

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

L: Here in this place, with these people, we begin that week we call Holy.

P: We crane our necks to see the parade, knowing that in a few days we will bow our heads as the solemn procession winds through the streets, leading to the hill of Calvary.

L: We have been with Jesus on this journey; we long for courage to go the distance with him.

P: In one hand, we clutch the palm branches; in the other, we cradle our broken hearts.

L: As children dance excitedly around him, Jesus humbly enters our lives.

P: Hosanna! We welcome the kingdom-bearer into our midst. Hosanna!

Opening Hymn #214 – All glory, laud and honour

Prayers of Approach, Confession, Hymn #201, The Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance

L: The Lord is my strength and my song.

P: He has become my salvation.

L: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free.

P: In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry

Family Focus/Children's Time

Hymn #218 – Hosanna, loud hosanna

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSV)

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

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

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

P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

L: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

L: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

P: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it."³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it,⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it.⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the

temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Scripture Reading: John 13:21-35 (NRSV)

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.”²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking.²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart;²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”²⁶ Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.”²⁸ Now no one knew why he said this to him.²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor.³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Message: THE WELCOMING PALMS AND THE BETRAYERS KISS

Hymn – Lord, what a parade!

Mission Moment, Doxology #79 and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Hymn # 220 – My song is love unknown

Benediction and Benediction song: Go now in peace

Welcome To Lucknow Presbyterian Church

Mar. 24, 2024



Worship Leader: Rev. Kathy Fraser

Announcements

- Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. Thanks to Rev. Kathy for leading the service this morning.
- Please contact Rev. Kathy (226-222-9165 or kafraser001@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit at home or in the hospital.
- Messy Church on Wed. Mar 27 from 4:45 to 7:00pm. All welcome
- Invitation to a Special Event: by General Assembly Moderator, Mary Fontain, May 1, 2024, St. Andrew's Owen Sound This is an invitation to meet with the Rev. Mary Fontaine, BA., M. Div. A turkey dinner (suggested cost \$20) will be served at 5:30 P.M. followed by a worship service at 7:00 P.M. Please RSVP gladyspennacchiotti@gmail.com by April 23, 2024 if you plan on attending the dinner.

Upcoming Services:

- Mar. 29 at 10 am: Combined Good Friday service at Lucknow P.C. led by Annette Proconier (upstairs)
- Mar. 31: Easter Sunday service led by Rev. Kathy Fraser – continental breakfast to start at 9:30 – donations to Sleeping Children Around the World