

The Falls Village Congregational Church
March 28, 2021 10 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus* arr. J. Carter

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship (from Zechariah 9 and Psalm 118)

Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you.

He is righteous and victorious,

yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—

even on a donkey's colt.

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

You are our God, and we will praise You!

You are our God, and we will exalt You!

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

His faithful love endures forever!

Hymn: # 192 *All Glory Laud and Honor*, vv. 1,3, refrain

Call to Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Almighty God, you gave your Son to lead us in the way of beauty, love, and truth. As he entered Jerusalem, may we enter our world to follow him, obeying you and trusting your power, willing to sacrifice and serve; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago; but we do not want him to come too close. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior; but, like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear and by your mercy empower us to live as bold disciples.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:1-11

p. 732.

R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto God.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. R.

But I am a worm and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouth at me, they shake their heads;

“Commit your cause to the Lord, let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

On you I was cast from my birth and since my mother bore me you

have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. R

Gloria Patri

#35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture Reading 1: Mark 11:1-11 Bruce Anderson

Anthem: “Hosanna “

Scripture Reading 2: Mark 15:16-24 Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: “What A Week”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPENSES TO SERVE

Hymn #195 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,* vv 1,3,4

Benediction

Benediction Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Descant

3. Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Ho - san - na!

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

Ho - san - na! Sing prais - es! Our ho - san - nas raise!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

You heard their prais - es now hear us as we pray.

You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da - vid's great - er son;
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
 As you re - ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.

MARK 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

MARK 15:16-24

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began

saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.²² Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

You heard their prais - es now hear us as we pray.

You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da-vid's great-er son;
The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore you went;
As you re-ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.

Ho - san - na! Sing prais-es! Rule in our hearts to - day.

you ride in low - ly tri - umph, Mes - si - ah, bless-ed one!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be-fore you we pre - sent.
Since you de-light in good - ness, rule in our hearts to - day.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 195

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,