

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

April 5, 2020 – 10 a.m.
Palm Sunday

FOCUS

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820, transl. John Mason Neale, 1851;

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614, arr. William Henry Monk, 1861)

(Refrain)

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even in your dying, comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age, we beg your mercy.

We have looked to you for paltry favors, when you have given us everything.

We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness even here, today. Forgive our failings.

Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our God has come to us, humble, in the form of a slave, to free us from the weight of sin and death.

Jesus' obedient suffering has released us.

Our sins are forgiven, in the name of the one who is exalted beyond what we can comprehend: Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen!

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon

“At the Name of Jesus”

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor

RESPOND

Offering

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Leader: For Holy Communion this morning,
Let's invite Christ into our home and to our table.

On the first day of Holy Week, long ago,
people throughout Judea arrived at the dusty gates of
Jerusalem, primed with "Hosanna" in their hearts
and Jesus asked to borrow a donkey.

On the Thursday that followed, Jesus rented or was given
John Mark's mother's Upper Room to celebrate the Passover
with the disciples. On the afternoon of the resurrection, Jesus
was invited into a house in Emmaus and used the bread of that
hospitality to break and bless.

Lend Christ your table, your bread, your cup and your heart,
for, as the disciples told the person who loaned the donkey,
"The Lord has need of it."

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: We are one bread, one body, one cup of blessing.
Though we are many throughout the earth
and this church community is scattered,
we are one in Christ.

In your many kitchens, and living rooms,
rest your hands lightly upon these elements
which we set aside today to be a sacrament.
Let us ask God's blessing upon them.

**All: Jesus, Redeemer, and Friend, there is no lockdown on
your blessing and no quarantine on grace.**

Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon every table where your children shelter in place, that this Bread may be broken and gathered in love and this Cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you.

Words of Remembering

Leader: We remember that Paul the apostle wrote letters to congregations throughout places we now call Greece, Turkey and Macedonia, and they were the first “remote” worship resources. Our online service has a long heritage.

The Communion words sent to the church at Corinth were these: ‘For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

“This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.’

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

All: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader: Let us in our many places receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

All: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for this meal of grace, rejoicing that, by the very method of our worship, we have embodied the truth that Christ's love is not limited by buildings made with human hands, nor contained in human ceremonies, but blows as free as the Spirit in all places.

All: Spirit of Christ, you have blessed our tables and our lives.

May the eating of this Bread give us courage to speak faith and act love, not only in church sanctuaries, but in your precious world, and may the drinking of this Cup renew our hope even in the midst of pandemic.

Wrap your hopeful presence around all whose bodies, spirits and hearts need healing, and let us become your compassion and safe refuge. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Closing Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

(Words & Music: Paul Baloche & Brenton Brown, 2006)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, Hosanna!

You are the God who saves us,

Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You.
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new; You make us new.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hosanna, Hosanna!
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna!

Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
Hosanna, Hosanna!

Benediction

Worship Service Leaders

Caryl Weinberg, Director of Missions,
Welcome & Announcements

Gordon Gietz, Carol Smith & Steve Smith, Opening Song

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor,
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth,
Children's Moment

Ash, Max, and Scarlett Hardin, Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Sermon, Prayers,
Benediction

Allison, Ashley, Daniel, & Izzy Allen, Closing Song

Jim Teague, Communications Coordinator,
Video Editing, Slides

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator, Sound Equalization

Our Mission Statement

***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
exists to know Christ and to grow in him
as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
the Chicago area, and the world.***

First Presbyterian Church

1427 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

(847) 864-1472 Fax:(847) 864-1494

E-mail address: info@firstpresevanston.org

www.firstpresevanston.org

Texts in today's service are reproduced by permission from the following: Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs. Copyright 1990. Westminster/John Knox Press, CCLI License #253526. OneLicense #A-804550.