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

*Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Hymn No. 197

*Benediction

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

Organ Postlude
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
James Pethel

In keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season, we invite you to remain seated during the Postlude and kindly ask you to refrain from applause.

Worship Leaders:
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. David Holyan

Music Ministry:
Middle School Ringers; Chancel Choir;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:
Frank Darr

Ushers:
John Becker, Al Hinton, Walt Jaschek, Ed Gentzler,
Rich Massey, Alice Philpott, Cy Woodrome, Julie Woodrome
Dave & Cindy Grone, Usher Captains

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The season of Lent invites us to enter into a place of meditation and reflection.
Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude
"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
John Behnke

We Address Ourselves to God

Call to Worship
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

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

People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and God has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.
For you are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, and I will extol you.

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
and God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Call to Worship based on Psalm 118

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)
Gracious God, we want to trust in you, but often it is only on our own terms.
We turn away from the challenges of faith, and seek out only those things that suit us best.
We enter into a week that begins with joy,
but we want to overlook the difficult events that will unfold.
Keep our hearts open to your spirit so that we stay focused on the journey to Jerusalem.
Help us to remember it is a journey of challenge, suffering and sorrow.
Help us to prepare so that we may come to know the profound meaning of the new life offered to us by your Son, who is our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn
"All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Hymn No. 196

Response to Confession
"Come To Me, O Weary Traveler"
Hymn No. 185

The Passing of the Peace
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Minute For Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing
John Huxhold

We Hear God's Word

First Reading
Psalm 24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading
John 12:12-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
"The Beginning of the End or The End of the Beginning?"
The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn
"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"
Hymn No. 200

Reception of New Members

Pastoral 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. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem
"The Feast of Palms"

text: Gerard Moulerie
music: Alan Bullard
Come, faithful people, come away, your homage to your Monarch pay; it is the feast of palms today.

When Christ, the Lord of all drew night on Sunday morn in Bethany, he called unto his loved ones standing by:
"To yonder village go," said he, "An ass and foal you there shall see, untie them and bring them unto me."
The two upon their errand sped, and found the ass as he had said, and on the colt their clothes they spread.
They set him on his throne so rude; before him went the multitude, and in their way their garments strewn.
Hosanna in the highest! For it is the feast of palms today!