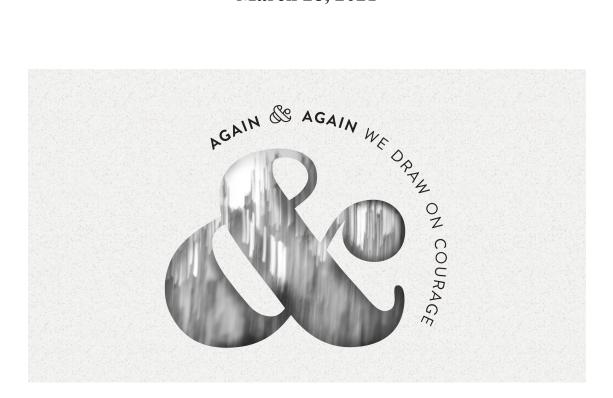


Service for the Lord's Day March 28, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude Shout Hosanna!

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Threshold Moment

Hymn #196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Scripture Reading John 12:1-11

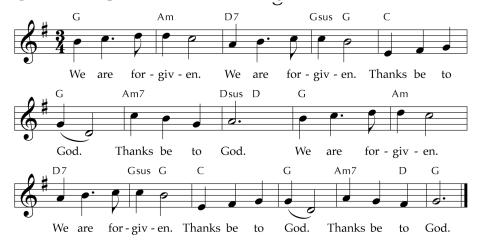
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession God of palm branches and hallelujahs: We confess - we love a good Palm Sunday celebration. We love the sound of a joyful parade. We love shouting, "hallelujah!" We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner. We love good news. However, if we slow down and pay attention, We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you. There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence. You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire, And the whole world knew it. Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took. Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage, And even we can do hard things. With hope we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #447 We Are Forgiven



Passing of the Peace

As a forgiven people, let us now share the peace of Christ with one another. Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

| Children's Message | |
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| Scripture Reading | John 12:12-15 |
| Special Music | Hosanna, Praise the Lord |
| Scripture Reading | John 12:16-19 |
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Again & Again, We Draw on Courage

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music *Ah, Holy Jesus* Sue Rosser

Affirmation of Faith

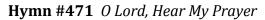
Sermon

I refuse to believe that I am powerless. I refuse to believe that injustice and hatred are simply the way it has to be. I refuse to believe that I am better or more deserving than my neighbor. I refuse to believe that my self-worth is rooted in my accomplishments or appearance. I refuse to believe that the Church is dying, because I see God all around me. I refuse to believe that the traditions of old are the only path for moving forward.

I refuse to believe that I cannot make a difference. So with hope in my heart, I will strive to live a life of courage, conviction, and compassion, Just as Jesus taught us. Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.





Pastoral Prayer & The 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.

Offering

Your offerings support the mission and ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. You can give online by going to <u>http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/</u>

Special Music Again and Again: A Song for Lent by the Many

Charge & Benediction

Postlude Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Acolyte: Jacob Giddings Liturgists: Gary Blanchard, Sulin Campbell Soloist: Sue Rosser Children's Choir: Lacy & Laura Myer, Alex Mikeladze Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver Video Producer: Heather Myer

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