

Wandering Heart: Finding Faith with Peter

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

God's People Gather

Prelude (Cordova Praise Band) Ride On King Jesus!

Welcome and Announcements

Introit & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Please remain seated.

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, O Fount of every blessings,
daily I am drawn to you.
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.
Hallelujah, we sing.
Hallelujah, we sing.
Hallelujah, we sing.

Morning Prayer

God of all glory,
we come to you today with grateful hearts for all you have done,
for all you are doing and for all you are going to do for us. We
sing a melody of praise to you. Creation joins in our song. Let
the rocks shout! Let the ocean's waves join in the chorus, let all
creation join in unison, **"Hosanna! Glory to you, O God!"**

Opening Hymn **He Came Riding on a Donkey**

(Voices United 124)

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- 1 He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.
- 2 Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.

3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.

New Member Celebration

Liturgy

Presentation of New Members

Promises and Commitment

Congregational Commitment *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.
We pledge to you our love and our support.
With God's help, we will together live out,
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

The New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

I Have Called You by Your Name

(More Voices 161, v. 1)

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I have called you by your name,
you are mine;
I have gifted you
and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.

Blessing and Welcome

Presentation of the New Member Certificates

Hymn **I Have Called You by Your Name** (More Voices 161, v. 4)

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole;
Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Solo El-Shaddai *Michael Card*

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Mark 11:1-11

Reflection "Don't Rain On My Parade!"

Hymn **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** (Voices United 123) Words: Jennette Threlfall 1873 Music: trad. 18th-century German tune, adapt. Xavier Ludwig Hartig 1968

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy 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.

2 From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

3 'Hosanna in the highest!
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

Responding to God's Grace

Presenting Our Gifts

Choral Response *Please stand in body or spirit.* **For the Gift of Creation** (Voices United 538)

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For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Blessing Of Our Gifts

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn

Put Your Hand In the Hand

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Refrain

Put your hand in the hand of the man
Who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man
Who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself
And you can look at others differently
Put your hand in the hand of the man
From Galilee

Every time I look into the Holy Book
I wanna tremble.
When I read about the part where a carpenter
cleared the temple.
For those buyers and the sellers were no different people
than what I profess to be.
And it causes me shame to know
I'm not the one that I should be. *Refrain x 2*

Benediction

Choral Response *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Wherever You May Go (More Voices 216)

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Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

The sixth candle of Lent is extinguished.

Postlude (Cordova Praise Band) Ride On King Jesus!

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons
Music Leader – Glenn Parsons and the Cordova Praise Band
Soloist – Peggy Dayton
Morning Prayer – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Jocelyn Jones
Scripture Reading – Ron Norman
Presenting and Blessing of Our Gifts – Stephen Godfrey
Technical Support – Sam Boehner and Jayda Perry
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group
Flowers for the service are offered by Bill and Clare Walker
in celebration of the lives of Bill's parents, Margaret and Bob Walker.