

# Covenant Congregational Church

**Palm Sunday**

Service of Worship

April 9, 2017

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud and Honor* arr. Smith & Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Jason

Children of God, rejoice! Sing out in celebration, God's people!  
Your King is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes  
in the Lord's name. Glory to God! Hosanna!**

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM *King of Glory* Larson  
Joyful Noise and Adult Choirs  
Kameron Burton, djembe  
Lou Ann Falls, flute

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 228

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*INVOCATION

God, we gather on this day to begin a week of contrasts.

**From hope to despair to hope again.**

As we begin the week, as we join with the crowd

**help us cut through the noise to see what is happening, to see with is at stake.**

As the story unfolds,

**open us to both the hope and the pain.**

In this time of worship,

**prepare us to celebrate, to weep, and to wait.**

\*HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* 227

THE WORD OF GOD Sam Schumacher

The Gospel Reading: John 18:1-11 NIV (New Testament page 112)

**18** When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas came to the garden, guiding a

detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

<sup>5</sup> "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)<sup>6</sup> When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

"Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go." <sup>9</sup> This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

Response: The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN *Behold the Lamb of God* 216

(Children K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

SERMON *The Quest for Calling: Am I to Drink the Cup?* Pastor Jason

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *When I Consider How the Father Loves* Rodriguez

\*Doxology

**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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

COMMISSIONING OF NEW MINISTRY STAFF

Sheri Anderson & Cheyenne Buck

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go Now in Peace*  
Karstan Mohn and Kameron Burton, bells

Sleeth

\*POSTLUDE

*Open the Gates of the Temple* arr. Smith & Hustad

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\*Please stand in praise to God, if able

**Welcome!** As we begin Holy Week, we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where the crowds proclaim him as King. Yet in the background of this day of celebration, there is the shadow of the cross. Through it all, Jesus remained resolute, trusting God the Father and obediently walking the path to which he was called.

We invite you throughout this Holy Week, to join us as we walk alongside Christ and remember all that he has done for us. We gather on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM for a Holy Week Service of Worship which will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Sanctuary will be open from 9 AM-2 PM on Good Friday for individual prayers. A devotional/prayer guide will be provided.



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