





# New Hope Presbyterian Church

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need them.*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude Patricia Hart

Greeting and Announcements Pastor Brenda

Opening Prayer Pastor Brenda

### ††† Opening Sentences

One With crowds from ancient times we cry,

**ALL: Hosanna! Save us!**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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

**ALL: We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

**ALL: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

One: Let us worship the living God!

**☪ Opening Song**

**#197 in purple hymnal**

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

**☪ Prayer of Humility**

One: Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

**ALL: Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ’s work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*(Period of Silence)*

One: The One who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever. Hear and believe this good news!

**ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

 **Gloria Patri**

**#581 in hymnal**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Liturgist**

**ALL: Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

**Liturgist**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

One: The Word of The Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading**     **Mark 11:1-11**

**Pastor Brenda**

One: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Christ's name be praised.**

**Anthem**

**“Palm Branches”**

**Choir**

*words J. Paul Williams, music Douglas Nolan*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*(Confession of 1967)*

**ALL:** The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

**☪ Responsive Hymn**

**#196 purple**

**“All Glory Laud and Honor”**

**Time of Self Offering with Offertory**

**☪ Doxology**

**#606 purple**

**☪☪☪ Prayer of Dedication**

**ALL:** As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

**SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD**  
**WITH THE WORD**

**☪☪☪ Closing Hymn** **#293 in red hymnal**  
**“Rise Up, O Church of God”**

**☪☪☪ Benediction**

**☪☪☪ Benediction Response**

*(Doxology to the tune of “Amazing Grace”)*

Praise God our Maker, Christ the Son,  
Who came to walk this earth.  
Through joy and pain he knows our life,  
With Spirit, gives new birth.

**Postlude**

**Patricia Hart**

*Those who wish to receive oil anointing  
may come forward at this time.*

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