MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

***The Lord’s Day*** – ***Palm Sunday***

**April 2, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch**

**Prelude: Amy Reber**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

***Arranged by Victor Labenske***

**Call to Worship: Zechariah 9:9**

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise**

***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

“Hosanna, loud hosanna,”

The little children sang;

Thro’ 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 heav’n our King;

O may we ever praise him

With heart and life and voice,

And in his blissful presence

Eternally rejoice!

**Confession of Sin**

**Need of Confession: Nehemiah 9:16-17**

*16 “But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments. 17 They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.*

**Personal Confession of Sin**

**Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own. Through Jesus, our Savior, Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14**

*13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Song of Praise 76**

***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,

To his feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

Who like me, his praise should sing?

Praise him, praise him,

Praise him, praise him,

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor

To our fathers in distress;

Praise him, still the same forever,

Slow to chide and swift to bless;

Praise him, praise him,

Praise him, praise him,

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands he gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes;

Praise him, praise him,

Praise him, praise him,

Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,

Blows the wind and it is gone;

But while mortals rise and perish,

God endures unchanging on.

Praise him, praise him,

Praise him, praise him,

Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him;

You behold him face to face;

Sun and moon, bow down before him,

Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him, praise him,

Praise him, praise him,

Praise with us the God of grace.

**The Lord’s Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: Chancel Choir**

***Hosanna to the King of Kings!***

***Arranged by Lloyd Larson***

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Sermon Series: Lent (Encountering Jesus)***

***The Unexpected King***

**Luke 19:28-44**

**Pastor Mike Palombo**

***28****And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.****29****When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,****30****saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.****31****If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”****32****So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.****33****And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”****34****And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”****35****And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.****36****And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.****37****As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,****38****saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”****39****And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”****40****He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”*

***41****And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it,****42****saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.****43****For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side****44****and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”*

**Hymn 308 (vs. 1-2)**

***Jesus Paid It All***

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small,

Child of weakness, watch and pray,

Find in me thine all in all.”

(Chorus)

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find thy power, and thine alone,

Can change the leper’s spots,

And melt the heart of stone. (Chorus)

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Hymn 308 (vs. 3-4)**

***Jesus Paid It All***

For nothing good have I

Whereby thy grace to claim

I’ll wash my garments white

In the blood of Calvary’s Lamb. (Chorus)

(Chorus)

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne,

I stand in Him complete,

“Jesus died my soul to save,”

My lips shall still repeat. (Chorus)

**The Benediction**

**Postlude**

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