

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Visiting Minister: Rev. Fiona Swanson
Palm Sunday April 02, 2023

SERMON TEASER: In Medieval times Christians were encouraged to reflect on their faith by imagining themselves as the donkey in the Palm Sunday story. We will be engaging in that kind of reflection. How is being a servant of Christ like us being the donkey?

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Duty Elder: Harald Magnus
Musicians: Sheryl Cale, Rosemary Brown
Scripture Reader: Wendy Wadden

*When this symbol appears please stand if you are able

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

Palm Processional

Choir: *A Celebration of Palms*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Therefore God has exalted him and given him the name above every name.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.

***Worship in Song #214:** *All glory, laud and honor*

Gathering Prayer, the Lord's Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

***Worship in Song # 217:** *Ride on, ride on in majesty*

TO LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-21
Matthew 21:1-11

Choir: *My Heart is Ready to Serve*

Message: Dare to be a Donkey

TO RESPOND TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING

***Worship in Song #248:** *At the dawning of salvation*

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings:

Musical Offering: Choir *Be joyful and sing to the Lord*

Offertory and Offertory Prayer:

TO GO OUT TO WITNESS AND SERVE

Announcements:

***Worship in Song #218:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Blessing:

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

- Birthday greetings to Tamara Auld and Elliott Cole

