

Westminster Presbyterian Church
PALM / PASSION SUNDAY (SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT)
March 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.



“Through the Palms,” by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman.
Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper. Inspired by John 12:1-19.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prelude Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Michael Burkhardt

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

✠Please stand as you are able.

✘Call to Worship

Leader: The story of faith is a story of courage.

People: It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

Leader: It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

People: It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

Leader: It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends
to lower him through the roof.

People: It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

Leader: It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

People: It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

Leader: Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

People: Again and again, God, show us the way.

Leader: Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

✘Opening Prayer

✘Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Prayer of Confession

God of palm branches and hallelujahs:

We confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration.

We love the sound of a joyful parade.

We love shouting, "hallelujah!"

We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner.

We love good news.

However, if we slow down and pay attention,

We know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you.

There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence.

You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire,
And the whole world knew it.
Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took.
Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage,
And even we can do hard things.
With hope we pray. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Children of God, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

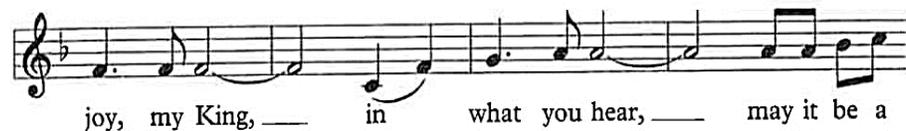
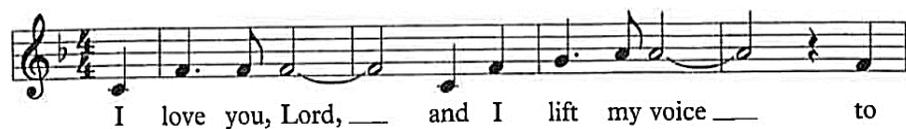
✠Anthem Canticle for Palm Sunday

Fettke

Time for Personal Reflection, Prayer, and Giving

Prayer Meditation I Love You, Lord

I LOVE YOU, LORD



✠Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...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.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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!

✠Benediction

Postlude Improvisation on "St. Theodulph"

David H. Hegarty

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When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell
Worship Leader: Jody Clarke
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Interim Organist: Seth Luna

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 28, 2020

PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm/Passion Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. This morning we will mark Jesus' "triumphal" entry into Jerusalem with celebratory singing and the waving of palm branches. We also acknowledge the irony in describing Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, as "triumphal," because his triumph will come in the form of betrayal, humiliation, suffering, and death. May this morning's service prepare us to ponder the mysterious, "foolish wisdom" of Christ exalted on a cross.

APRIL 11—THE SANCTUARY IS OPEN!

Beginning Sunday, April 11, we will resume "full" in-person worship (with greeters and All Church Fellowship). In accordance with CDC guidelines, for the time being *mask-wearing is still required inside the building, even if you are fully vaccinated, even during worship*. We will continue to broadcast worship services live online from www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND BUILDING RENOVATION "TOWN HALL"

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, April 11 to elect a three-person officer nominating committee to discern who God is calling to serve as elders for the session class of 2024. Though three volunteers have now declared their willingness to serve, there will also be an opportunity to make nominations from the floor, per denominational rules. Following the meeting, the session-appointed building renovation task force will give a presentation about the south wing renovation and listen to any ideas, questions, suggestions or concerns you may have.

SIGN UP TO SERVE!

With the resumption of in-person worship on 4/11, friends and members of Westminster now have more opportunities to serve! Check out <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b49a8a82ea64-wpcsunday> to sign up to bring snacks for all-church fellowship or serve as an usher, greeter, or worship leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – NEW ZOOM LINK!

Sunday school has resumed on ZOOM using videos from <http://www.theacademy.com/>. Class is held every Sunday from 9:30-10:30am. If you would like to attend this class, you can join on zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81600004372?pwd=ajlvNWFGMG0zR3Q5YWZtdzZWZlRlRUT09>. If you would like to join by phone, call 1-346-248-7799. The meeting ID is 816 0000 4372. The passcode is 387372.

EASTER DEDICATIONS

Due to the devastating winter storm and hard freeze, we were unable to obtain Easter lilies this year. Ordinarily, we ask members to purchase a lily and dedicate it to honor a loved one. This year, in lieu of that tradition, we will honor the names and memories of loved ones and church members in the bulletin and during the Easter worship service. If you would like your loved one's name to be included, please contact EmilyC@wpcd.org. (There is no "fee" or donation required.)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This Easter, please consider giving to *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This national PC(USA) offering provides funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and for economic development through Self-Development of People. This special offering will be collected next Sunday.

STEWPOINT - DONATION REQUEST

The Stewpot, one of our local mission partners, is in need of new kids' underwear (sizes 2T - 7) and new kids' socks. You can drop off the items in the wood box by the church office at WPC. If you have difficulty finding the box, or have questions, please call or text Mike Stanley at 817-724-7430. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER AND DEVOTION

Pastor Alex will host a brief time of midday devotion and prayer on Facebook Live every weekday at noon. Please visit our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas at 12:00pm every Monday through Friday to participate in the prayer.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby). If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 11 am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user," you should be able to access the live stream by clicking that above link. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the "Videos" tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOBJYTxzSzEwiTw>.

FACEBOOK PAGE AND GROUP

Westminster has a Page and a Group on Facebook. The Group name is "WPCD Church Family Group," while the Page is "Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas." The Page is public: <https://www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas/> This is where you can stream the worship service and get other important news and announcements. The Group is private, and you must request to be admitted: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wpcdallas/> This is where we will share prayer requests, conversations about our church identity and mission, and other "private" matters. Join us today!

SESSION

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