First Presbyterian Church
Sunday, April 5, 2020 - 10:45 a.m. - Livestream
Palm Sunday

Prelude

Greetings

Call to Worship
Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of the Day
Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.

Proclamation into Jerusalem
Matthew 21:1–11

Processional Hymn
All Glory, Laud, and Honor (vs. 1, 2) No. 88
Children waving at Home with palm branches

Kids Connection (pre-recorded) Liz Norris

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so—but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folk involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

— written by Jan and posted on RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog.

Silence
Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving
Gloria Patri No. 579

Second Reading:
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Sermon: "A Provocative Act Sure to Provoke a Response"
Dr. Rev. Brent O. Johnson

Affirmation of Faith Excerpt from Declaration of Barmen
Leader: In view of the errors of the "German Christians" of the present Reich Church government which are devastating the Church and are also thereby breaking up the unity of the German Evangelical Church, we confess the following evangelical truths:
1. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (John 10:1, 9.)

People: Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem Kyrie, from Memorial
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy)
Adonai. (Lord God)
Amen.

Doxology No. 592

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (vs.1, 2) No. 91

Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Postlude Passion Chorale Raymond Haan

Worship Leaders
Pastor Brent Johnston
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Mark Sweeney