

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

9:30 am

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## WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
race, 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.**



*“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord”*

## **Prayer Candles**

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

## **We Gather**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 118:1, 2, 19-29)

Give thanks to the LORD, who alone is good;  
**whose steadfast love is everlasting!**

Let the gates of righteousness be opened

**that I may enter through them**

**and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 19:28-40

Prayer of Confession

The streets were crowded.

A parade mood filled the air.

Shouts came from deep in the heart.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from lukewarm faith.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from callous indifference.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from unquenchable greed.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness.

**Hosanna. Save us.**

We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.

**Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.**

~ posted on The Open Church website.

Words of Assurance

This is the good news;

The Lord is our strength and our might;

God has become salvation.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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

Hymn #466 Come and Fill Our Hearts (please remain seated and sing it 2X)

## **We Reflect**

Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit,

Glory of God:

you give us light

so we might see

the One who comes;

you open our ears,  
so we might hear  
the whispers of hope;  
you sustain the weary,  
so we might journey  
through this week.

Inspire each one  
By your word  
that we might have courage and faith.  
Amen.

A time for Children and the Young in Heart  
Reading the Holy Week Story from Children's Bible  
Song "Sing Hosanna"

Reading from the Gospel of Luke 19:41-48

SERMON

\*Hymn #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

## **We Respond**

### 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 Are Sent**

\*Hymn # 619 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

\*Charge and Benediction

This is 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 God's transforming power.**

How swiftly things changed back then,

**How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.**

May we hold fast to God's vision of goodness—

**Peace from the practice of justice,  
community from the practice of humility and respect.**

As this week unfolds,

**May we be overtaken by God's love  
and 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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