MORNING WORSHIP

Passion/Palm Sunday April 5, 2020

Welcome to worship at John Calvin Presbyterian Church!

Worship is the heart of our life and mission, replacing a focus on the self with a focus on God. God is here – over us, among us, within us – and worship means joyfully, gratefully acknowledging God's powerful presence. To prepare for today's service, you may wish to read Psalm 119:1-2, 19-29.

GATHERING

MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?"

Hugh Wilson, arr. by Brian Buda

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:26

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph a city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever.

Amen.

HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Melchoir Teschner, arr. by William Henry Monk (SEE LAST PAGE FOR MUSIC ATTACHMENT)

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have loved us to the end.

We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us;

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read, and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM "What Wondrous Love is This?"

American Folk Hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

SECOND READING Mark 11:1-11

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

SERMON "An Act of God"

Donald R. Frampton

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

SENDING



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Man of Sorrows, by Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood. arr. by James Koerts

• Participating in today's service are Don Frampton, Transitional Pastor; Sandy Cranfill, Soloist; Julie Etland, Pianist; and Julie Hebert, Director of Christian Education. Thanks to David Garland for arranging and producing today's service.

(MUSIC ATTACHMENT):

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