

Gilead Presbyterian Church
March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday, Year B

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC "The Palms" by Jean Baptiste Faure
Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:9, Mark 11:9-10, Luke 19:37-38, John 12:13-15
Psalms 118:24-26, Zechariah 9:9

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

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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.

BLUE HYMNAL #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1. Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One. (Refrain)**

- 2. The people of the Hebrews With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we present. (Refrain)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, our God, we cry Hosanna to your name, but we confess that like the crowd two thousand years ago, our mood will quickly change and we will turn from you, placing our trust in the things of this world. Forgive us, we pray, for our changeable hearts. Enter into us with your holy spirit of love and mercy, and guide us back to you. Grant that as often as we turn away, you may draw us back into the arms of your gracious embrace. Hosanna in the highest!

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING Psalms 118:19-29

- ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ The LORD is God, and has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for the steadfast love of the LORD
endures forever.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-10

¹ When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "**Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.**" ³ **If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'**" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

SERMON

A Face in the Crowd

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"I Come to the Garden"
Becky Baxter, soprano

by Austin Miles

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER: 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #89

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. He comes to you. He comes to me. He comes to us all. Let the people respond...

People: Hosanna in the highest!

POSTLUDE

"The Holy City"
Mary Temple, organ

by Stephen Adams

Our palms this morning decorating the church are generously donated by Hannah Behan and the Behan family. The palms are sustainably grown and harvested, benefiting their local farm workers and communities.

Thank you to our videographer this morning, Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ If you would like a hymnal for use at home, please contact Pastor Martin.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer, each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email, the same link we've been using for Thursday night devotional.
- ▶ Good Friday service on Facebook Live at 7:30 p.m.

† We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or mail checks made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Or give elsewhere if you see a need. In doing so, we brighten the world, and brighten our hearts.

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