

Grace Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

9:30 am

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,
beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



Prayer Candles

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Call to Worship (from Psalm 118:1, 19, 21 and 24)

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

May we enter through them

and give thanks to our God.

We thank God, for God has answered us,

And has become our salvation.

This is the day that the Lord has made,

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Opening Hymn #443 Holy, Most Holy Lord"
(Sing 3X)

Call to Confession

Hosanna! Save us Lord! Hosanna!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, who on this day

entered the rebellious city that later rejected you:

we confess that our wills are

as rebellious as Jerusalem's,

our faith is often more show than substance,

**our hearts are in need of cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all
that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises
and to receive us as your own.**

~ written by John Paarlberg, pastor of First Church in Albany, New York.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)

Words of Assurance

We know that our Redeemer lives.

We know that in the face of all our faults and shortcomings, Christ lifts us up, embraces us, and forgives us.

You are loved. You are forgiven. You belong to Christ and can never be forgotten. You are valued.

We are God's beloved children, and with God all will be made well.

Go forth and share the good news of God's hope to the world. Amen.

Posted on Rev-o-lution Resources

A time for Children and the Young in heart

*Hymn #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

We Respond to God's Goodness

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation
Musical Meditation

Prayer of Dedication

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)
Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

We Reflect On the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God,
you have led us this far
out of your own generous heart.
From you, we have received welcome,
nourishment, hope, and consolation.

May these things grow in us,
alongside the gift of faith,
so that we may plant their seeds
in the world around us.

Through the Holy Spirit,
guide us in the week ahead
to re-member our place
in your great and on-going story
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~ written by lutheranjulia, and posted on RevGalBlogPals.

Reading from the Gospel of John 12: 1-3, 12-19

Sermon: "A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd"

We Are Sent

*Hymn #200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

*Charge and Benediction

God offers a vision of the way it can be,

the way it should be—

Shouts of welcome,

a joyful procession,

a community celebrating together.

The same vision is offered to us today:

We can welcome Christ into our lives;

We can celebrate his transforming power.

How swiftly things changed back then,

How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

Holdfast to his vision of goodness—

Peace from the practice of justice,

equality from shared respect.

As this week unfolds,

Let us be overtaken by God's love
So we may pour it back out into the world.

— written by Jeanyne Slettom, and posted on Process and Faith.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

POSTLUDE

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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