

# The First Presbyterian Church of Stirling

## Online Worship

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Wave high your palm branches! The Lord of life approaches!

***Sing with great joy for the Savior has come to us!***

Even the beast of burden on which he rides seems to be royal.

***All creation shouts praises to the King of Kings!***

Hosanna! Hosanna!

***Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna!***

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Refrain*

*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.

*Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present.

*Refrain*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Patient God, we confess that we love a parade, especially in this time of social isolation we would love to watch a parade. We are very happy to see***

**banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name.**

Silent Confession

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Though you have fallen short, God reaches out to you in loving forgiveness. God is with you, celebrating this day and walking all the way to the cross with you. For the time of salvation is near.

**We give thanks to God for God's great gift of Grace! Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

### **SERMON**

*Marching In Place*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through, us the gift of God's peace.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**HYMN**

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty*

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**CHARGE****BENEDICTION**