

The Falls Village Congregational Church  
March 24, 2024 10 a.m.  
Palm/Passion Sunday  
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

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Welcome and Announcements  
Ring of the Bell  
Prelude - *Hosanna!* - J. Raney

## 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!**

**Opening Prayer**

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, trusting your power, sacrificing and serving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** #192 “*All Glory, Laud and Honor*”  
(after v. 3 repeat opening phrase of v. 1 “all glory...ring”)

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Loving and eternal God, your son Jesus came as king to rescue and redeem us. By grace through faith, you adopt us into your family. Yet often we ignore your call to serve. We make light of your invitation to us. Our attention to you is scattered. Our

affection for you is fickle. Forgive us for our stubbornness, disobedience, and pride. Renew us so we may love you faithfully. May we hear your call and respond with joy to the glory and honor of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Responsive Psalm 118:** 1-4, 14-17, 21-24, p. 758

**Gloria Patri**

**Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pass the peace

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture:** Mark 11:1-11

Jack Wilcox

Philippians 2:1-11

Rich Reifsnyder

**Prayer**

**Sermon:**

“The Shape Christ Takes”

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

**Offertory Anthem - *Ride On, King Jesus* - T. Schultz**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

**Hymn #195 “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”**

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

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*You are invited to place your offerings as you leave in the plate at either entrance to the church.*

*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.

## Psalm 118:1-4, 14-17, 21-24

Martin Rinkart; tr. Catherine Winkworth  
Johann Crüger; harm. Felix Mendelssohn

## RESPONSE

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voic - es.

## R

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, who is good,  
whose steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,  
"God's steadfast love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,  
"God's steadfast love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD say,  
"God's steadfast love endures forever." R
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my might;  
the LORD has become my salvation.
- 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD. R
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. R

## *Scripture Lessons for March 24, 2024*

### *MARK 11:1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.

### *PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# 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,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.