A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar by Love's di-vine proph-et-wom - an broke a jar, faith - ful wom - an left a tomb by Love's di-vine 3 Though wom - an - wis - dom, wom -an - truth, for cen - tu - ries were by Love's di-vine 4 The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre point - ing. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, mis - sion. hid - den, un - sung, un - writ and un - heard, de the friends we need, serve and lead, their dain - ing, A proph - et - wom - an broke a jar, sid - ing and a - noint-ing. A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb, ing from sub - mis - sion. the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire, rid - ed and for - bid - den, The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, powers and gifts un - chain - ing. With rare per-fume she de - fy - ing. the sneers of scorn She saw; she heard; she tion gos - pel. res - ur - rec free and slave de - scend-ing, can tum - ble our and chil - dren, the friends we need, from wom-en, men, dy - ing. filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for pos - tles. preached the Word, pos - tle mend - ing. ing walls, our shame and sad and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 25, 2018 ~ Palm Sunday

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Sermons available at https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian



CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE The Palms Fauré

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,

for he is the life we long for.

We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk. Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us. Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

* HYMN 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

- * CALL TO CONFESSION
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Steadfast God: when things go well for us, we can easily sing loud hosannas, but the words turn to ashes in mouths full of anger and bitterness. We hide behind our palm branches, hoping you will not see the doubts we have about what you call us to do. We eagerly feast on your blessings but are reluctant to offer even crumbs to those around us. Help us to follow in the steps of Jesus, help us to use his life and teachings as examples.

Silence is kept.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

In my heart there rings a melody, there rings a melody with heaven's harmony; in my heart there rings a melody; there rings a melody of love.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

John 12:1-8

Mary of Bethany

* HYMN

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Shout Hosanna!

Wright

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Brahms

* HYMN 428 vs 1

We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord, from Thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

* BENEDICTION CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Acclamations from "Suite Médiévale"

Langlais

* You are invited to stand if able.