

MORNING WORSHIP

March 29, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Palm Sunday

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Open the gates of righteousness, that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

People: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech You, O Lord!

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

Leader: The Lord is God, and He has given us light.

People: Bind the festal procession with branches,

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever.

+*HYMN 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Psalm 118

**Holy and steadfast God, You have opened the gates of righteousness, yet we hesitate at the threshold.
You come to us in humility, riding on a colt, yet we often long for power instead of peace. We cry,
"Hosanna, save us," yet resist how Your salvation changes us and challenges our need for control. Forgive
us for turning away from Your surprising mercy and closing our hearts to Your call. Turn us again toward
Your steadfast love, that we may lay down our cloaks of pride, enter Your gates with thanksgiving, and
follow Christ on the path that leads through the cross into new life.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The bad news is, no matter what you do or don't do, these lush, shiny, green palm leaves will eventually wither, dry, and turn brown. But the good news is, no matter what you do or don't do, the tireless, relentless, limitless love of God always remains, unshakably, the same. So let's sing and give thanks to God!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!**

*HYMN 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

"This Is the Day"
Children's Choir

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11, pew Bible pg. 899

SERMON

"Who is This?"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Psalm of Jubilation!"

Marty Parks

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of this holy week, we live in the long shadows. Between hosannas and horror, broken bread and bodies broken, between the promise of Your kingdom and the powers that refuse it. Stay with us, in the watching, in the weeping, in the waiting. Send us into the shadows to bear light and to live as people who trust that Your kingdom is drawing near. We offer all that we are and all that we have in the name of Jesus Christ, who gives himself for the life of the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 209

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LOVE UNKNOWN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"God is So Good"
Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Paul Manz

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). Prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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