**Palm Sunday April 2, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in C, BWV 547*  Bach (1685-1750)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Hosanna* Mathias (1934-1992)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2**saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. **3**If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2021:1-11&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23828a)] **4**This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

**5**“Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
    humble and mounted on a donkey,  
        and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

**6**The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; **7**they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. **8**A very large crowd[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%2021:1-11&version=NRSVUE#fen-NRSVUE-23833b)] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. **9**The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
    Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**10**When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” **11**The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# MORNING PRAYER

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**OPENING HYMN 197** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Ellacombe

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you have given us light, answered our prayers and become our salvation. But while we rejoice at the coming of our king, we confess that we do not follow where you lead. We admire you but hesitate to follow you. We may cheer at the roadside, but we scatter like palm branches when things get hard. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Have mercy on us, and deliver us, for our times are in your hand, O God. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 31:9-16 p. 439

**ANTHEM** *Hosanna*  Gregor (1723-1801)

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Philippians 2:5-11 p. 954

**SERMON** *Empty…*Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Invitation*

*Great Thanksgiving*

*Communion of the People*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 198** R*ide On! Ride On in Majesty!* St. Drostane

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Fanfare Soler (1729-1773)

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The Legacy: Mary June Cook

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Brightview Baldwin Park: Walt Flora

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab, Nancy Garber

Home: Dick Huff, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Bird Heuchert

Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley, Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew, Jean Custen,

Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Paul Watts, Bob Cash (Colleen Cash). Greg Wood (Anne Wood). Josh Slonaker, Beth Crickenberger, Barb Ostrander (Holly Bennett), Marty Rogers (sister of Cathy Cunningham)

Military: Carson Craig

Session approved calling a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of worship on Sunday, April 16, 2023.  The purpose of the meeting is to present for the congregation's concurrence the Memorandum of Understanding for the sale of the First Presbyterian Church property to the Fishburne Military School.

Reminder next Sunday we have a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes are enclosed.

**Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TotYqZYzLUs>