

Prayers of the People As prayers are offered:

Leader: God of Mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

*Hymn "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" RED#132

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" Broughton

WORSHIP LEADER: Rebecca Rowe
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PIANIST: Rich Ford

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

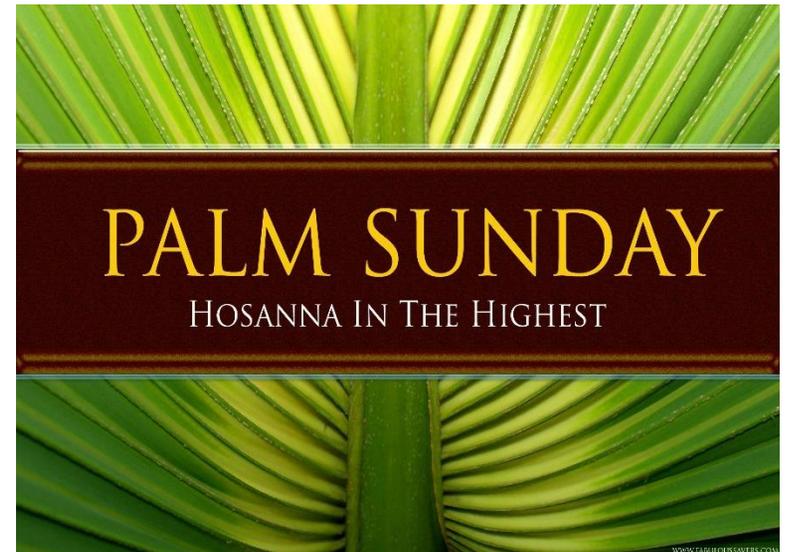
Holy Week Services

As we approach this very special time in our church calendar,
Central Presbyterian Church will share in these opportunities for worship.

Maundy Thursday April 1 - 7 p.m.
At **Central** with United Methodists
Led by: Rev. Rick Pierce

Easter April 4- 10 a.m. Sermon:
Pastor Stephanie

Each will be live-streamed at the time of the service, and they will
also be available for viewing from the church website later. If you have
hesitated to watch the services online due to poor transmission a few
weeks ago, please check back now. It is believed that earlier issues have
been resolved.



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**March 28, 2021
PALM SUNDAY**

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer (Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship)

Prelude **“Great is the Lord”** Smith/Bock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship

L: The parade today is just the beginning of our hope.

P: We wave our branches and shout “Hosanna!”

L: But there will come a time of silence and of mourning.

P: Help us to be ready for that time, O Lord.

L: Blessed is Jesus, who came into Jerusalem on that day.

P: Blessed is Jesus who comes into our hearts always. Amen.

*Hymn **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”** **RED#134**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today 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.

(Time of silence for personal confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart. We are His children. Amen.

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri **“Glory Be to the Father”** **PH579**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

New Testament Reading Mark 11:1-11

Sermon **“The Great Entrance”** Pastor Stephanie

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn **“All Glory, Laud and Honor”** **RED#131**

*Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of our baptism using the words of 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.