

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 25th, 2018  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
11:00 am

*\*\*Please feel free to stand as you are able.*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

#### Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

The Bells of Bethel

#### Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Tabby Moore

*(White prayer request sheets are in the pew racks. Please pass your request(s) to the center aisle during the first hymn where they will be collected by the Deacons.)*

#### \*\*Passing of God's Peace

#### \*\**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Chris-tian love:  
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds  
Is like to that a-bove.*

**Prelude** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"  
*(Richard Redhead 1810-1901,  
arr. Albert Zabel b. 1935)*

The Bells of Bethel & Bob Moody, Accompanist

### WE APPROACH GOD

#### Choral Introit

#### The Call to Worship

Leader: Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions:

**People:** *"Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.'"*

#### The Call to Worship *(continued)*

Leader: They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you doing that?"

**People:** *They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount.*

Leader: People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

**People:** *"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"*

Leader: Let us worship God.

#### \*\*Hymn of Praise 88

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

*(Prayer requests to the center aisle to be collected by the Deacons.)*

#### Prayer of the Day

Kelly-Ann Rayle

#### Call to Confession

Tabby Moore

Leader: One day, we are crying to God, "Hosanna, save us;"

**People:** *the next day, we are turning our backs on God.*

Leader: Yet despite our unfaithfulness, God is steadfast in loving us, and constant in forgiving us.

**People:** *Let us confess our sinful nature and deeds to God.*

#### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

*With joy and longing in our hearts, we welcome your Son, O God, only to turn from him when he takes up a cross instead of a crown. We want salvation without the cost of new life. We want others and the world to change, but resist changing our lives. We want your will to be done on earth as in heaven, but don't want to submit to it ourselves. We want your peace and blessings for our lives, but not your judgment and call to discipleship. On Sunday, our loud "hosannas" meet your ears; but too often during the week, our attitudes and actions cry out "Crucify him." Forgive us when we turn from you, deny you, betray you, and mock you. Grant us faith and strength to follow your son in the cross-bearing life of humble, self-giving love.*

#### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:

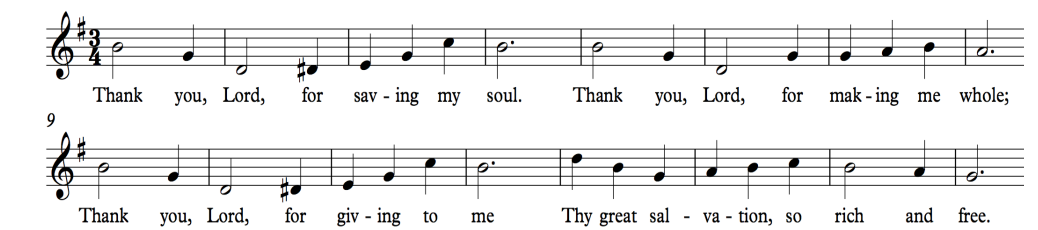
**People:** *Christ has come to save us and set us free.*

#### Assurance of Forgiveness *(continued)*

Leader: We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life.

**People:** *Hosanna in the highest. Amen!*

#### \*\*Celebration of God's Grace "Thank You, Lord"



Thank you, Lord, for sav-ing my soul. Thank you, Lord, for mak-ing me whole;  
Thank you, Lord, for giv-ing to me Thy great sal-va-tion, so rich and free.

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### Conversation with the Young People/

#### Four Cents a Meal Offering

*"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

*Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world  
Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;  
Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.*

*(Young people may go downstairs for special activities following the conversation.)*

#### Prayer for Illumination

Kelly-Ann Rayle

**Anthem** "Jesus Paid It All"  
*(Robert J. Hughes 1916-1999)*

Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Mark 15:6-15 *(page 49)*

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 *(page 182)*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon** "From Palms to Passion"

Kelly-Ann Rayle

### WE RESPOND TO GOD

#### \*\*Hymn 101

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

#### \*\*Statement of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed (Traditional - page 14)*

#### \*\*Gloria Patri (#579)

#### Sharing of Joys & Concerns

#### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer



**Amen, Amen, Amen (#583)**

Amen

583

Marty Haugen, 1984

**Reception of Tithes and Offerings****Offertory****\*\*Doxology (#592)****\*\*The Prayer of Dedication****\*\*Hymn 391***"Take My Life"***\*\*Charge and Benediction****\*\*Congregational Response***"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #540 (verse 1)*

*God be with you till we meet a-gain;  
Lov-ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you.  
With a Shep-herd's care en-fold you:  
God be with you till we meet a-gain*

**Postlude****Serving During The Worship Service Today****Greeters** John & Mary Ann Anderson**Lay Leader** Tabby Moore

**Offering** Brian Lee                      Katie McElveen  
D. W. Miller                      Joe Moore

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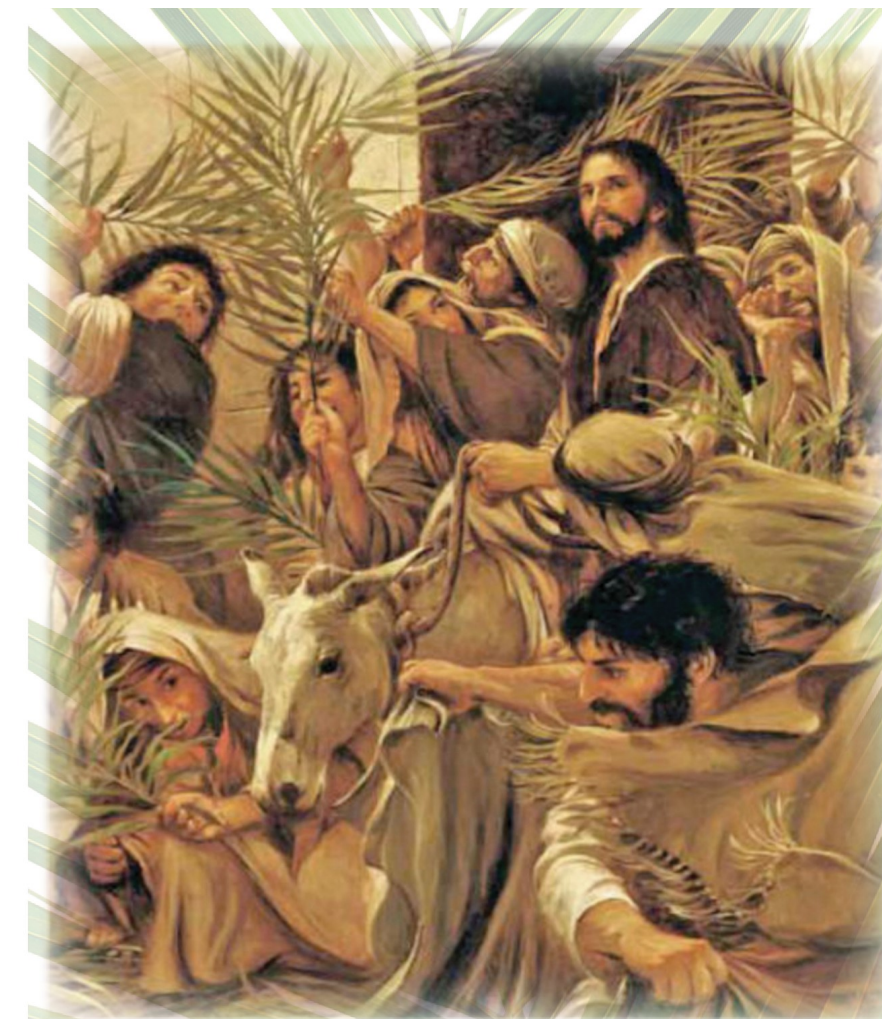
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Mac Williams, President

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*Please pray for our missionaries:*

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia  
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**PALM SUNDAY**

MARCH 25, 2018

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*We strive to live peacefully with all and respect  
one another while loving and serving the Lord;  
our doors and mission are open to all!*