

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

8:45

“What Wondrous Love is This”

arr. J. Carter

11:00

“The Palms”

J. Faure, arr. Westbrook

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As Jesus came into Jerusalem that day long ago, riding a donkey, the people whispered,

"What's his name? Who is he?"

People: **The crowd shouted back, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"**

Leader: But who is he?

People: **His disciples praised God joyfully for his deeds of power. They shouted, "Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven."**

Leader: But do we know him by his name?

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Jesus is his name!**

*HYMN NO. 196

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we cannot grasp the Incarnation: that you emptied yourself to become one of us; that you walked among us and experienced all human emotions; that you humbled yourself and suffered in our place. It stills our minds. You call us to live as your children, reflecting your grace. Despite wanting to live up to our calling, we keep failing. We grasp where you let go. We are proud where you were humble. We avoid pain and suffering where you embraced it for the sake of love. Forgive us, God. Renew us that we might walk in the way of Jesus...

(Silent prayer)

KYRIE ***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*** D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's mercy restores our lives. This is the Good News which we celebrate and proclaim: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

(Hosanna, Loud Hosanna)

Sing praise to God our Father, Sing glory to God's Son!

Rejoice in Holy Spirit to praise the Three in One!

When we were lost in darkness, unclean and without sight,

Our Savior saw and gathered us to raise us to God's light!

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:2-11

GOSPEL READING

Mark 15:25-40

SERMON

“The Scream Heard Around the World”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(11:00) As directed, please come forward in the center aisle to receive your elements, and carry them back to your pew by the side aisle. We will partake together as led.

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“Come, Share the Lord”

B. J. Leech

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Lamb, whose off'ring took my place, whose sacrifice has set me free;

I live now trusting in Thy grace; my life, Thine offering of love made wholly unto Thee.

(11:00)

“O Love”

E. Hagenberg

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be...

THE SENDING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Remembering Jesus, who bore our sins, we bring these tokens of our gratitude. We would die to sin and live in thanksgiving for Christ's sacrifice for us. May we use these offerings in ways that reflect renewed discipleship. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 221

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. D. Wyrzten

11:00

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. D. Buxtehude

*Please stand as you are able.