

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday – HOSANNA
Seeking the Heart of Jesus

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am
Learning Hour for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Proclaim the Glory of the Lord* arr. Schrader
Karla Leuenberg, piano; Brian Leuenberg, trumpet

WELCOME AND PRAYER Duane Krehbiel, worship leader

*HYMN VT 313 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER Sara Mwangura

BLESSING of the work of many hands VT 885, an adaptation of Psalm 118

SCRIPTURE Mark 11:1-10

Congregation join when prompted:

*ALL: "Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name
of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!"*

*HYMN *see back of bulletin* *Ride On, King Jesus!*

SERMON Ruth Harder

*HYMN VT 569 *We Read the Cross*

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

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.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAISING TOGETHER *Somebody Prayed for Me* Rainbow Strings

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks 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 table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

Offertory *Beneath the cross of Jesus* arr. Schrader
If you would like to take advantage of electronic giving, please find the QR code printed in the newsnotes.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK

Leader: May God bless us with discomfort — discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

Congregation: May God bless us with anger — anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Choir: May God bless us with tears — tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

All: And may God bless us with foolishness — enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done."

CHORAL BENEDICTION *My Lord, What a Mourning* arr. Dawson

*You are invited to stand

Anthem text: My Lord, *What A Mourning*. Traditional tune, arranged by William L. Dawson.

My Lord, what a mourning, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground
Look'in' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

A note about the anthem:

Most modern publications use the title "My Lord, What a *Morning*" for this traditional hymn, but historically it has been published with both spellings. As a text that came from an aural tradition, it's likely that the earliest singers understood the dual meanings implied, and the scripture references to both apocalypse and crucifixion pointing toward a new kingdom.

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Ride on, King Jesus!

1. Ride on, King Je - sus! Come this way from
 2. Ride on, King Je - sus! Look! He's here to
 3. Ride on, King Je - sus! Wel - come now! though
 4. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

3
 O - li - vet to where we stay. We'll wave our bran - ches,
 show us that our God is near. If we are si - lent,
 soon the bran - ches pierce your brow. Oh, Zi - on's daugh - ter,
 God all peo - ple here be - low. Praise God, you heav'ns for -

6
 shout our praise and learn the les - sons of these days.
 stones cry out! We'll praise him, and "Ho - san - na" shout.
 leave your fear, for life from death will soon ap - pear.
 ev - er more. Praise God and Son and Coun - sel - lor.

Alternate verses to VT #316, "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
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