

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "First Couplet of the Kyria" COUPERIN

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Diana Harrison

Leader: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who went ahead were waving palms and those who followed were shouting,

People: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Leader: "Blessed is the coming commonwealth of our ancestor David!"

People: "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Hymn "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Glory to God

Call to Confession Diana Harrison

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come waving palms and shouting "Hosanna" for the one who we assume is the Messiah, but the Messiah we get is not the Messiah we expect. The Messiah we get calls us to acknowledge and name the violence in our world and in our lives, but we accept this violence as the normal way of the world. We have learned to live with homelessness, poverty, injustice, racism, sexism, and homophobia. And when we fail to see and name the evils of our world, we allow them to flourish. Open our eyes, O God, to see crucifixions in our midst and help us to participate in the places where you are bringing liberation and life. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Diana Harrison

Leader: Friends, the good news of the gospel assures us that God in Christ meets us in the broken places in order to redeem, liberate, and heal us. In Christ, we are healed, and our eyes are opened.

People: In Christ we are empowered to partake in God's liberating and justice-seeking work in our world. Thanks be to God.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:19-29
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church
People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Mark 11:1-11
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Lift High the Palms" MARTIN

Sermon "A Paltry Parade" Rev. Kathleen Burslem

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder

Affirmation of Faith (Romans 3:31-39)

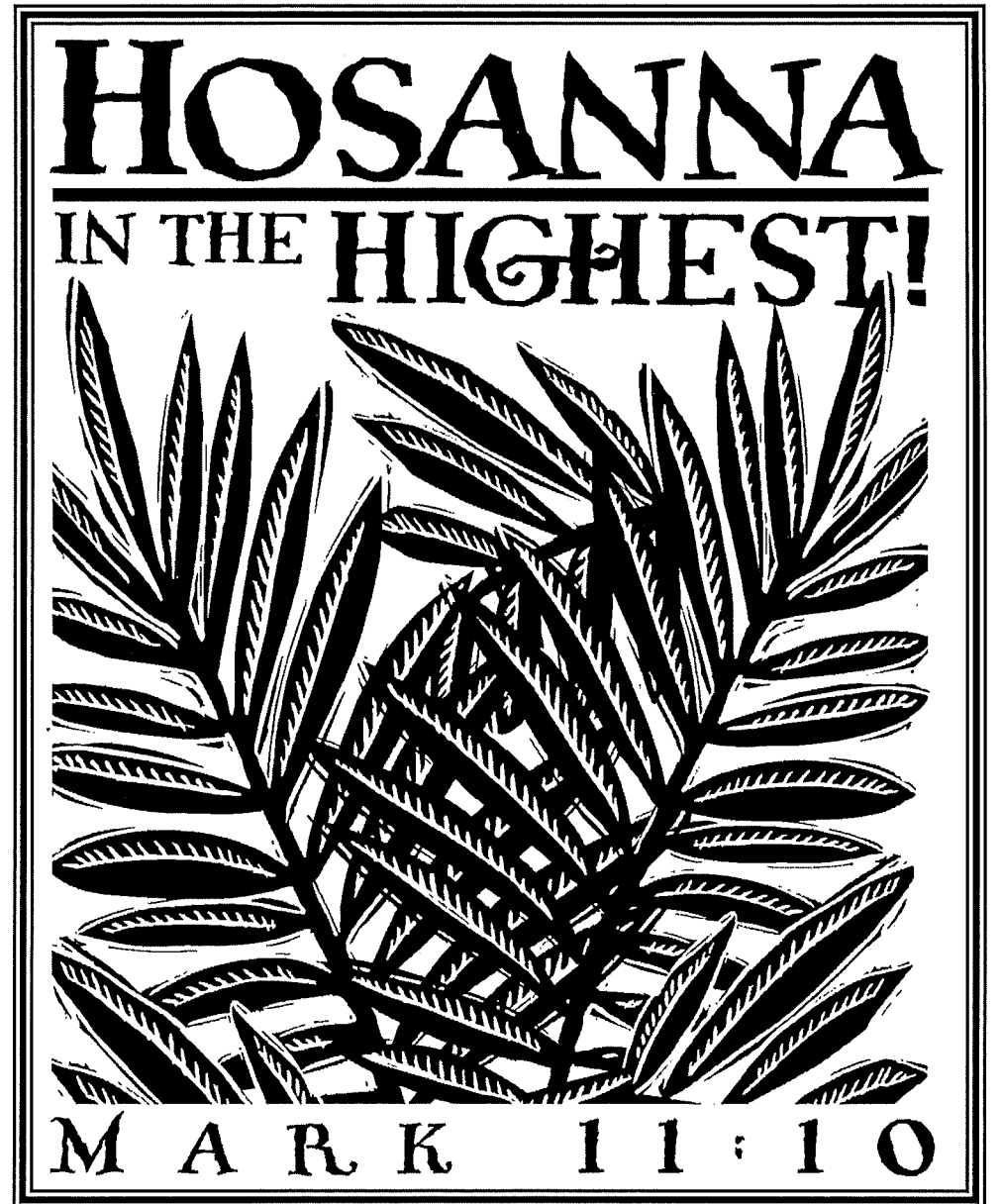
What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn "Filled with Excitement" Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Allegretto" GIGOUT



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Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Rev. Roger Gench of The Presbyterian Outlook

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