

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude All Glory, Laud, and Honor Melchior Teschner

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Praise be to God!

Many: Blessed be the God who has visited and redeemed the people!

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.

Many: Blessed be the name of God!

*Procession

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

*Praise Songs

I Will Lift Up Your Name Higher

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful

I will lift up your name higher...

Joy Like A River

Joy like a river in my soul...

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ.
Today he entered Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Singing

"Shout Hosanna"

Jumping up and down, Jumping up and down,
Jumping up and down, Shout Hosanna, HOSANNA!

Jumping up and down, Jumping up and down,
Jumping up and down, Shout Hosanna, HOSANNA!

Here comes Jesus riding on a donkey,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King.

Wave the branches of the trees before him.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the King.

Jumping up and down, Jumping up and down,
Jumping up and down, Shout Hosanna, HOSANNA!

Jumping up and down, Jumping up and down,
Jumping up and down, Shout Hosanna, HOSANNA!

Children's Conversation

Bishop Peggy Johnson

Announcement

Giftly Bentum-Asante

Anthem

Hosanna in the Highest

David W. Music b. 1949

Hosanna in the highest!
Daughter of Zion, rejoice and see, your King comes to you.
Shout now, O daughter of Jerusalem, your King comes to you.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Mary Johnson

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Who loves you like Jesus

James Varrick Armaah

Who loves you like Jesus? What friend loves you like Jesus? Who in your family loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

He was disgraced, He was slapped. He was spat on because of our sins.

Who is like him? Truly, there is no one like him. Who loves you like Jesus? Which of your parents love you like Jesus?

*Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Mary Johnson

*Passing of Peace

“Shalom”

Mensah Essilfie

God’s peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Gospel Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Megan Stowe

Anthem

Who Is This King?

Lloyd Larson b. 1954

Who is this King that lays aside his crown?
Who is this King that gently kneels down?
Who is this King that comes to the meek, strengthens the weak?
Who is this King?
Who is this King, this servant of man?
Who is this King with carpenter's hands?
Who is this King that holds the unclean, dies to redeem?
Who is this King?
From heaven's bright throne and courts filled with praise
King Jesus came humbly, a servant of grace.
Trading His glory for shadows and fears, He washes the feet of the world with His tears.
Who is this King?

Message

“Superhero”

Bishop Peggy Johnson

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it life the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

*Benediction

Bishop Peggy Johnson

Postlude

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Jason W. Krug b. 1978

Worship Leaders: Bishop Peggy Johnson, Rev. Mary Johnson, Rev. Megan Stowe, Gifty Bentum-Asante,
Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Ronna Davis, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Debbie O’Driscoll, David Potts,
Jennifer Quansah, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Wesley Ringers, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 245, ALT.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 253. ALT.
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