

# FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. John Carter

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

*Antiphonal Hosanna*

Smith

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We claim God's salvation in Christ our Savior with the word:

**P: Hosanna, hosanna!**

**L:** An unlikely king, he rides into Jerusalem  
on the back of a donkey never before ridden

**P: and still we recognize him:**

**L:** we find God's majesty in this humble man  
who leads a bunch of ragtag followers!

**P: Let us worship Christ with thanksgiving  
for his hope-filled entry into our lives.**

## WE PRAISE GOD TOGETHER

**\*Hymn # 267**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Ellacombe

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, we thank you for your promise to provide for us. You clothe the lilies of the field and feed the sparrow. We thank you that today hope rolls into town, a response to all the times we have looked around and found no answers. Glory to you for hearing our cries and for saving us. On this day, remind us that you always extend your grace to us. May we wave our palm branches with the assurance that you are with us, even as you make your way to the cross. (Silent prayer and reflection) Amen.

## Words of Assurance

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #734**

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

Greatorex

## Psalter Reading

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**P: Let Israel now declare, God's mercy endures forever.**

L: Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

**P: This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.**

L: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

L: The Lord is God and has given us light.  
From a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

**P: You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.**

## Children's Message

Grayson Palmore

## Anthem

*Palm Sunday Hosanna*

arr. Raney

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21: 1-11    Pew Bible p. 23-New Testament

**Message**

“A Triumphant Entry?”

Dr. Steve Starzer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn # 265**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

St. Theodulph

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God  
is to be sent into the world  
as God’s reconciling community.  
This community, the church universal,  
is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation  
and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities  
which separate people from God and from each other.  
Christ has called the church to this mission  
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
The church maintains continuity  
with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*God Loved the World*

arr. Edwin T. Childs

**\*The Doxology #44** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn #268**

*Ride on, Ride On in Majesty!*

Truro

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*The Royal Banners*

James Mansfield

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\* Those who are able, please stand.