



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!

We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Palm / Passion Sunday
April 14, 2019 - 11:00 AM

* *Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.*
Congregational responses indicated in bold.

Palm Procession

Worship will begin at the Office doors; we will process around the building, entering the sanctuary through the Gathering Area doors. Those who cannot process are invited to begin in the sanctuary. There will be a leader there to begin worship.

Call to Worship (*L = Leader, P = People*)

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

P: Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Invocation

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Let us pray:

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ,
who entered the holy city of 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 our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Luke 19:29-38

When (Jesus) had come near Bethphage and Bethany,
at the place called the Mount of Olives,
he sent two of the disciples, saying,

“Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it
you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.
Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this,
‘The Lord needs it.’”

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

“Why are you untying the colt?”

They said, “The Lord needs it.”

Then they brought it to Jesus;

and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives,
the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully
with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,
saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Procession around the Building

(Procession of the faithful waving palms and shouting “Hosanna”.)

As we enter the sanctuary we will sing:

* Hymn

“LORD, WHAT A PARADE!”

THE WORD

Opening Sentences (*L = Leader, P = People*)

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

P: Hosanna in the highest!

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem

“RIDE ON, KING JESUS”

J. Southbridge

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty;

Quiet within us every voice but your own.

Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ
that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace
to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

Reading from Scripture

Gospel Luke 22:14 - 23:56 (*The Passion Narrative*)

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* Hymn No. 215

“WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”

WONDROUS LOVE

* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal – pg. 35

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Savior of the world, what have you done to deserve this?

And what have we done to deserve you?

Strung up between criminals, cursed and spat upon,

you wait for death, and look for us, for us whose sin has crucified you.

To the mystery of undeserved suffering,

you bring the deeper mystery of unmerited love.

Forgive us for not knowing what we have done;

open our eyes to what we are doing now,

as, through wood and nails, you disempower our depravity

and transform us by your grace. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*sin / sin against us*)

Call to Offering

To be a Christian in this day and age

is to offer up our lives and deaths to God.

These gifts are a sign of the offering of our whole selves.

Offertory

“ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR”

M. Teschner

* Hymn No. 606 “**PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**”

* Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

Let us pray:

God of all true power and glory,

we thank you that Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem

not with a sword to challenge the power of this world,

but with love, recognizing your authority in human life.

Enable your church to choose your ways,

winning the victory over sin and death.

Establish your righteous realm on earth.

Use our gifts and our lives to your glory,

through Jesus, who comes in your name. Amen.

* Hymn No. 217

“**ON A BARREN HILLTOP**”

KING'S WESTON

* Benediction

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

* Benediction Response No. 450 “**BE THOU MY VISION**”

SLANE

*Be thou my vi-sion, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
wak-ing or sleep-ing, thy pres-ence my light.*

* Postlude

“HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA”