

# Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Dear God, help us to listen to you and your call to serve in your kingdom.  
Give us courage and strength to complete these tasks for your glory. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Steve Lowe

\*INTROIT #197

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v.1)*

Threlfall, 1873

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

***Hosanna in the Highest!***

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

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

Lo, your king comes to you;

***triumphant and victorious is he,***

humble and riding on a donkey,

***on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Hosanna in the Highest!***

\*HYMN #197

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v.2&3)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let us pray first silently, then with the Unison Prayer of confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, to ourselves, and to the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

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## Proclaiming

ANTHEM

*"The Holy City"*  
(Soloist, Bert Lowe)

Weatherly/Adams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Zechariah 9:9-13

Bibles, p.833/LG. p.1081

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #196

*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Neale, 1851

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

Bibles, p.44/ LG. p.57

The Word of God, for the People of God

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"Blessings or Betrayals"*

Rev. Pamela Leach

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Selected

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

*Sending*

\*HYMN #198 **“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”** (v.1-3) Milman, 1827

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #198 **“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”** (v.4)

POSTLUDE Selected

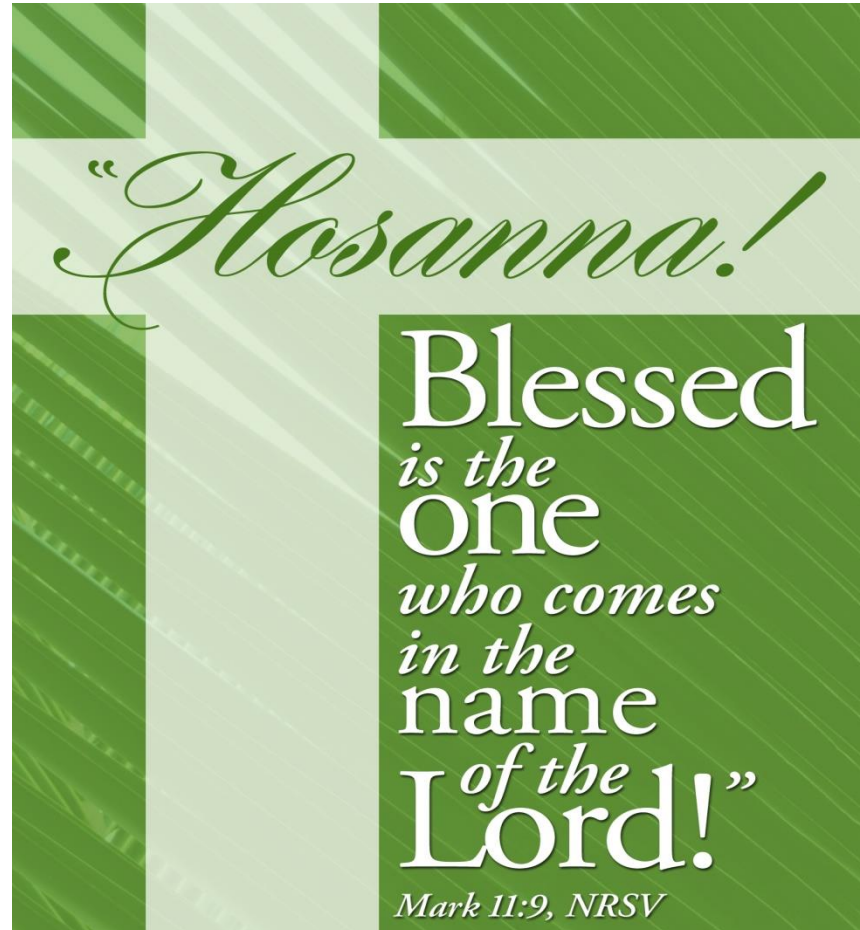
(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mon. 03/26	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Mon. 03/26	Pipeline Deadline	
Thur. 03/29	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00pm
Fri. 03/30	Good Friday	
Sun. 04/01	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00am
Sun. 04/01	Easter Breakfast	following Sunrise Service
Sun. 04/01	Celebrate the Resurrection	11:00am
Mon. 04/02	Church Offices Closed	



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