SLATE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 29, 2026 11:00am
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE
"Open the Gates of the Temple" Knapp
Piano/organ duet by Joyce Myers and Barbara Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MINUTE FOR MISSION
Kristen Stokes

***RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

INTROIT #301 **SEE SCREEN**
"We Will Glorify (the Palm Sunday Setting)"

***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"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus' passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

O God, we confess our distress when afflicted with pain. We often avoid those encounters that will cause us discomfort. It is easier to hide from distress than to be exposed to forms of misery and grief. Yet we believe in Jesus, the Christ, who was sacrificed for all. Forgive us our failings. Help us to trust in him when he calls us to bear abuse on his behalf and show more compassion on others for whom pain is so constant.

Moment for silent prayer and reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Our assurance of pardon is in Jesus, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave … and became obedient to the point of death … on a cross." Through his obedience we are freed from whatever bondage enslaves us.
We praise and honor him forever. Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #812**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER
RESPONSE TO PRAYERS #641
"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY
"The Palms" Faure
Piano/organ duet by Joyce Myers and Barbara Johnson
***DOXOLOGY**
OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (ALL)
Let your Word, O God, break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirt, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9, page 1480

ANTHEM

"Hosanna to the King" Milman/Butler

SERMON

"Here Comes the King!"

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God of majesty, you are holy; and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. He lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love.

Lavished with gifts from the Magi, he gave his life for others. Baptized by John in the Jordan, he poured out his mercy for all. Turning water into wine at a wedding, he transformed sorrow into joy.

In his death on the cross, he saved us from our sins. Rising from the tomb, he overcame death and raised us to eternal life. He made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING HYMN #315 (vs 1-3)**
"Were You There?"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE SEE SCREEN**

***POSTLUDE** Webber/Rice
"Hosanna (from Jesus Christ Superstar)"

*Please stand if you are able.

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