

Prelude

Choir Anthem

"Hosanna to the King"
Lloyd Larson arrangement of #197, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Call to Worship

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

Gathering Hymn 196

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

verses 1, 4

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Reconciliation

responsive reading of Matthew 21:1-11

-Quiet Reflection-

Assurance of Grace

...we belong to God. Believe and share the good news of the gospel:

Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.

Our Response to Grace 447

"We Are Forgiven"

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Hymn

"Lord, What a Parade"¹
LYONS 10.10.11.11 ("O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!")

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| 1. Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;
What noise they all made in welcoming you.
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!" | 3. Did those in that crowd expect something more
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?
Did they think a savior with armies was best,
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed? |
| 2. They welcomed you in, a conquering king,
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;
A creature of peace carried you on your way. | 4. Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.
So may we be open and welcome your reign.
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again! |

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

Reflection

Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

refrain, v. 1, refrain

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:6-13

Invitation to Offering

Gifts may be given online at firstprescf.org

Sung Offering Dedication 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

¹ by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

April 2, 2023
Lent 6

Palm Sunday
SEEKING: Where are you headed?

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:17-18

Invitation to the Table

Hymn 507 "Come to the Table of Grace" verses 1, 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.** *[celebrant continues]*

Breaking the Bread Matthew 26:26-29

Sharing the Meal One: The bread of heaven. **ALL: We are one in the bread we share.**

466 "Come and Fill Our Hearts" 1x organ/piano only

One: The cup of salvation. **ALL: We are one in the cup we share.**

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Prayer

Sending Hymn 200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" verses 1, 3, 4, 5

Communal Charge

**We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,
who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.
We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice,
and humble in taking power.**

**We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,
cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.**

**We believe in a God who is always carrying us through the pain of the world
into the hope of a new day.**

That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so. Amen.

Our Life Together

Blessing

Postlude

Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Lord!