



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
**KIRKWOOD**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
April 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.  
Palm Sunday

**Mission:** We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ **\*Please rise in body or in spirit.** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Chiming of the Hour**

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

## **Bell Voluntary**

"Sweet Hosannas Ring!"

arr. Tammy Waldrop

## **WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Lift up your hearts, people of God! The road has led us here

**People: To the city gates, to the waving branches, to the cries of "Hosanna!"**

Leader: We come with hope, with longing, with trembling joy.

**People: We come with our questions, our burdens, and our praise.**

Leader: This is the day the journey shifts, the beginning of the end, the start of something new.

**People: Christ rides into the city not with power, but with peace.**

Leader: Let us welcome love that disarms, truth that confronts, and justice that rides on a borrowed colt.

**ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Holy One!**

### **\* Processional Hymn**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Hymn #196

### **\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of the parade and the cross, we confess we are easily swayed by the noise of the crowd. We shout "Hosanna" when hope feels high, but we grow silent when the cost becomes clear. We cheer for peace, but clutch our privilege. We long for justice, but hesitate to disrupt the systems we benefit from. We confess the ways we have ignored suffering, and turned away from your path of humble love. Forgive us, O God. Renew in us a courage that stays with the journey. Teach us to walk beside the One who rides into the city, not as a conqueror, but as a servant.**

## \*Silent Confessions

## \*Assurance of God's Grace

**\*Response to Confession** "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" Hymn #437  
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy. You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

## \*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

## A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 565

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Melinda Hoiland

*Hosanna! Let all the people sing. Hosanna! Hosanna to our King.  
Open wide the gates of Jerusalem. Hosanna! Let all the people sing.  
Hosanna to our King. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Let all the people sing. Hosanna! Hosanna to our King!*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 19:28-40; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 83

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *When The Stones Cry Out*  
Rev'd. Gary Noonan

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn** "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" Hymn #200

## Reception of New Members

Margaret Antunes, Mark Antunes, Mark Bennet, Kay Boltz, Deborah Henry,  
James Korte, Brittney Korte, Beth Ann Riechman, Sue Smith

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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.**

## Offertory Sentences

### Offertory Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!*

## Prayer of Dedication

### WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

**\*Closing Hymn** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Hymn #197

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response** "Jesus, Remember Me" Jacques Berthier  
*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

**Organ Voluntary** "Postlude" William Mathias

*In keeping with the solemnity of Lent, we kindly ask you not to applaud following the Organ Voluntary.*

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### **Worship Leaders:**

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

### **Music Ministry:**

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Kevin Chunko, *Music Associate*;  
Bill Wade, *Bell Director*; Lori Wehrman, *Cherub Director*;  
Chancel Choir; Middle School Ringers; Choristers; Cherubs

**Cross Bearer:** Henry Meyer      **Acolyte:** Rowan Sevem

**Ushers:** Pam Cooper, Jim Cooper, Charlene McFarland, Terry McFarland, Wayne Ullery

**Usher Captain:** Amy Freshwater

**Livestream Host:** Gerald DeWulf