

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

April 5, 2020

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Palm Sunday
Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Palm Processional

Leader: At this moment, I encourage you, if you've made palm leaves, to get them ready. We'll take two minutes and have you and your kids walk around the house saying hosanna. Maybe open your window and shout hosanna outside. I'll lead you through this part.

*Call to Confession

Leader: We sing, we wave our branches, we shout 'Hosanna.' Then, we turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins. But God is in the business of granting forgiveness and filling us with new life. Let us confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace, saying...

*Unison Prayer of Confession

All: With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

Leader: Hear us now in these moments of silent prayer and reflection...

*Moment of Silence to Confess our Sins

Pastor Andy...Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: Christ has come to save us! Hosanna! We will give our thanks to God, who comes to bring us grace, hope, life. Hosanna in the highest. Amen!

Proclamation God's Word

Children's Lesson

Pastor Andy

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:19-29 (CEB)

Open the gates of righteousness for me so I can come in and give thanks to the LORD! This is the LORD's gate; those who are righteous enter through it. I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help. The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone! This has happened because of the LORD; it is astounding in our sight! This is the day the LORD acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it! LORD, please save us! LORD, please let us succeed! The one who enters in the LORD's name is blessed; we bless all of you from the LORD's house. The LORD is God! He has shined a light on us! So lead the festival offering with ropes all the way to the horns of the altar. You are my God—I will give thanks to you! You are my God—I will lift you up high! Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11 (CEB)

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, *Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring."* The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them. Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "*Hosanna* to the Son of David! *Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna* in the highest!" And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Message

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

Responding to God's Word

Joys/Concerns/Lord's Prayer

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes to us by the way of love poured out with abandon. Blessed is the one who walks toward us by the way of grace that holds us fast. Blessed is the one who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the path of joy. May the love of God surround you, the peace of God dwell in you, and the justice of God compel you. Go in peace. Amen