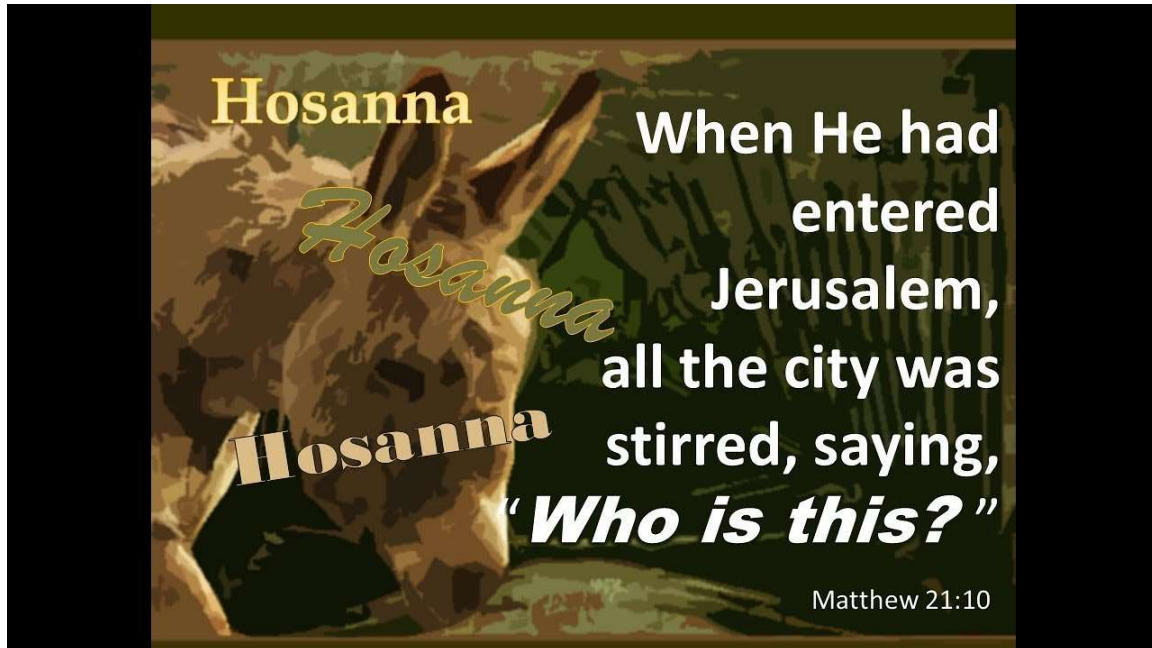


Grace Community Presbyterian Church
April, 2 2023



Thought for Meditation:

One of the greatest dangers to being a Christian is assuming too much familiarity with Jesus. If you limit him by your experiences, your theology, and your hopes and expectations, you will end up with something less than a Savior and more like a carpenter. His salvation of your life begins with the belief that there is more to Jesus than you know.

Craig Barnes

Prelude Festival Processional on "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Miller

Welcome and Announcements Doug Marshall

Call To Worship Matthew 21:9 Ben Edwards

L: The crowds were shouting,

P: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

L: "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

P: "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

L: Let us join the crowds and the people of God,
singing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna."

*** Hymn of Praise** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #297

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess to you the fickleness of our hearts. One minute we praise your name and the next we turn away from you. Sometimes we love you. Sometimes we only love ourselves. Sometimes our faith is real and our hearts are strong. Other times we live in fear, not believing in your promises or trusting in your mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and transform our lives so that all we say and do brings you glory and honor. Fill us with your grace and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray...

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness 2 Corinthians 5:21

L: For our sake God made Him to be sin who knew no sin.

P: Our sins were nailed to the cross of Christ.

L: In Christ we have become the righteousness of God.

P: In Christ we are forgiven.

L: Let us live as God's forgiven and beloved children.

P: Let us share the good news of Jesus with the world.

*** Passing of the Peace**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Glory Be To the Father** #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Anthem Palm Sunday (Young) Chancel Choir
(thank you to Barb Faust for playing the handbells)

Hosanna, Hosanna! The little children sang. Hosanna, Hosanna! 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 the followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud. Ride on, ride on in majesty; Ride on, ride on to die. Bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take thy power, and reign.

Scripture Matthew 21:1-11 (page 855)

Sermon Who Is This?

***A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

*** Hymn of Response** More About Jesus #560

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Corl

*** Doxology** Praise and Honor Regent Square

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One;
One in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication** All Glory, Laud and Honor #300

*** Charge to Deacons**

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may know that they belong to the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, because we all share one faith, one hope and one Lord, Jesus Christ.

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational Response**

We Will Glorify

#301

We will glorify the King of kings; We will glorify the Lamb.

We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

Hallelujah to the King of kings; Hallelujah to the Lamb.

*** Postlude**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (Toccatà)

Cherwien

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall after worship today. Dan and Teresa Howard will be your hosts.

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love



with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community

development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. Today, Grace Church will begin the 2023 campaign. You may donate to One Great Hour of Sharing through the envelope in your offering envelope box, the envelope in the pew, or if you would like to take home a fish bank, they are located on the table in the Narthex. **Please return your fish bank today.** Thank you!



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! The **Operation Christmas Child** item for the month of April is **Stuffed Animals (after Easter deals are at Dollar General)**. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you!

Hope you can join us for Maundy Thursday and Easter worship. We welcome everyone to experience meaningful worship with us.



April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30pm

April 9 - Easter Sunday Service @ 10:00am

TODAY'S MUSIC: Georg Weisdel was born at Domnau, near Königsberg, in 1590. In 1623, he became pastor of the newly erected Altrossgart church at Königsberg, where he remained till his death in 1635. The majority of his hymns, about 20 in all, are for the greater festivals of the Christian year. Two have made their way into modern English hymnals. "**Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**" is based on Psalm 24 and translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Educated initially by her mother, Winkworth lived with relatives in Dresden, Germany where she acquired her knowledge of German and her interest in German hymnody.

Psalm 24 is a majestic song of praise to the King of glory. It concludes with a herald's announcement of the King's approach: "Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory" (Psalm 24:9-10 NIV).

Sir John Bowring was a remarkably gifted man. Before he was sixteen, he'd mastered French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, German and Dutch, going on to add many more languages over the years. He would claim to be fluent in 20 languages and speak dozens more. He served the British government in China, and was an advocate of prison reform. His tombstone contains, as his testimony, the opening line of his hymn: "**In the cross of Christ I glory.**" The hymn was inspired by the words of Paul in Galatians 6:14, "God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Powerful men and women have come and gone from the stage of human history, nations have risen and disappeared, but the cross, and what God accomplished through it, will endure forever. Rather than focusing particularly on the eternal saving value of the cross, Bowring's hymn shows how it dominates all of our lives. For the believer, the cross remains of central significance. From the cross, and because of the cross, flow all the abundant blessings of God's grace.

**This Week's Calendar
April 2 - 8**

Sunday	PALM SUNDAY	
	Sunday School (all ages)	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Deacons Meeting	11:00am
	Youth Group	6:00pm
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00pm
Wednesday	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	7:30pm
Friday	Good Friday	
Saturday	Easter Event	10am - Noon

**Looking Ahead
April 9 - 15**

April 9	EASTER SUNDAY	
	Worship	10:00am
April 10	Mission Meeting	6:30pm
	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	6:45pm
April 11	Bible Study	1:00pm
April 12	Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	7:00pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
April 13	Christian Ed Meeting	3:00pm
	Finance Meeting	6:30pm

CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Ben Edwards
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Dan Howard
Henry Kedzierski
Val Lester
John Napierski
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Darlene Artman
Rich Artman
Gary Barbiaux
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