



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021

LENTEN SERIES
The Character of Christ

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

TIMOTHY HOLMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Pastor: Lo, your King comes to you;

All: Triumphant and victorious is he,

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 NRSV

INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

All: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, word, and deeds.

Leader: Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are:

All: Sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—Praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we can confess our sins to God.

(adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*)

SONG OF CONFESSION

All: *Sing first line.*

Refrain Dm C Dm C Dm

I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer, hear my
Alternate What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my

C Am F Am Em Dm

prayer. I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer.
soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ we are forgiven!

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION

All: *Sing alternate line.*

Refrain

Dm C Dm C Dm

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prayer. I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer.
 soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!

C Am F Am Em Dm

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: *In His Love and in His Pity*

SARAH HOLMAN

In his love and in his pity he redeemed us.
In his love and in his pity
he provided heav'n.
Never has another loved us
like the Savior loves.
How can anyone suspend himself
upon a cross and die for me?
Die willingly, to set us free.

But He did love, He had pity on us.
He provided heaven at last.
Shall we not return the favor,
live each day for our dear Savior,
and one day He will return for us.

How He suffered in the garden
for your sin and mine.
See Him trudge up Calvary's mountain,
"Not my will, but Thine."
Cursing mobs and angry soldiers
spit upon that face.
Then the sky in winter darkness proved
the depth to which man's sin would go.
and Jesus died, He loved us so.

But He did love . . .

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNIKA DURBIN
ABIGAIL DURBIN

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Reader: DIANE JERDAN

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Numbers 23:18-21*

¹⁸ Then he spoke his message:

"Arise, Balak, and listen;
hear me, son of Zippor.

¹⁹ God is not human, that he should lie,
not a human being, that he should change his mind.

Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

²⁰ I have received a command to bless;
he has blessed, and I cannot change it.

²¹ "No misfortune is seen in Jacob,
no misery observed in Israel.

The Lord their God is with them;

the shout of the King is among them. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 13:1-9*

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹ Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Christ's Character: Constancy*

* CLOSING HYMN: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

♯ F C F Gm D Gm F C F 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Bb F C7 F C7 F C F C F Gm D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

Gm F C F 7 C7 Dm Gm C7 F 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M.
 Gregorian chant
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Alva Steffler (630-802-0207, alvasteffler@yahoo.com) would love to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sarah Holman, Timothy Holman

Thanks to our livestream video crew: Peter Welander, Chris Danusiar

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Food Pantry open

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group (Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

No women's Bible studies this week

11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

(Note: Closed on Easter Sunday)

Friday

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Saturday

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Cross-making in the parking lot

Easter Sunday

11:00 A.M. Outdoor worship *(Bring a lawn chair and a mask.)*

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

We would like to continue our tradition of remembering friends, and family who are **Witnesses to the Resurrection**. Please send the name of those you'd like to remember to immanpres@gmail.com no later than Wednesday morning. In lieu of purchasing an Easter Lily this year, we suggest making a donation to the food pantry on behalf of your loved one.

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ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard,
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