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Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Giving Up Popularity

If you are a guest, thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 213** (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2) *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Behold your King comes to you;

P: He is just!

L: He brings salvation,

P: He brings peace,

L: Hosanna in the highest!

P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We worship his Holy Name! Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN NO 213** (black hymnal, vs. 3)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!

arr. Labenske

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 780 (black hymnal)

Doxology

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR**

When I Survey and The Old Rugged Cross (Traditional)

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 216 (black hymnal)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem*

by Beall, Carter

REMEMBERING HOLY WEEK *Video*

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Holy One, Beloved of God, we rally to your side cheering and waving, caught up in the excitement and the drama of the procession. We join the procession, with prophecy and song echoing in our minds: singing of the triumph of God over the enemies who have held us captive.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We cry, "Hosanna! Save us!" while believing ourselves saved already. In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us. Forgive us the desire for power, and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when we would push away those who seek to know you; when we consider others too sinful, too distasteful, too blind to be part of our company. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable outcome: of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow. Forgive us our failure to love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 222 (black hymnal, vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5) *My Song is Love Unknown*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Behold the King

by Smith

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jon and Barb Waltemyer's 36th wedding anniversary.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Jim and Bonnie Firestone's 50th wedding anniversary, by Jim and Bonnie Firestone.

The bulletins are presented by the Ridgerunners in honor of the dedicated volunteers who made the "candy making" a huge success.

Thank you to the Children's Bell Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Jim and Sue Shiffer; Coordinated by Pastor Jeff

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Guy and Marty Wenck; Nancy and Jeff Sleeper

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Ron Miles

10:30 AM Video Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

10:30 AM Nursery: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

WOW Kids: Coordinated by Kathy Sweeney

¹ Adapted from a call to worship written by the Very Rev. David Lunan, and posted on the Church of Scotland's **Starters for Sunday** website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

² Written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Senior Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. Prayer found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search/label/Palm%20Sunday>

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"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

213

Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
 "Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
 Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

216

Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
 2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
 3 As you re-ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
 whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.

The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

My Song Is Love Unknown

222

Samuel Crossman, 1664; alt.

2 Cor. 5:15-19; Heb. 5:7-10

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they threw down palms and sweet - est prais - es sang.
 4 What has my Sov - ereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5 I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:

Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.
 Ho - san - nas and glad psalms through streets and mar - kets rang.
 Christ gave new strength to run, re - stored the gift of sight.
 Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.

O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
 But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, for blood and death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could

flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?
 life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.
 thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst Christ rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst Christ rise.
 glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

First published in 1664 by Samuel Crossman, one of the first writers of English hymns, this hymn of praise for Christ's love was not appreciated until 200 years later. The tune was composed by John D. Edwards, c. 1840.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840