

**Downtown Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship for April 5, 2020**

**Opening Voluntary**

Voluntary on *Ellecombe*  
Tune taken from Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

based on Psalm 118:1, 19-29 (CEB, alt.)

*Give thanks to the LORD because God is good,  
because God's faithful love lasts forever.*

*Open the gates of righteousness for us  
so we can come in and give thanks to the LORD!  
This is the LORD's gate;  
those who are righteous enter through it.*

*We thank you because you answered us,  
because you were our saving help.  
The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!  
This has happened because of the LORD;  
it is astounding in our sight!  
This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!*

*LORD, please save us!  
LORD, please let us succeed!*

*The one who enters in the LORD's name is blessed;  
we bless all of you from the Lord's house.  
The LORD is God!  
God has shined a light on us!  
So lead the festival offering with ropes  
all the way to the horns of the altar.  
You are our God—we will give thanks to you!  
You are our God—I will lift you up high!  
Give thanks to the Lord because God is good,  
because God's faithful love lasts forever.*

**Hymn**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

## **Confession**

*Suffering God, it is easy to shout,*

*“Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

*It is easy to shout, “Hosanna.”*

*But after the parade there is the cross.*

*And the way of the cross is a hard road.*

*It is draining.*

*It is demanding.*

*It is fraught with danger.*

*You ask us to stay by your side*

*as you walk toward Calvary.*

*But weariness and fear overtake us.*

*Like the first disciples, we are quick*

*to betray you,*

*to deny you,*

*to abandon you.*

*Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead.*

*Give us courage to face the pain and suffering*

*of this world and to respond with compassion.*

*As the darkness gathers,*

*renew our faith,*

*fill us with hope,*

*and startle us with your grace.*

*And be with us now in our silence, as we offer our personal confession.*

## **Assurance**

*Friends, our sighs are held in the heart of grace; our emptiness is filled with hope and peace.*

*Hesitantly, hopefully, we will walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, and beyond.*

*For everything is already done for us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.*

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**

Matthew 21:1-11

*When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring." The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.*

*Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."*

**Sermon****Hymn**

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

**Pastoral Prayer****The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*For the Lord's Supper you are invited to use whatever bread and juice (or wine) that you have on hand. As you are comfortable, join Pastor Mike in breaking the bread and blessing the cup. Likewise, share the elements however you choose.*

**Prayer After Communion****Benediction****Closing Voluntary**

Wondrous Love, Setting Two

Justin McCarthy

Tune taken from Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This"

# All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

*to Refrain*

# A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had  
 2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and  
 3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the  
 4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have  
 5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as  
 spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing  
 crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled  
 surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as  
 have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.  
 love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.  
 leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.  
 this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.  
 fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.

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