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## **Worship**

March 24, 2023  
Monteith Hall

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 • 11:15 AM

*\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service,  
please rise in body or spirit.*

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the one.

Side A: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

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Side B: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Ann Arbor's poor; in the name of the sick and suffering in our hospitals; in the name of the searching on Washtenaw Avenue; in the name of the hungry and the thirsty awaiting a meal; in the name of the prisoners in the Washtenaw County Jail. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

One: Blessed is the coming realm of God.

Side A: *Blessed is the coming end to wars in the Middle East; blessed is the coming end to gun violence; blessed is the coming end to poverty; blessed is a planet fully alive.*

One: Blessed is the end of injustice, greed, and unaccountability.

**All: Blessed is the coming end of debt; blessed is the coming end of fear; blessed is the coming end to death.**

One: Blessed is the coming realm of God!

**All: Blessed is the coming realm of God!**

\*OPENING HYMN 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

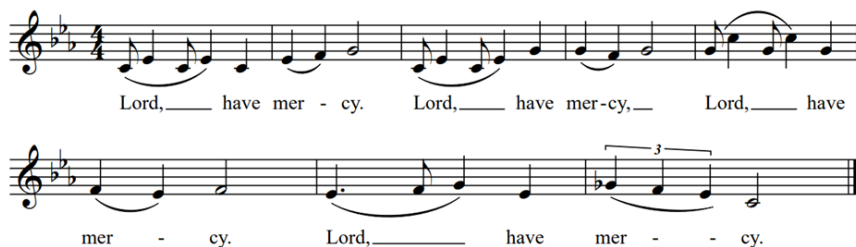
PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Loving God, in the midst of energy and waving palms, the laughter and singing, we pause. We pause to remember that going**

up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you to confess that we are conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lips yet fall flat in our lives. Forgive us when our faith is shallow, our following is timid, and we have too many ready excuses for why we go our own way but claim it as your way.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit. May your Spirit be active within us and among us. May your Spirit open us anew to your faithfulness and to your freedom. May your Spirit teach us to live new lives and to be bearers of the seeds of your good news....

Silence is kept.

#### KYRIE



#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** As you pass the peace, you are invited to share an answer to the question: Who is the most famous person you've ever met?

#### PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"  
**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
You alone O Lord are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
You alone O Lord are holy.**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11

POETRY READING

SERMON

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

CLOSING HYMN 198 " Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

\*BENEDICTION ...we go out in peace, **to love, to serve, to imagine.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGES

1. In honor of the fact that the Bible is silent for one day during Holy Week. Try to embrace silence for one day this week. It can be hard, but sit in the silence if even just for one minute. Notice the air going in and out of your body. Don't try to overthink it or talk, just listen. Maybe try this more than once!
2. Come to the church for one of our Holy Week services, and on Holy Saturday for our Peeps and Pizza Egg-stravaganza.



## WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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**TEXT-TO-GIVE:** Text the amount to 855-904-1523



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six rows of six chairs on each side of the middle aisle.*