

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Ellen J. Lorenz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
If we keep silent, the stones will shout out!
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven. Hosanna!

* HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* No. 89

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder
Let us pray...
Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you.
With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms
on the path before you.
Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you
often deny or defy you.
And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you
often become fists.
Lord, hear us as we confess.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE
Amen. Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him should be saved.
Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us.
Hosanna! Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) *How Great Thou Art* No. 467 refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

HEARING THE WORD

PSALTER READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Pgs. 575-577
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God** Deacon

ANTHEM *New Every Morning* Cindy Berry

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1-11 Pgs. 44-45
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (*As children & youth come forward, please sing.*)
This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON *Riding on in Majesty* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.
It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,
atonement by a priest;
again, it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,
and victory over the powers of evil.
These are expressions of a truth
which remains beyond the reach of all theory
in the depths of God's love for humankind.
They reveal the gravity, cost,
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.
--Adapted from *the Confession of 1967, 9.09*

* HYMN *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* No. 83

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Gay Cuthill
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

