

Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Be Still My Soul

arr. Robert Graham

Abide with Me

Lila Peck, acolyte

Steal Away

O Sacred Head

Welcome & Call to Worship

◆ Processional Hymn 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Call for Confession

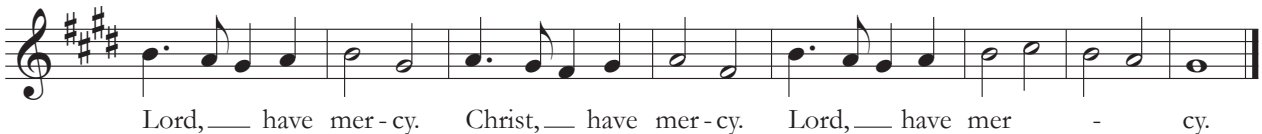
Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that we would rather sing loud hosannas with the cheering crowds than face an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ and our friends at his table rather than stand up for him in a courtyard of angry accusers. We believe we are faithful, but know in our hearts that we are also capable of betraying with a kiss. Forgive us. We know that you look past our quivering faith; we ask that you heal our hesitant hearts.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Ukrainian chant



Assurance of Forgiveness

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

Now the promise is fulfilled and love's redeeming work is done; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God 618

All glory to our Lord and God

For love so deep, so high, so broad:

The Trinity whom we adore

Forever and forevermore.

God's Word to Us

Anthem *Hosanna to the Son of David* Tomás Luis de Victoria
Hosanna to the son of David:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
O King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

Sung Prayer for Illumination
Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9 OT p. 640
Barry Parks

Second Reading Matthew 27:11-54 NT p. 30

Sermon Hope in the time of darkness Jewell-Ann Parton

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

◆ Hymn HS 14 **What Wondrous Love is This** WONDROUS LOVE

Prayers of the Congregation

Moment for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* arr. Robert Graham

◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup HS 52

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

HS 76

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

...great is the mystery of faith...

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

HS 77

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

Guy Bovet

Prayer after Communion

◆ Hymn 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Were You There?

arr. R. Graham & C. Lundberg

During the season of Lent, the congregation remains seated during the closing music
for a short period of meditation.

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

Participating in worship:

Trombonists: James Allison, Scott Colley, Robert Graham, Jacob Meadows, Emilie Mehrrens, and Steve Sanford

The palms today are donated in memory of James Weldon Grove by Margaret McLaughlin Grove.

What's Happening

at Westminster

Sunday, April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Week Begins

9:30 a.m. Church school

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (live-stream): A worship service that includes a processional, the waving of palms and the Sacrament of Communion.

Noon UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Monday, April 3

6 p.m. UKirk Dinner & Discussion at Common Grounds

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: A service of quiet reflection that includes Scripture, song and the Sacrament of Communion.

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

7 p.m. Worship in the Sanctuary: A reflective service of Tenebrae with Scripture readings, candlelight, hymns and responses by the Spanish Renaissance composer Tomas Luis de Victoria.

Saturday, April 8

10 a.m. - noon Combined Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (live-stream) Worship in the Sanctuary: Following each service, the flowering of the cross on the patio. Between the services, a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall. At 10:15 a.m., a story in the Library, followed by an egg hunt for children through 5th grade and a scavenger hunt for older kids in the Courtyard.

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197 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,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful 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 heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en 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.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

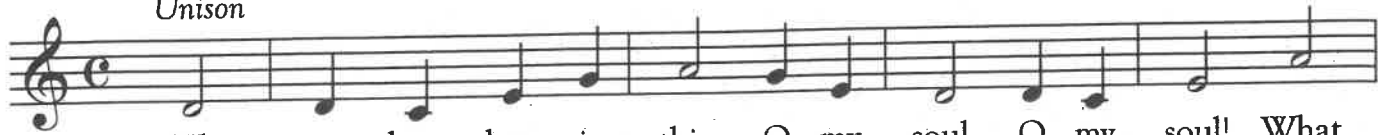
What Wondrous Love Is This

American folk hymn

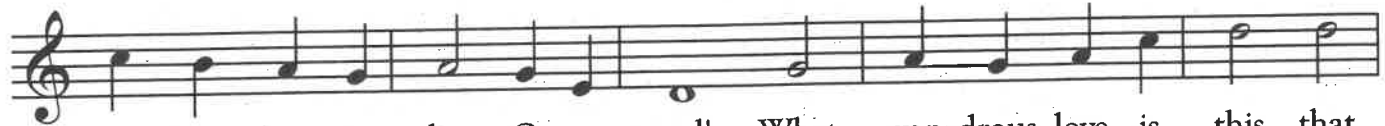
WONDROUS LOVE, 12.9.12.12.9

The Southern Harmony, 1835

Unison



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down be -
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my
 neath God's right - eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.