. As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd, help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see what is at stake. As the story unfolds, open us to both the hope and the pain. In this time of worship, prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Choral Response:

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

People: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Leader: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs.

People: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus Christ you came to rule in our lives, not as a king, but as a humble servant, riding on a donkey. Enter into our hearts this day with your glory, that we may greet you with shouts of praise; through Christ, our Sovereign and Savior. Amen.

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Hymn #196

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent prayers of confession)

(on insert)

RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Hymn #469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #581

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 118

(on insert)

ANTHEM

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

SPC Choir

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON

Celebrate and Wait

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (from A Declaration of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

Nobody Cared

Diane DeMont-Malle

***Doxology #606** *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

***HYMN 215**

What Wonderous Love Is This

Hymn #215

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him!

Jan Palmer, Pianist

***Let those who are able stand**

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Pressley Cox, Associative Executive Pastor, Foothills Presbyterian

Richard Caldwell, Parish Associate

Shawn Thomas, Director of Music & Communication

Carol Hartman, Liturgist

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