

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 10TH, 2022
PALM SUNDAY
11:00 AM

~ "I was glad when they said unto me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" ~
- Psalm 122:1

† please stand - in body or in spirit †

GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Palms"
arranged by Ethel Smith
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Penny Lee,
Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

§1 **CALL TO WORSHIP** Penny Lee

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: *Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!*

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: *triumphant and victorious is he,*

Leader: *humble and riding on a donkey,*

People: *on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: *We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

(please stand)

† **OPENING HYMN 403** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† • **CALL TO CONFESSION** Penny Lee

We come with joyful songs of praise, and cheerful hearts of adulation, yet we still fall short of the glory of God as sin stains even our best intentions.

With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

† §2 **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) All

Merciful God, we confess that though we start this day off with shouts of "Hosanna in the highest!" we end with shouts of "Crucify him!"

Forgive us when instead of worshiping you we are too busy wondering which of us is the greatest.

Forgive us when we, like Peter, say that we do not know Jesus.

Free us from our sins and return us to joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us now, O God, as we each offer our silent prayer of confession.

† **MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

† • **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Penny Lee

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy.

Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could never do for ourselves bringing us life and love forever and ever.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

(please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Bethel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Derek Almarode,
Bethel Ruling Elder

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 7:51-60 - Acts 8:1-3

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON "Serving God"
Derek Almarode

Scripture: Deuteronomy 13:4 "Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him."

SERMON "Deserving the Nails but Receiving the Palms"
Derek Almarode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

(please stand)

† **HYMN OF REFLECTION 197** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† **STATEMENT OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED** (unison) All

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

JOYS & CONCERNS Penny Lee
-- PRAYER LIST --

§3 **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Derek Almarode

Leader: Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

People: *Teach us to obey God's will in all things.*

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Leader: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death:

People: *Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.*

Leader: Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

People: *Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.*

Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

People: *Help us to love one another.*

Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

People: *Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.*

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: *have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: *have mercy on us.*

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: *grant us peace.*

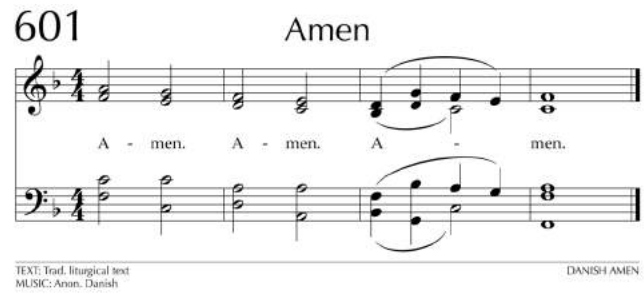
Leader: Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior.

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us;

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)All

... 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. Amen.

AMEN 601 "Amen, Amen, Amen"All



RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Near the Cross" by Gregg Sewell
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

(please stand)

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"All

*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 DEDICATIONDerek Almarode

SENDING

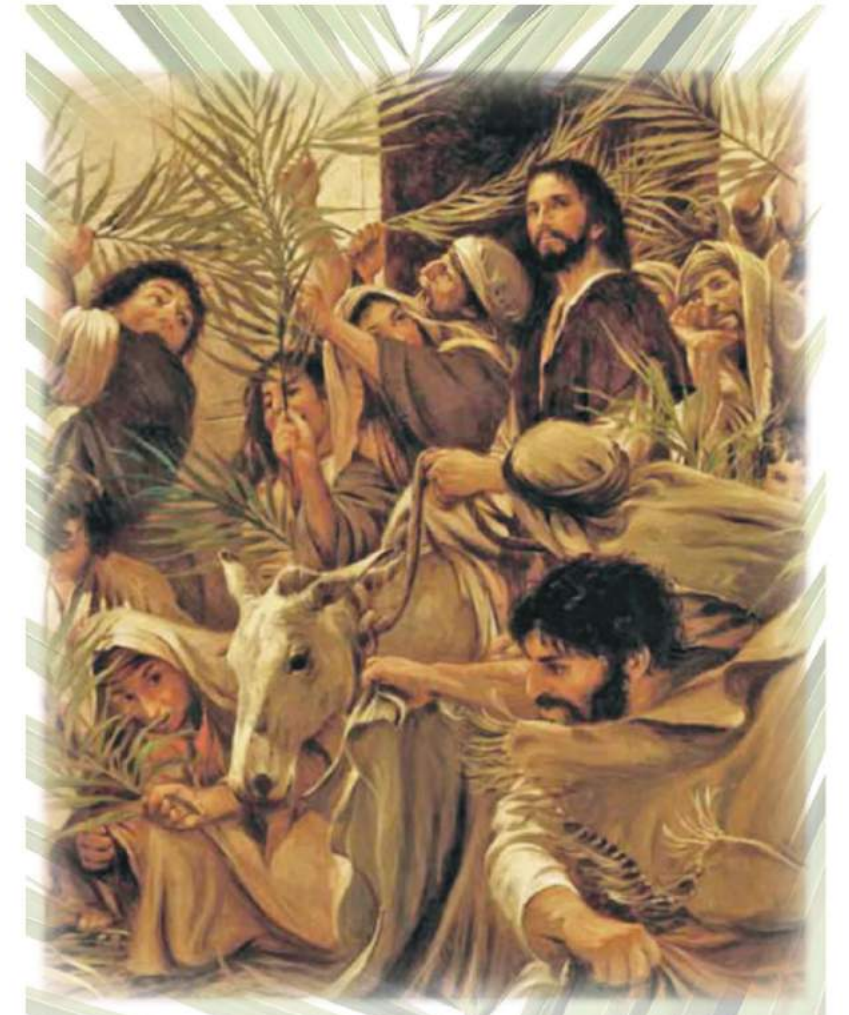
† CLOSING HYMN 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

† CHARGE & BLESSINGDerek Almarode

POSTLUDE "Ceremonial March" by Rex Koury
JoAnn Pendley, Organist & Pianist

- §1 taken from bulletin 4/13/2014
- §2 taken from bulletin 3/20/2016
- §3 taken from bulletin 3/29/2015
- taken from The Presbyterian Outlook

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!
HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED HOLY WEEK!



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APRIL 10, 2022

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MISSION STATEMENT

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!

WELCOME TO BETHEL!

ANNOUNCEMENTS THE WEEK OF APRIL 10TH, 2022

GUEST SPEAKER: Derek Almarode,
Bethel Ruling Elder



Bethel welcomes our very own Derek Almarode who will be giving the message this morning. We appreciate his willingness to help out with the worship service again!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

To review 2022 budget and 2021 Annual Reports
Copies of both in vestibule; Please pick one up
(budget included in Annual Reports booklet)

LENTEN 2022 DEVOTIONS

Holy Week devotionals available in
bulletin/announcements & vestibule today.

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT
OLD PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TODAY AT 3:00 PM**

(1005 Spottswood Road; Spottswood, VA 24476)

Bring your own basket; Refreshments provided after hunt

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE APRIL 17TH, 2022

7:15 am Chapel in Woods (rain location: Sanctuary)
8:30 am Covered dish breakfast in Fellowship Hall
Guest Speaker: Derek Almarode, Bethel Ruling Elder

EASTER TRADITIONAL SERVICE APRIL 17TH, 2022

11:00 am Sanctuary
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Guest Speaker: Derek Almarode, Bethel Ruling Elder

ATTENDANCE April 3rd: 62

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget: \$3,127.00
April 3rd Offering: \$3,255.00

ELDER-ON-CALL APRIL 2022

If you have a pastoral need contact Derek Almarode.
(540) 280-4940 (call or text) or almarodes@verizon.net

PRAYER LIST Copies of Prayer List in vestibule.