



PHOSANNA

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WELCOME

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We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life.
We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Shannon White

A Reading from Mark 11 (adapted)

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

People: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

OPENING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (Verses 1, 2)

Arr. John Carter

(Verse 2)

WPC Choir,
Carla Strauss, Flute
WPC Congregation

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we have opened ourselves to healing and sometimes it is easier to pray nice prayers than to do the hard work of putting into action what needs to happen. Help us remember the sacred nature of the holy vessels that we are, fragile and susceptible to shattering and yet capable of transformation.

Help us to see ourselves as you see us. Help us to believe in our ability to change and heal as you believe in us. Help us, Healer. Show us our strength. Forgive our inertia. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care. In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

For the healing of the world, Lord, we lift a fragile prayer.
Kneeling, pleading, Lord we yearn, speak your peace to our despair.
In the shadows of this time, shine on us Your Light divine.
Help us trust Your grand design. Lord of life, Lord of Grace, Lord of all, we pray to you.

For the healing of this wrong, Lord, we whisper in the night.
We are listening for Your song. Sing until the morning light.
In the silence help us hear words of hope and promise clear.
Teach us not to live in fear. Lord of life, Lord of Grace, Lord of all, we pray to you.

For the healing of the heart, Lord, we seek your touch of grace.
Let Your work of mercy start; help us find our hiding place.
Humbly, Lord, we lift our cry, wounded sparrow seeking sky.
Teach us once again to fly. Lord of life, Lord of Grace, Lord of all, we pray to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alison Wood

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:1-8 (NRSV)

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." Then some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home." And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

SERMON

ANTHEM

O Divine Redeemer
Charles Gounod

Kimberli Render, Soprano

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy,
Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy,
Hear Thou my cry, hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid,
Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Thy pity show in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord!
Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.

O, divine Redeemer! O, divine Redeemer!

I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not my sins!

Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer!

I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not, O Lord, my sins!

Night gathers round my soul; fearful I cry to Thee;

Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!

Hear my cry, hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;

Hear my cry, hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord!

O, divine Redeemer! O, divine Redeemer!

I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not, remember not, O Lord, my sins!

Save, in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou me, O my God!

O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rachelle Bernabei

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 and ever. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Carla Strauss, Flute



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