



Palm Sunday April 9, 2017

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME

Ky Stoltzfus, worship leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The story of Palm Sunday tells of how people removed their cloaks and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

All: *The cloak we wear every day to face the world is both the persona we wish to present, and our defense against the elements.*

One: As we come to worship may we be willing to lay down our defenses and disguises, at the feet of the One who sees us as we really are.

All: *And then, set free for worship, may we offer our praises with open hearts and lives.*

*PALM PROCESSIONAL #237

All glory, laud, and honor

*Children are invited to join in the palm processional down the center aisle.
Come to the back of the sanctuary to receive your palm branch.*

STORYTELLING

WORSHIPARTS CHOIR

I am God's child

Robert Lau

Please join when indicated

I am God's child, — hear the song that I bring, — I am Gods child,
— hear the song that I sing. — My voice I raise — to
sing my song of praise. I am a child of God. —

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118: 1-9, 25-29
Matthew 21:1-16

HYMN SS #81

When we are tempted

SERMON

Holy Week Whiplash

ANTHEM

When I survey
Renee Reimer, solo

Tune from *Harmonia Sacra*
arr. Alice Parker

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Children in K - 5th grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

6th-12th grade women are also dismissed for women's ensemble rehearsal in Ruth's office.

SENDING

INVITATION INTO HOLY WEEK

What wondrous love

Caitlin Linscheid

BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE (Please remain seated until the end of the postlude)

Sarabande from Suite No. 2 in D Minor – J.S. Bach

Jon Wi ebe

* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

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