



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

Palm Sunday of Holy Week

April 2, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(*Please stand as you are able)

Welcome and Community Life

Prayer of Adoration

Processional Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Brown, Baloché

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

All: **We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Song

In You, Lord, I Refuge Take

Kimbrough

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, having heard your Word, we thankfully remember the life of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth. Yet we also acknowledge our failure to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness. We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king, friendly companion, or problem-solver, failing to see him as the ruler of all creation. We do not appreciate the depth of his passion and sacrifice on the cross, failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation. Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully in the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song

King of Glory

Third Day

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21: 1-11 NRSVue

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Your King Is Coming to You
Rev. John C. Tittle

*Affirmation of Faith

Our World Belongs to God

All: As the second Adam, Jesus chose the path we had rejected. In his baptism and temptations, teaching and miracles, battles with demons and friendships with sinners, Jesus lived a full and righteous human life before us. As God's true Son, he lovingly obeyed the Father and made present in deed and word the coming rule of God.

*Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Look at You

James

Prayers of the People

One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

*Closing Song

Beautiful, Scandalous Night

Daugherty, Hindalong

*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Sean Shifflette, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoración Ensemble – George Davis, Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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