UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY March 28th, 2021 PALM SUNDAY

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN MINI MOVIE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE The Palms CHORAL INTROIT Hosanna In the Highest

J. Faure, Arr. E. Lorenz David W. Music

GREETING	L: The Lord be with you.
	P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who delight in worship. Blessed are the ones who come in God's name.

Give thanks to God, all who assemble here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let all who follow Christ sing God's praise. Because of God's help, we are not disgraced.

Open the gates of righteousness that we might enter. The works of God are marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that our God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! Let every knee bend before Jesus!

Let every tongue welcome Christ's reign! Hosanna!

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

This is your day, Holy God. Every day belongs to you. We would empty ourselves before you so there will be room for your entrance into our minds and hearts. Our times are in your hands. This precious gift of life is ours, in trust, from you. We give thanks, for your steadfast love endures forever. That love, expressed in the life of Jesus, dared to challenge those centers of power that lived by other standards. We come to declare that love today. Reign among us, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honorverses 1, 2, 3, 4#204PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we are as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but in times of

weariness or rebellion, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it is under attack and link ourselves with the scoffers. When there is opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we are silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members, have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God answers us and offers salvation. In the mystery of God, One came among us, fully human yet fully divine, to lead us to the throne of grace. Though in the form of God, Jesus, emptied himself, taking a slave's role in humble service to humanity. This was for our sake that we might bend our knees before God in humility and trust. We are saved in God's steadfast love!

*GLORIA PATRI	#805		
RECEIVE CONFIRMANDS			
CHORAL ANTHEM Shout Hosanna to the King	Stan Pethel		
CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters			
*HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This verses 1, 2, 3	#212		
SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 50:4-9a (p.667); Philippians 2:5-11 (p.1069) & Mark 11:1-11 (p.922)			
MESSAGE Rev. James Deters			
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	on insert		
PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer			
OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES			
OFFERTORY Open the Gates of the Temple	Arr. Smith/Hustad		
*DOXOLOGY	#809		
*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)			
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never match your goodness toward us. Your saving grace. your healing light, your personal sacrifice are so far beyond our imagining! We can only offer ourselves, all we have and all we are in response to the coming of Christ Jesus. Hosanna in the highest! Receive, O God, our humble service. Amen.

#95

*HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God has given us light.

We are sent into the world to share that light.

This is God's doing; marvelous in our eyes.

We will carry the light of Christ to the world. God has offered us the keystone of life.

We are called to build lives where God can dwell.

We offer ourselves as homes for God's spirit. We will make room for God's rule within us. Give thanks for God's reign among us. Praise God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Hosanna in the highest heaven! We trust in God and seek to serve in Christ's name. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION	God Be With You	
POSTLUDE Ride on! Ride on in Majesty!		

#840 L. Smith

*All those who are able, please stand.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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AFFIRMATION

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Isaiah 50:4-9a

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The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2:5-11

p.1069

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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JESUS CHRIST

What Wondrous Love Is This

For Christ's love compels us . . . 2 Cor. 5:14



MUSIC: Southern Harmony, 1835

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