

March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday
Sixth Sunday in Lent

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “Thine Be the Glory” Handel/Arr. Alphenaar

Announcements

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship – Zechariah 9:9-11

Minister: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Congregation: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

Minister: humble and mounted on a donkey,

Congregation: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Minister: ...he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Congregation: As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” #235

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Luke 19:28-40 p.878 in Pew Bible

Morning Prayer Ruling Elder Les Kimball

*Hymn - “What Wondrous Love Is This” #261

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

When You rode into Jerusalem the Sunday before Your death, the crowd cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in Heaven.”¹ But you wept over Jerusalem, saying, “If you had only known what would bring you peace.”² Many do not know that true peace comes only through Your salvation. You made peace through Your blood, shed on the cross;³ You are our peace;⁴ we have peace with God through You.⁵ Without Your saving work on our behalf, we are God’s enemies, alienated from God and enemies in our minds through our sinful behavior.⁶

We confess our abundant sin and claim forgiveness, Lord Jesus, through You. We ask that a holy God would blot out our transgressions and wash away all our iniquity for the sake of Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

¹Luke 19:38 ²Luke 19:42 ³Col. 1:20 ⁴Eph. 2:14 ⁵Rom. 5:1 ⁶Col. 1:21

Assurance of Pardon (Unison) Psalm 51:1, 2

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”

*Confession of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 60. How are you right with God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me, of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined towards all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

*Doxology #731

Offering

Offertory Music

(Children 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church)

Scripture Reading –Psalm 118:19-29 p.511 in Pew Bible

Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“HE WHO COMES”

*Hymn – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” #198

*Benediction

*Postlude – “Ride On” J. Dykes

The Rev. Mr. David G. McKay, Minister
The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Minister
Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director