



Sunday, March 24, 2024

First Presbyterian Church
101 - 6th Ave. NW
Kasson, MN

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

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Rev. Tim Gerarden

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Opening Words/Call to Worship

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

P: Hosanna in the highest!

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Opening Prayer:

Procession into the Church

Scripture Readings: Mark 11:1-10 Pg. 57-58 NT
Psalm 118:1-2 Pg. 694 OT

***Hymn No 196** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

*Prayer of Confession

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! To-day we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. They have thrown their cloaks in the path of the donkey that his steps might be cushioned. And the scene is wonderful. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who have needed help, because it wasn't convenient for us to be of help of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. AMEN

*Assurance of Grace

The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, receive the love that never dies and never fails. Amen.

*** Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen*

We are Inspired by God

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

P: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures for ever."

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

L: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**P: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

L: The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.**

**All: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Pg. 240-241 NT

Sermon: "Turning Heads" Rev. Tim Gerarden

***Hymn No. 403** “*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*”

We Respond to God

***Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)**
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 at 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.

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 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.

Call for Offering: Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes toward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606**

***Prayer of Dedication:**

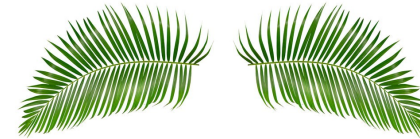
Blessed is the one who comes in your name, Lord! With these gifts, we would follow you even as you lead us into the deepest sacrifice. We glory in the drama of your salvation. We give you thanks, because you are good, because your faithful love lasts forever. Amen.

***Hymn No 197** “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*”

***Benediction**

***Dismissal No. Hymn 542 (God Be with You Till We Meet Again)**
“God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again.”

***Postlude**



WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We thank Rev. Tim Gerarden for providing our service today.

Please keep our prayers for: Donna Dohrmann, Kristy Johnson, Carol Prenzlów, Elaine Gransee and Ruth Allen for strength and healing.

Upcoming Events and Services:

THURSDAY, March 28th - Maundy Thursday

Church Dinner at 5:30 & Communion following dinner.

FRIDAY, March 29th - Good Friday - NO Service

SUNDAY, March 31st - EASTER

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Service at 8:00 AM with Breakfast (Thanks to Nate G.)
following and egg hunt.

Treasurer’s Report:

Receipts February 2024	\$	6,306.00
Expenses February 2024	\$	3,110.19
Balance February 2024	\$	3,195.81
Needed weekly	\$	2,149.70
Needed monthly	\$	9,315.34