

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Vic Reiman

Organist: Ann Swisher

*Please meditate silently, or listen to the prelude
as you prepare your heart for worship.*

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Processional”

William Mathias (1934-1992)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to worship during this season of Lent.

ALL: We worship Jesus Christ, the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

One: who rides in humility to do the saving work of the Lord.

ALL: God gives us a victorious king through Christ.

One: Let us praise God for his great gifts to us in Christ.

*GATHERING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

GtG #196

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest,
the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children

made sweet hosannas ring!

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers
and anthems
before thee we present.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children

made sweet hosannas ring!

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

When we prepare for Christmas, we light a new candle each Sunday. As we prepare for Good Friday, we extinguish a candle each Sunday to remind us of the approaching darkness of betrayal and death. Each Sunday, another candle will be extinguished, until the final candle goes out on Good Friday.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

ALL: King of Glory, we confess that while we want to celebrate your victory, we often turn on you as quickly as those who worshiped you as you approached Jerusalem. Forgive us for offering you empty praise, for not remembering where the road to Jerusalem will take you. We are sorry for losing sight of your humility, your sacrifice, your true strength and power. Help us to proclaim your praises wholeheartedly as the One who is victorious over sin and death.

(moment of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEACE OF CHRIST

*Gloria Patri

GtG #581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Ride On, King Jesus ~ Blessed Is He Who Comes"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Joseph Martin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Words from Psalm 118

One: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

ALL: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

One: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

ALL: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day the LORD has made;

ALL: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

ALL: From the house of the LORD we bless you.

One: The LORD is God and he has made his light shine upon us.

ALL: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the altar.

One: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

ALL: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE	Zechariah 9:9-12	Page 1480
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SERMON SCRIPTURE	Mark 11:1-11	Page 1572
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SERMON	"Hosanna!"	
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*RESPONSE HYMN	"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	GtG #197
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Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,

and chanting clear and loud;

The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
the Lord of heaven, our King.

O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen!

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GtG #606

Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here
below;

Praise him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING HYMN

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"
(vs. 2-4)

GtG #198

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death
and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad
and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;

bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power,
and reign.

BENEDICTION

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna! (*wave palms*).

One: Blessed are all God's children.

All: Hosanna! (*wave palms*).

One: Blessed are we to hear God's word and share God's love with each other and our neighbors.

All: Hosanna! (*wave palms*).

One: Blessed are we as we journey through Holy Week.

All: Hosanna! (*wave palms*).

One: Feel and know the love of God this week as we walk with Jesus and experience the Holy Spirit moving among us.

All: Hosanna! (*wave palms*).

One: Halleluiah, Amen!

POSTLUDE "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now on Your Holy Passion"
Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation. To bring treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

Unadorned Lent

As our sacrifice for Lent, we will give up applause during worship and after the postlude.

Holy Week begins!

Holy Week begins today! Plan to join us for the Maundy Thursday worship service March 28, at 7 p.m., and for the Good Friday service March 29, at 12/noon. Then return Easter Sunday, March 31, to celebrate the resurrection with a worship service at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck brunch!

Potluck brunch Easter Sunday, March 31

Please join us for a potluck brunch on Easter Sunday, March 31, after the 10 a.m. worship service. Bring a breakfast-type food item such as ham, sausage or bacon, egg dishes, fruit, muffins, bagels with cream cheese or jam, hashbrown dishes, etc. Juice, coffee and tea will be provided. Hope to see you here!

Register soon for Trolley Tour

Join your First Presbyterian friends on a comfortable Trolley bus ride, and learn more about Habitat for Humanity – Saturday, April 13, from 9 to 11am. The Helena Habitat staff will lead the tour of current and future projects. It's free. Make your reservation asap, since there are only a limited number of seats. Call Mindie at 406-204-5602, or go online at HelenaHabitat.org/Trolley to register.

You're Invited!

Wednesday, March 27 Choir 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 28 Prayer Time 11 a.m.

Maundy Thursday **Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.**

Friday, March 29 **Good Friday Service 12/noon**

Good Friday Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 **Easter Worship Service 10 a.m.**

Easter Day Potluck Brunch 11 a.m.

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