
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Dave Poolman



Ministers: Every Member

Gathering to Praise God

*Gathering Song: "Majesty" Burgundy 10
(*Please stand if you are able.)

*Call to Worship (Scripture reading of Mark 11:1-10)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

*Processional Song: "Prepare The Way" Choir
(Sunday School children process down center aisle with palm branches)

Sunday School Children Celebrate in Song

*God Greet Us – We Greet Each Other

*Songs of Praise: "Hosanna"
"Our God Reigns" Burgundy 372: 1,2

*Prayer of Confession:(based on Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19)

Lord Jesus Christ,
we praise You with heart and life and voice,
not only with outward signs such as palm branches
or the occasional "Hosanna", but with lives truly turned towards You.
It seems such a distance from this present day Palm Sunday
to that day when You entered Jerusalem
with the shouts of the crowd ringing in your ears.
Welcomed as a king, yet riding on a lowly donkey.
Greeted with cheers and acclamations
which were so soon to turn to jeers and condemnation.
From this side of the resurrection,
we confidently believe that we could never have been
part of the jeering crowd—but would we, if we had been there?

(silent reflection)

Lord Jesus Christ,
when our words and actions reflect a reluctance
to confess you publicly as Lord of our lives:
Forgive us.
When we fear that humbling ourselves, would be seen by others as weakness,
or some kind of defect in our character:
Forgive us.
When we have betrayed Your love for us through our lack of love for You,
for others, and for ourselves :
Forgive us.
When we find ourselves glossing over the events of Your passion and death
because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun.
Forgive us.
Lord Jesus Christ, fix Your mind in us; and remake us in Your likeness;
empty us of all that hinders us from following You
to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.

**Gracious and loving God,
empower us with the Holy Spirit
so that our lives continually glorify You
and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**



*Words of Assurance:

“Jesus, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave...
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.”

**Through His obedience
we are therefore freed from whatever sin enslaves us.
Thanks be to God!**

Offering Our Gifts: “Crown You with Praise”

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Elder Bill Nelson

Children's Message

Joe Christians

(Children age 4 through completed 2nd grade dismissed to Children in Worship in Classroom A)

Scripture: John 8:48-59

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Text: John 8:58

Message: "Who is Jesus? (VI): "Before Abraham Was, I Am!"

*Song of Response: “Knowing You”

Praying Together

*God's Blessing of Grace and Peace

*Parting Song: “All Hail, King Jesus” Burgundy 103 (1x)

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