

Others spread branches  
they had cut  
in the fields.  
Those who  
went ahead  
and those who  
followed shouted

**HOSANNA!**

Mark 11:8-9

## Welcome!

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If you are **visiting our church** today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please be sure to fill out the fellowship pad with your name and contact information when it is passed to you. This will help us serve you better. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family. Please join us in the fellowship hall in the lower level for coffee and refreshments after the service. Note: Since many of our families with small children sit near the back of the church, visitors may wish to sit closer to the front to avoid any possible distractions during the worship service. Any mothers who would like assistance with young children may take them to the nursery during the Hymn of Assurance and pick them up during the sermon hymn.

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If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the elders. We would be glad to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. In the narthex, we have a booklet available that provides an introduction to our church. You may also visit our website for other helpful information: [www.redeemertraversecity.org](http://www.redeemertraversecity.org).

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The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the culmination of our worship service. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward with their parents and will be acknowledged by the pastor. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. Note: The inner ring of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

# Palm Sunday Worship Service

## March 28, 2010

Silent Preparation for Worship  
Prelude

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### Order of Worship

**Call to Worship** Zechariah 9:9 Pastor Dan Millward

†**Opening Hymn** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” Bulletin, p. 9

†**Invocation** Psalm 118:26-29

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

**People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Pastor: The LORD is God,

**People: and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**People: you are my God; I will extol you.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

†**Response** (*in song*) “Thy Strong Word”

**God the Father, Light-creator,**

**To Thee laud and honor be.**

**To Thee, Light of Light begotten,**

**Praise be sung eternally.**

**Holy Spirit, light revealer,**

**Glory, glory be to Thee.**

**Mortals, angels, now and ever**

**Praise the Holy Trinity!**

**The Law of God** 1 John 1:5-9

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with

one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Let us therefore trust in God's holy word and confess our sins, seeking his forgiveness.

**Confession of Sin** (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, merciful Father, we poor sinners confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace. Father, since you have given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for his sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins. And by your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

from 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

Pastor: Because of His great mercy, and for our sake, God has made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Through Christ, God has reconciled us to Himself, and has not counted our trespasses against us. Do you believe that Jesus Christ, by His perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, has atoned for your sins and satisfied the wrath of God toward you?

**People: We do.**

Pastor: In the name of Christ and by the authority of His Word, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn of Assurance** "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Bulletin, pp. 10-11

†**Prayer for Illumination**

Dirk Van Til

**Old Testament Reading** Zephaniah 3:14-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** Philippians 2:5-11

David Peterson

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Dan Millward

**Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offering**

*Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at this time. Also, complete the RSVP form for the Maundy Thursday Meal and place it in the offering plate.*

†**Doxology** *(in song)*

**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 Text Reading** John 12:12-19

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “The Triumphal Entry”

**Prayer of Application**

†**Sermon Hymn** #235 “All Glory Laud and Honor”

*(Please be seated after singing the hymn.)*

## Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord’s Table

All who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical Christian church, or those who have been approved by the Session, may participate in the Lord’s Supper. (Note about Communion wine: the outer rings contain wine; the inner rings contain non-alcoholic wine.)

### Affirmation of Faith

 Heidelberg Catechism #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I, with body and soul,**

**both in life and death,**

**am not my own,**

**but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,**

**who with his precious blood**

**has fully satisfied for all my sins,**

**and delivered me from all the power of the devil,**

**and so preserves me**

**that without the will of my heavenly Father**

**not a hair can fall from my head;**

**indeed, that everything must fit his purpose**

**for my salvation,**

**therefore by his Holy Spirit,**

**He also assures me of eternal life**

**and makes me heartily willing and ready,**

**always, to live for him.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

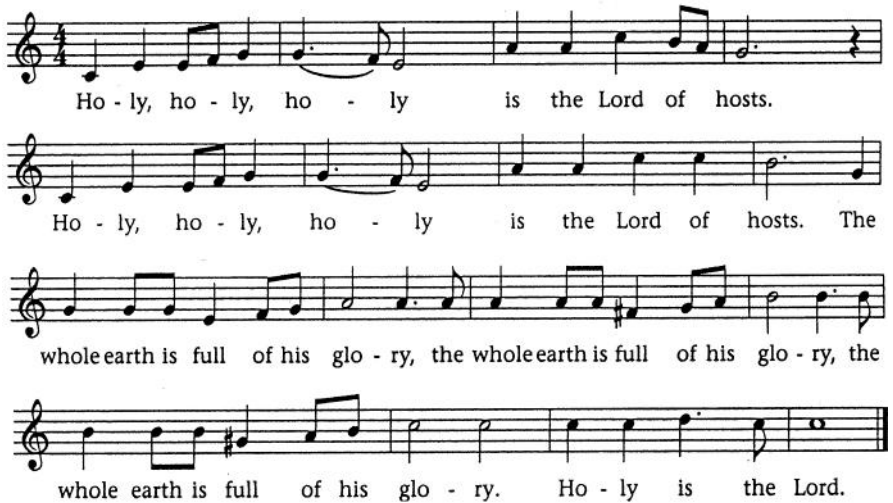
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Psalm 118:1

Pastor: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask You to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify Your people. For by water and the Holy Spirit You have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth Your glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

## Sanctus (*in song*)

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

## Words of Institution & Breaking of the Bread

**Communion Hymns** #420 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#421 "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

**Prayer after Communion** (*in unison*)

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†**Nunc Dimittis** “Song of Simeon”

Luke 2:29-30

Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,  
de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,  
for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.

†**Benediction**

†**Benediction Response** “Three-fold Amen”

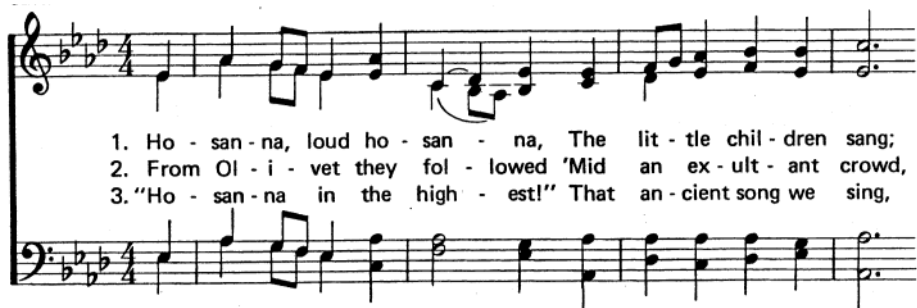


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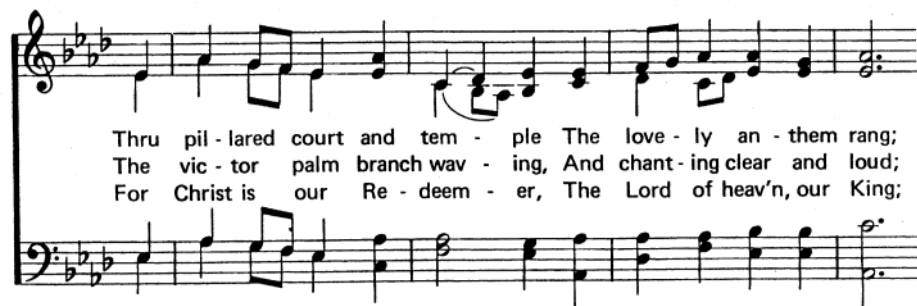
## **Sermon Notes**

Opening Hymn

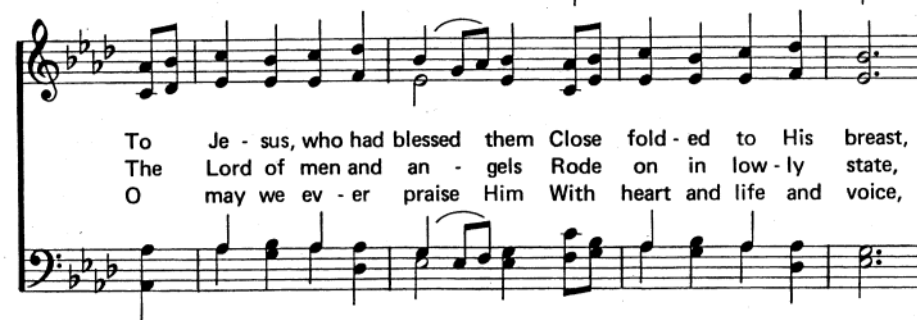
# Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



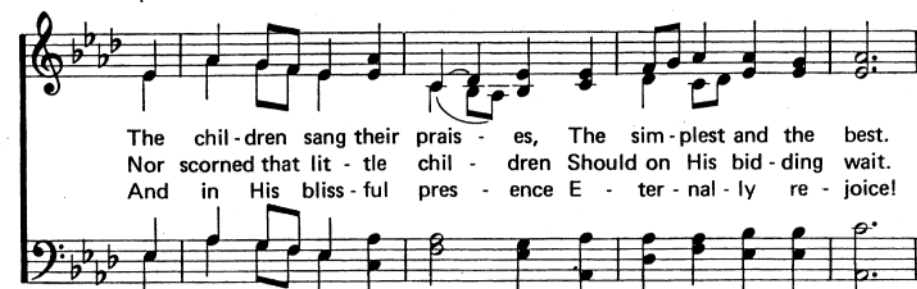
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Thru pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Hymn of Assurance  
**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

C E C Dm C C

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior,  
 2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er,  
 \* 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther,

C E F C Dm7 Gsus G E G#

Pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;  
 Spir - it we long to em - brace;  
 Faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own,

A<sub>m</sub> A<sub>m</sub> G A<sub>m</sub> F F A

Who would have tho't that a Lamb could  
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have  
 Here in our weak - ness You find us

C G E E A<sub>m</sub> F G E A

res - cue the souls of men? O You  
 hope - less - ly lost the way. O we  
 fall - ing be - fore Your throne, O we're

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 G G G G C

res - cue the souls of men.  
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 C C C B G G G F G

way. You are the One that we praise.  
 throne.

Am Am G Am F G Am  
 G G G G F G Am

You are the One we a - dore. You give the

Am G Am F C F E  
 G G G G G G G

heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger

Am F G E C FM7 G7 C  
 G A G G G G G

for, O our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

## Points to Ponder

### Palm Sunday

Traditional features of Christian worship associated with Palm Sunday are the procession in commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the blessing of palm branches. The special observance of Palm Sunday is known to have occurred in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century and in the Western church by the seventh or eighth century. At different times some symbol of Christ has been carried in procession: the Gospel book, a crucifix, the elements of the Eucharist, or even a carved figure seated on a donkey. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his subsequent cleansing of the temple are visual images that have stirred the imagination of Christian worshipers through the centuries as they have taken part in the reenactment of the events joining in procession, waving palm leaves, and singing hosannas.

The story is recorded in all four Gospels (Matt. 21:1–17; Mark 11:1–18; Luke 19:28–48; John 12:12–19), though some details differ from one account to the next. Jesus enters the city riding on a young donkey, which both Matthew and John relate to Zechariah's prophecy of the king coming in humility (Zech. 9:9); Matthew takes the Hebrew poetic parallelism, donkey and colt or foal, to indicate two animals. Whether one animal or two, the conveyance is covered with the garments of Jesus' followers, who also spread them in the road before him along with tree branches (John alone calls them "palm branches," John 12:13).

In the symbolism of Palm Sunday we see the coming of the sovereign Lord to his people, together with his judgment on religious institutions that have ceased to serve his purposes. As the Great King of the covenant, the Lord is the deliverer or Savior of his people; when he appears, the worshiper cries, "Come and save us" (Ps. 80:1–3). Several of the psalms celebrate the Lord's entry into the Holy City and sanctuary to assume his dominion (Pss. 24:7–10; 47:6–9; 50:3). But the Great King comes also to judge (Pss. 96:11–13; 98:8–9). The Davidic rulers of Judah, as the earthly vice-regents of Yahweh, were custodians of Solomon's temple, and several of them acted with zeal as restorers and reformers of the worship on Zion (Asa, 1 Kings 15:11–15; the younger Joash, 2 Kings 12:2–16; Hezekiah, 2 Kings 18:3–6; 2 Chron. 29–31; Josiah, 2 Kings 22–23). After the Babylonian captivity, the faithful longed for "the messenger of the covenant" who would purify the Jewish worship (Mal. 3:1–3). All this forms the background for Jesus' action as he enters Jerusalem, acclaimed with a royal title, and proceeds to a symbolic act of judgment on the central religious institution of the Judean community—a judgment to be fulfilled in the temple's destruction within a generation. The Palm Sunday procession is a proclamation that the King has come to reclaim his dominion and restore the true worship of the covenant. Thus the accolades of Palm Sunday are bound to the accusations that follow in the courtyard of the temple.

—R. Webber, *The Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship*, Vol. 1, p. 202.

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## **Prayer Requests**

### ***FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT REDEEMER...***

#### **Health / Healing**

- Bob Israel - recovering from knee surgery; everything is going perfectly at this point.
- Brett Schut - healing of broken elbow.
- Gayle Peterson - remains in the ICU.
- Monica Scott - for a safe, healthy delivery.

#### **Other Concerns**

- For Guidance and clear direction from God for the elders as they discern the possibility of bringing on a ministry intern.
- Jim and Linda Candea - mourning the passing of their daughter Tanya.
- Ron Chalfant, Jr. and Lynn Ealy

### ***FOR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND OTHERS...***

#### **Our Country and Armed Forces**

- Men and women in the military and their families.
- President Obama, his advisors, and other national, state, and local leaders.

#### **Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches**

- Jon and Susanna Cummings and their amazing mission work in Guadalajara.
- Hershbergers (Bulgaria); Thorntons (Ukraine); Nellie Vos (France); Cummings (Guadalajara); and the mission work in Burma.
- Shawn Newsome and the potential RUF work at MSU.

#### **Other Concerns**

- Strang family (Kimberly Whims' brother), encountering difficulties in trying to adopt two children.
- Relief, comfort, and strength for the hundreds of thousands of earthquake victims in Haiti.

### ***FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY...***

- First Presbyterian Church, Bad Axe, MI - Pray for: financial stewardship in support of the Lord's work at First Presbyterian. Praise for: God's sparing Pastor Jan in his auto accident, the baptism of two

infants, Howard Randall's 95th Birthday, and for the many visitors who attend our worship.

- Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, MI - Pray for: Shawn Newsome's financial support and ordination exams (candidate for RUF at MSU), continued peace and purity, a growing love for the lost, and for a steady stream of new visitors. Praise for: the addition of new members on Easter Sunday, and the progress in Shawn's support raising.
- TE Charles Young - Pray For: help & ability to deal with both Charles's ongoing health problems & Debbie's health problems.

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### Serving Today:

Elder: Dirk Van Til

Reader: David Peterson

Piano: Connie Van Til

Sound Board: Meagan Van Til

*Today Pastor Millward is wearing a purple stole. Purple represents royalty and reminds us of the kingship and sovereignty of Christ. Purple is also associated with repentance from sin. This color is displayed during the seasons of Advent and Lent, which are times of preparation and penitence.*

## Announcements

### After Today's Service...

- Please join us in the fellowship hall for our monthly covered dish luncheon.

- If you would like the elders to pray for you, they are available after the service in the Library (the small room next to the chancel).

### Next Sunday, March 28

Pastor Dan Millward will be preaching on the resurrection.

Hymns: #267 "The Day of Resurrection!"

#275 "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

Insert "See What a Morning"

#283 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

#279 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

#277 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**Please note:** There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

**Thursday, April 1, 5:30-7:45pm - Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal and Communion Service.** The buffet meal will take place from 5:30-6:30pm, and the Special Communion service will begin at 6:45.

**Friday, April 2, 7:30pm - Good Friday Tenebrae Service.** "Tenebrae" (meaning darkness) impresses upon the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequence of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice.

**Thursday Mornings, 7:30am to 8:30am - Men's Bible Study.**

**Resources for your spiritual growth** - You will find in the narthex, for the month of April, the Daily Lectionary Readings, Calendars, and Table Talk magazine.

There is now a box in the narthex for any notes or cards you would like sent to Ron Chalfant. We will be sending them along with our bulletins once a month to him.

**Church Financial Update**

YTD through February 28, 2010

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| Budget.....                          | \$23,200 |
| Actual Expenses.....                 | \$23,414 |
| Actual Income .....                  | \$27,700 |
| Last Week's General Fund Giving..... | \$1988   |

**The Session (Pastor and Elders)**

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|---|----------|
| Rev. Daniel Millward, Pastor .....        | 922-7270 |
| Sean Doran .....                          | 267-5632 |
| David Schafer .....                       | 946-5501 |
| Dirk Van Til.....                         | 223-8962 |
| Fred Weber (on sabbatical until May)..... | 947-0426 |

**The Deacons**

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|---------------------|----------|
| Jerry DeVries ..... | 938-2317 |
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