

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

April 2, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude

Blessed City of Jerusalem

Healey Willan 1880-1968

*Blessèd City, heavenly Salem, Vision dear of peace and love,
Who, of living stones upbuilded, Art the joy of heaven above,
And, with angel cohorts circled, As a bride to earth dost move!*

The Royal Banners Forward Go

Wilbur Held 1914-1015

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Hear from the Gospel according to Matthew how our Christ Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:1-11

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Many: Hosanna in the highest!

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

Many: Hosanna in the highest!

*Procession

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through 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 heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Joy Like a River

Joy like a river in my soul...

We Will Celebrate

We will celebrate our God!...

Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.

We will celebrate our God!...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Christ, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias 1934-1992

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,

And be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,

Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,

And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 27:15-26

Anthem

Who Is This King?

Lloyd Larson b. 1954
words by Joseph M. Martin b. 1959

Who is this King that lays aside His crown?
Who is this King that gently kneels down?
Who is this King that comes to the meek, strengthens the weak?
Who is this King?
Who is this King, this servant of man?
Who is this King with carpenter’s hands?
Who is this King that holds the unclean, dies to redeem?
Who is this King?
From heaven’s bright throne and courts filled with praise
King Jesus came humbly, a servant of grace.
Trading His glory for shadows and fears,
He washes the feet of the world with His tears.

Message

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving”

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

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My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail flesh and die?
My God should take frail flesh and die?

God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;
but Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.
But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need did life expend;
who at my need did life expend.

Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang.
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, for blood and death they thirst and cry;
for blood and death they thirst and cry.

What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
Christ gave new strength to run, restore the gift of sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease, and ’gainst Christ rise;
themselves displease, and ’gainst Christ rise.

I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours;
never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend;
I all my days could gladly spend.

*Shalom

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Benediction

Postlude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Robert Leaf 1936-2005

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, in this time of sorrow, I joy to call thee mine.

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, William Ness,
Debbie O'Driscoll, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Istan Slamet, Chancel Choir, Worship Tech Team

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