

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
March 28, 2021 – 10:15 AM
Palm Sunday**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118

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

All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN: All Glory, Laud and Honor #88 vs 1 and 4

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. (Rom. 5:8 & Heb. 4:16)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: Eternal God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Daily we awaken to the new life you give us, yet we fail to be thankful for the rest we have received. Moments await our decision to serve you, yet time passes away as we think only of ourselves. Our routine affords us the chance to minister to others, yet we are absorbed with our own self-improvement. The day is soon passed; it has been much the same as the others. Forgive us for casting aside the precious time you give us each day.

One: Hear these words of assurance: Even though Jesus was in the form of God, he "did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited". Rather, "he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross." He died for us, so that we might have life and approach God's throne of judgment cleansed of our sin. In Christ we are forgiven!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

...Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross No 101 vs 1 and 4

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.”

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

GOSPEL: John 12: 2-16

There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!” Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written. “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

SERMON: “Anointed, Appointed and Disjointed” Rev. Sandee Kosmo

HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus No 92

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

