

**GATHERING FOR THE WORD**

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

\* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure  
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Ellen J. Lorenz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!**  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
**If we keep silent, the stones will shout out!**  
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven. Hosanna!**

\* HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* No. 89

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder  
Let us pray...  
**Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you.**  
**With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms**  
**on the path before you.**  
**Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you**  
**often deny or defy you.**  
**And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you**  
**often become fists.**  
**Lord, hear us as we confess.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE  
Amen. Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
**For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,**  
**but that the world through him should be saved.**  
Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.  
**And walk in love, as Christ loved us.**  
**Hosanna! Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) *How Great Thou Art* No. 467 refrain  
**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,**  
**How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**  
**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee**  
**How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**HEARING THE WORD**  
PSALTER READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Pgs. 575-577  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God** Deacon

ANTHEM *New Every Morning* Cindy Berry

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:1-11 Pgs. 44-45  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH (*As children & youth come forward, please sing.*)  
**This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.**  
**Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.**

SERMON *Riding on in Majesty* Laura Sugg

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**  
\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder  
**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery**  
**which the Scriptures describe in various ways.**  
**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,**  
**a shepherd's life given for his sheep,**  
**atonement by a priest;**  
**again, it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,**  
**vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,**  
**and victory over the powers of evil.**  
**These are expressions of a truth**  
**which remains beyond the reach of all theory**  
**in the depths of God's love for humankind.**  
**They reveal the gravity, cost,**  
**and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**  
--Adapted from *the Confession of 1967, 9.09*

\* HYMN *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* No. 83

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER  
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

Gay Cuthill  
Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

*The Passion Chorale*  
Ridge Ringers

Hans Leo Hassler  
Arr. Brenda Austin

\* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *What Wondrous Love is This* No. 85 verse 2  
**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (adapted from Psalm 107)  
Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind.  
**Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives  
and help us be for the world  
an emblem of your steadfast love.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* No. 91

\* CHARGE & BENEDECTION

\* SUNG RESPONSE *Take, O Take Me as I Am*  
(sing twice)  
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

CLOSING MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *All Glory Laud, and Honor* Melchior Teschner  
Organ/Piano Duet Betty Niquette, Piano Arr. Lani Smith

[During this season of Lent, the congregation is invited to be **seated** during  
the **Closing Music** for a short period of meditation.]

*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.*



## Dust and Rainbows: A Lenten Journey through Song

*"Oh, God of Dust and Rainbows,  
Help us to see  
That without the dust the rainbow  
Would not be."  
--Langston Hughes*

*WPC Mission Statement: To worship God through faith and action,  
To nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,  
To be an extended family to all, And to serve the community  
through programs, education, and prayer.*

Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 25, 2018