



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord Christ, as you once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh.
As you once set your face toward death, may we follow you in the way of the cross,
dying and rising with you, and entering into your Kingdom in which you live and reign
forevermore. As the children once cried "Hosanna" to bless you, enable us to confess you
openly as Lord and Savior. Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit, that our
worship and our lives may truly honor you. Amen.—adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

MARCH 24, 2024 • SANCTUARY SERVICE

* Congregation standing as you are able

Order of Worship

Prelude

“Hosanna to the Son of David”

Jeanne Demessieux

Hosanna to the Son of David!

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!”

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome and greetings

Larry Goodman, ruling elder

Introit

“Wave Your Branches”

Kingdom Kids I

Wave your branches, wave them high! Jesus now is riding by.

Wave your branches, shout and sing loud hosannas to your King.

Wave your branches, wave them now with Jerusalem’s cheering crowd.

Wave your branches, shout and sing loud hosannas to your King.

text by Gwendolyn Emery-Owings; music by Thomas Pavlechko, 2009

* Call to worship

from Zechariah 9 and Psalm 24

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

All: See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle
and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that
the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

* Hymn of praise 235

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
*text by Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820, tr. John Mason Neale, 1854; music by Melchior Teschner,
ca. 1615, ST. THEODULPH*

*** Prayer of adoration**

*** Affirmation of faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to confession

from Hebrews 10:19–22

Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Silent prayers of confession

Wondrous King, all glorious, sov'reign Lord victorious,
O receive our praise with favor!
From thee welled God's kindness tho' we in our blindness
strayed from thee, our blessed Savior.
Strengthen thou, help us now;
let our tongues be singing, thee our praises bringing.

Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender,
ye who know and love the Savior.
Hallelujahs sing ye, ye redeemed, O, bring ye
hearts that yield him glad behavior.
Blest are ye endlessly;
sinless there forever, ye shall laud him ever.

text and music by Joachim Neander, 1680, WUNDERBARER KÖNIG

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on 1 Peter 2 and Galatians 2

Leader: Jesus Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

All: We have been crucified with Christ and we no longer live, but Christ lives in us. The life we live in the body, we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

*** Hymn of assurance 693**

“Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*
text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1873; music by Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873, ASSURANCE

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heav’n thereby,
nor yet because who love thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav’n or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
but as thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!

E’en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing;
solely because thou art my God and my eternal King.

17th century Latin poem, tr. Rev. Edward Caswall; music by Jane M. Marshall © 1954 Carl Fischer, LLC, CCLI Lic. #152036

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

*** Scripture reading from Luke 19:28–40**

Amos Oster

²⁸And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The King’s Triumphal Entry”

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

1. The King’s deliberate preparation fulfills ancient prophecy. (vv. 28–34)
2. The King’s triumphal entry elicits conditional praise. (vv. 35–38)
3. The King clearly declares inevitable praise. (vv. 39–40)

Pastoral prayer

*** Hymn of response 198**, vv. 1, 4, 5, 6

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav’n’s employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!

Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

text based on Psalm 24, Georg Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; music from Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789, TRURO

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

*** Postlude**

St. Matthew Passion: Final Chorus

J. S. Bach, arr. C. M. Widor

Musicians for this week:

Joy Gibbons – choral director
Joshua Knight – organ, piano
Travis Knight – percussion

Amos Oster – handbells
Stephanie Wharton – flute
Isaiah Wykoff – handbells

Kingdom Kids I:

Rosalie Barham
Henry Beasley
Everett Burke
Campbell Clark
Carter Doak

Grey Gibson
Lillie Heid
Madeline Holstege
Asher Kajiwaru
Bia Kajiwaru

Evie Kajiwaru
Charlotte Koehl
Millie Lannae
Henley McCahill
Hunter Palmer

Addie Rooy
Sadie Mae Wharton
Augusta Witcher
Tiya Wykoff

Celebrating the baptism of Shepherd Wilson Nettleton at the 9:30 service in the fellowship hall today are his parents, Mary and Wil Nettleton, and his grandparents, Susan and Calvin Jett and Vickie Nettleton.

The rosebuds in the service today are for the births of **William Stroud Helm** born to Tay Tay and Carter Helm on March 18 and **Maxwell James Pettit** born to Anne and Josiah Pettit on March 18.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM BRANCHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL at the entrances to the sanctuary. After the service, the branches may be placed in the cross located in the church courtyard. Next Sunday, the cross will be filled with flowers in celebration of Christ's resurrection. You are welcome to bring your own flowers on Easter to contribute to the cross, or to take one of the flowers that will be available and place it in the cross. The cross is provided by Catherine and Charlie Walldorf in loving memory of Flora Walldorf and Dick Fowler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will not be held next week, Easter Sunday.

THE PLAYGROUND IS CURRENTLY CLOSED, due to hazardous materials present during construction work. Please observe signage and do not access the playground when gates are locked.

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 23–40), come meet at Oddstory on Thursday, April 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for an evening of games and food. Bring your kids! Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

..... 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall*

Good Friday Service

..... 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary*

Easter Sunrise Service

..... 7:15 a.m. at Point Park (meet in the sanctuary in case of rain)

Easter Morning Coffee and Donuts

..... 8:00 a.m. in the Jane Harris Youth Building

Easter Sunday Services

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary*

..... 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall*

No Sunday School for adults, youth, or children

No Evening Gathering or youth activities

**indicates nursery available*

2024 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total 2024 Budget: \$5,860,000

2024 Pledges: \$3,692,475 (63%)

Remainder Needed: \$2,167,525

Member Households Pledged: 307 (48%)

Remaining Households to Pledge: 327 (52%)

Total Member Households: 634

Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge toward the 2024 operating budget of LMPC. As of Wednesday, 63% of our budget has been pledged by 48% of our church body. If you haven't yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible online at lmpc.org/give or through Realm Connect.

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