



## Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2020 ~ Palm Sunday

You can access the worship service by doing any one of the following:

- FaceBook - click on the YouTube button on the church's FaceBook page, which will take you here: <http://bit.ly/RPCworship>
- Website – click on the Worship Videos tab on the homepage – [www.rpcusa.org](http://www.rpcusa.org)
- YouTube – <http://bit.ly/RPCyoutube>
- Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Riverside Presbyterian, IL to go to the church's channel.

The videos of the services will be available any time you want to access them at the conclusion of each Sunday's worship.

For those who have children at home (or adults who are children at heart!) that need activities, go to Sunday School! Our friends at Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago have prepared online lesson plans and are generously sharing them with anyone who would like to use them. Each lesson contains background information for the adults, a family discussion guide, and suggested crafts and activities. Just go to <http://bit.ly/OnlineSundaySchool>

### WE GATHER

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Lighting the Christ Candle & Prelude

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

### WE PREPARE

#### Call to Worship<sup>i</sup>

Riding a donkey, Jesus entered the city, causing great turmoil.

Who is this Jesus?

Prophet or Teacher - Healer or presence of God

Troubler of your peace?

The people loudly cried, "Hosanna!" meaning, 'Save us, please.'

He was popular, by neither choice nor desire, but misunderstood.

"Who is this Jesus?" some asked and some still ask.

#### Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna<sup>ii</sup>*

The entire hymn is played as an introduction, then join in singing verses one and three.

### WE LISTEN

#### Time with Children

Lynda Nadkarni

#### Prayer for Understanding

## Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11<sup>iii</sup>

When they came near to Jerusalem and came to Bethpage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village that is opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and immediately he will send them."

All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them and brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them; and he sat on them. A very great multitude spread their clothes on the road.

Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The multitudes who went in front of him, and those who followed, kept shouting, "Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

When he had come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

The multitudes said, "This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

## Meditation

### WE RESPOND

## Hymn of Response

*Be Still, My Soul*<sup>iv</sup>

The entire hymn is played as an introduction, then join in singing verses one and two.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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.**

## We Offer our Gifts to God

## Musical Response

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*<sup>v</sup>

## A Holy Week Reflection

*Knowing*<sup>vi</sup>

## Benediction

## Postlude

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<sup>i</sup> Adapted from the work of Jeff Shrowder, 2017

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<sup>vi</sup> written by Roddy Hamilton