

SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24, 2024 11:00am

Palm Sunday

Pastor Carroll Fitzgerald

PRELUDE

“The Palms”

Fauré

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MOMENT FOR MISSION

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL

*INTROIT Choir & Congregation SEE SCREEN

“Hosanna”

Besig/Price

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Church of Scotland)

Leader: Humble and riding on a donkey,

People: we greet You;

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

People: we cheer You;

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power;

People: we salute You: Christ our Lord.

Leader: You are giving those who long for redemption;

People: A new song to sing.

Leader: With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Let us worship the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

(ALL)

We praise you, O God, for Your faithfulness through the ages. You are with us as we greet the dawn of a new day. Your word guides us as we seek to be obedient. You comfort us during times of distress, and judge us according to Your righteousness. As You sent Jesus to fulfill Your promise, You fill us with Your Spirit that we may know of Your will. As we enter the gates of Your sacred space, hear now our voices as we sing You our praise. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(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.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven.

People: By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together; forgiven and free.

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

“Hosanna in the Streets”

Choplin

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE TO PRAYERS - #641

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“God So Loved the World”

Stainer

***DOXOLOGY**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

back of hymnal

“The Apostles' Creed”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)

**Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:
Quiet within us every voice but Your own. Speak to us
through the Scriptures and the spoken word; that, by the
power of Your Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show
Christ's love in lives given to Your service. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 36: 5-9

Page 874

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Mark 11: 1-11

Pages 1572-1573

SERMON

“Would You Live Differently?”

***CLOSING HYMN #315 (v. 1-3)**

“Were You There?”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Amen, Amen”

*** POSTLUDE**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Scriveyner

*Please stand, if you are able.

The flowers on the organ were given by Pat Kefauver in loving
memory of Randy Kefauver.