

**St Paul's
UCC**

**Henderson
MN**

**April
2nd,
2023**



Organ Prelude

**Ringling of
the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Together we gather again to celebrate,
honor and worship God.

People: We come from the north and from the south, from the east and from the west, and rejoice together as a community.

Leader: We follow the triumphal entrance of the palms and the announcement that Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem. We plan our celebration of the rise of the King of Kings.

People: We sing hosanna and hallelujah, with the voices of our ancestors, celebrating the arrival of the Christ.

Leader: Hosanna in the highest! Jesus is King, God has come to save us all.

People: Hosanna in the highest! Jesus has come to set us free and claim his rightful place as king!

All: May God bless us all, each and every one of us, this beautiful day! Amen.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor #123

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David's royal Son
Who in the Lord's
name comest
The King and Blessed One

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went
Our praise and love and anthems
Before Thee we present

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

To Thee, before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee, now high exalted
Our melody we raise

All glory, laud, and honor
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

Thou didst accept their praises
Accept the love we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious King

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Holy and Wonderful God, we celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem with the waving of palms and songs of adoration and excitement. And we know that today is a day of mixed emotions. We feel the urgency and energy of your Spirit, willing us to celebrate and pushing us to fully live the whole range of emotions that fall on this day.

In the richness of tradition and with your blessing, we welcome the shouts of joy and the celebration. Bless us and honor us with your presence this morning. Amen.



Prayer

of confession

***Words of Assurance**

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, loved you then, loves you now, and will love you again. Our sins are forgiven and washed clean and we are once again brought closer to our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Gloria Patri

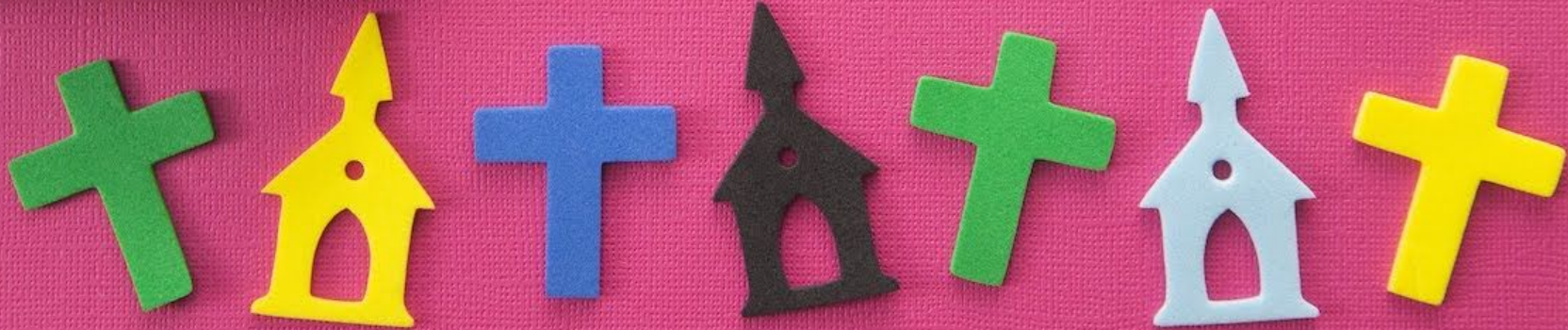
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

*Welcome
&
Announcements*



Holy
Bible

CHILDREN'S SERMON



SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21 1 - 11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting. "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

THE SERMON



Fairest Lord Jesus #140

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,

O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still
the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming
garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the
woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels
heaven can boast.

Pastoral Prayer - Silent Prayer

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 and ever.

“Cares Chorus”

**I cast all of my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And any time I don't know what to do,
I will cast all of my cares upon you.**



Invitation

Offertory Music

OFFERING
WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD



Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

We gather in spirit, Wondrous God, to remember how Jesus gave His life so we could be set free from Sin and Death. His love for us, which cost Him so dearly, inspires us to offer Him our gifts and our lives. Amen.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;

Through pillard court and
temple the lovely anthem rang;

To Jesus who had blessed
them close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
amid a cheering crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship
rode on in lowly state,
And glad to see the children,
slowed down the donkey's gait.

Hosanna in the highest!

That ancient song is ours.

We hail our great Redeemer
and sing with all our powers;

Hosanna, Christ, we praise
you with heart and life and voice.

Hosanna! In your presence
forever we'll rejoice!



*Benediction
& Blessing*