



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service

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**Worshiping God,
Making disciples,
Loving others
...FOR HIS GLORY!**

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Palm Sunday

THE LORD'S DAY

10:20 A.M.



Hosanna comes from a Hebrew phrase *hoshiya na*, which appears only once in the Old Testament, in Psalm 118:25, where it means, "Save, please!" It is a cry to God for help, like when you fall off the diving board before you can swim and you come up hollering, "Help, save me!"

But the meaning of *hoshiya na* changed over the years. In Psalm 118:25 it was immediately followed by the exclamation: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The cry for help, *hoshiya na*, was answered almost before it came out of the psalmist's mouth. And over the centuries the phrase shifted from a cry for help to a shout of hope and exultation. Instead of "Save, please!" it came to mean, "Salvation has

come!" It used to be what you would say when you fell off the diving board. But it became what you would say when you see the lifeguard coming to save you! It is the bubbling over of a heart that sees joy and salvation on the way and can't keep it in.

So "Hosanna!" means, "Hooray for salvation! It's coming! It's here! Salvation!"

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" means, "The Son of David is our salvation! Hooray for the king! Salvation belongs to the king!"

"Hosanna in the highest!" means, "Let all the angels in heaven join the song of praise. Salvation! Salvation! Let the highest heaven sing the song!"

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation and Praise

Prelude

STEPHANIE HOLMES

*Call to Worship

PSALM 118:19-29; LUKE 19:35-40

Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

All: **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray,¹ O LORD!

O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us...

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Reader:

LUKE 19:35-40

Songs of Loudest Praise

*Hymn 235

All Glory, Laud and Honor

WORDS: THEODULPH D'ORELANS, CA. 820. MUSIC: MELCHIOR TESCHNER, 1615.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

¹IN HEBREW, *HOSHIYA-NA*.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

***Hymn**

We Will Glorify

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We will glorify the King of kings; we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty; we will bow before his throne.
We will worship him in righteousness; we will worship him alone.
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth; he is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe; all praise to him we give.
Hallelujah to the King of kings; hallelujah to the Lamb.
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

***Prayer of Praise**

Confession and Assurance

Lament

BASED ON PSALM 10

Assurance

ROMANS 8:28-30

**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.
For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

***Hymn 691**

It Is Well With My Soul

WORDS: HORATIO G. SPAFFORD, 1873. MUSIC: PHILIP B. BLISS, 1876.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.
My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; praise the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound,
And the LORD shall descend, "Even so"—it is well with my soul.

Ask Your Heavenly Father for What You Need

Generosity and Thankfulness

Giving Options

Anthem

TREY OWENS

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

WORDS : SAMUEL RODIGAST. MUSIC: DAVID BRAUD. ©1998 DAVID BRAUD MUSIC

Whate'er my God ordains is right, holy his will abideth.
I will be still whate'er he does and follow where he guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall. Wherefore to him I leave it all.
Whate'er my God ordains is right, he never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path; I know he will not leave me!
I take, content, what he hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait his day.
Whate'er my God ordains is right, though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.
Whate'er my God ordains is right, here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there;
He holds me that I shall not fall, and so to him I leave it all.

*Give Thanks in Prayer

Hearing and Receiving

The Word of Christ Read

PHILEMON

The Word of Christ Preached

REV. PHILLIP PALMERTREE

*"Do You Need to Forgive?"
Philemon: Find Forgiveness*

*Hymn 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

WORDS: JULIA J. JOHNSTON, 1910. MUSIC: DANIEL B. TOWNER, 1910.

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

*Benediction

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