

# PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Palm Sunday*

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 28, 2021 10:30 AM**

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**Chiming of the Hour**

*The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.*

**Words of Welcome & Announcements**

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church! May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

*Please wear a mask and maintain 6 feet of distance from other household groups.*

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE**

“Élégie”

Sandra Murphy, *piano* and Lindsay Groves, *cello*  
Gabriel Fauré

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cry out people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!  
If we could not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!  
Cry out people of faith! Your savior draws near to Jerusalem.  
Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

**\*HYMN 88**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems  
Before Thee we present.*

*All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and forgiving God,  
We cry “Hosanna” with strong spirits,  
yet we know that we are quick to betray you.  
The suffering we cause perplexes and confounds us;  
suffering to you, to ourselves, to others,  
and to the world you have created.  
Open the merciful gates of your forgiveness  
and restore us to a right spirit,  
for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

### **THE FIRST LESSON**

Mark 11:1-11

<sup>1</sup> When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### MUSICAL MEDITATION

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*

Gladly Would I Be Enduring

J. S. Bach

from: *The St. Matthew Passion*, BWV 244

Recitative:

*The Savior, low before His Father bending,  
Would bring to pass, by His oblation,  
A full salvation,  
The love of God to man commending.  
Prepared is He, the cup, altho' it bitter be,  
To drink, with which the sins of men is filled,  
And overflows.  
He would not shrink,  
But suffer all that God hath willed.*

Aria:

*Gladly would I be enduring  
Grief and pain, if so securing  
That I follow Christ, my Lord.  
Lo, His love, all our sorrows freely sharing,  
Doth remove half its weight from shame abhorred,  
Now that He the Cross is bearing.*

### THE SECOND LESSON     *The Passion*

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Leader: This is the word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

J. Andrew McTyre

\*Please stand if you are able to comfortably

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## SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## SHARING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*The offering plate will not be passed. You may place gifts to the church in the offering plate as you exit.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN 98**      O Sacred Head, Now Wounded      PASSION CHORALE  
*There will be no congregational singing. Only the soloist will sing.*

*O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.*

*What language can I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.*

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**      Sandra Murphy, *guest organist*  
“Processional to Calvary” from: *The Crucifixion*      John Stainer

*During the postlude, we will have a controlled exit through the Fayette Street doors.  
There will be no fellowship hour for the foreseeable future.*

*Please fill out the contact tracing slip and place it and the pen in the box as you exit.  
Take this bulletin with you when you leave.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant  
Passion Readers .....Michael and Susan Barbour  
Soloist .....Kent Bradshaw

When we are overcome by sadness, fear, or suffering;  
when the pains of loss overwhelm us;  
when evil seems to have taken power;  
let us look to the cross and be filled with peace,  
knowing that Christ has walked this road  
and walks it now with us and with all our brothers and sisters.

~ St. Teresa of Avila

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