

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

The Palms

Fauré

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Hosanna to the Son of David
(Victoria Tanner, soloist)

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

People: whose steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Let us worship God.

WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

***Hymn # 507**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die.

Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand - deliver us from evil. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silent prayer and reflection)*

Words of Assurance

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Time with the Children

Anne Young

(* After the Children’s Message, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are welcome to go to our Infant/Toddler Nursery.)

Anthem

Make Straight in the Desert a Highway

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Debby Starzer, flautist

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson

Mark 11: 1-11

Pew Bible p. 47 - New Testament

Sermon Series

Covenant

Message

When You Assume?

Rev. Darren W. Utley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response # 72**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*** Affirmation of Faith** (see back of bulletin)

Offering

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads during this time)

Offertory

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Wood

***The Doxology #44**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn # 391**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Fling Wide the Gates

arr. Broughton

* Those who are able, please stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available for anyone who needs them.
Please ask an usher.

The memory verse for March is: *“They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!” (John 12:13)*

Affirmation of Faith

*We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross
God achieved and demonstrated once for all
the costly forgiveness of our sins.*

Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.

*He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,
accepting God’s condemnation of our sinfulness.*

*In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not holding our sins against us.*

*Each of us beholds on the cross
the Savior who died in our place,
so that we may no longer live for ourselves,
but for him. In him is our only hope of salvation.*

A Declaration of Faith (PCUS)
Chapter 4, Lines 96-117