

***St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church***

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Robert Lyle

**Clerk of Session:** Jan Alchorn

**Music Director:** Linda Giddens

**Leading Worship Today**: Rev. Maryann Skinner

**April 13, 2025 9:30 am.**

**Palm Sunday**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Prelude and Greeting**

Responsive Call to Worship (please see Lenten insert)

**Worship in Music**: “All glory, laud and honour” BP 240

**Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

Holy God, Source, Saviour and Spirit of all life, Holy Three and Holy One,

In you, we confront the mystery of mercy and the courage of compassion. As we face the cross on which Jesus gave himself,

we confront your willingness to die for us so that we might find new life. As the Spirit speaks to us through the story of your amazing love, spilled out in the blood of Christ Jesus, our hearts are moved to praise you. Words cannot express our awe, the grief and the gratitude stirring within us, for all you have given us, and for all you will give us through such unspeakable love. We fall silent in wonder and praise, Holy God. *(pause)*

Merciful God, filled with wonder and praise, we acknowledge to you how often we fall short of your purposes for us.

**We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd**

**than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for your mercy and understanding. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high and reputations are at stake, for we pray in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Worship in Music:** “Hosanna, loud hosanna” BP 157

**GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE**

**Prayer for understanding:**

Gracious God, as we hear the stories of Jesus’ final days again,

help us listen as if we had never heard them before.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, engage us, shock us, and pierce our hearts,

so that your undying love overwhelms us with mercy and grace

through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.”**Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
**This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.**I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

**The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;**the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.**

Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.**   
The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

**You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 19:28-40

**Worship in Music:** “Rock of Ages, cleft for me” BP 397

**Sermon: “Broken for you”**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Offering and Offertory**

**The Doxology and Offertory Prayer**

**Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Confession of Faith:** The Apostles Creed BP 616

**Worship in Music:**  “Ride on, ride on in majesty” BP 176

**Benediction and Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

**MISSION MOMENT: SUNDAY, APRIL 13**

Dhane BK, now in his senior years, lives with his close-knit family in Nepal. Seven years ago, Dhane completed treatment for leprosy, marking a significant milestone in his journey to overcome the disease. However, his struggle did not end there. Recently, he faced a new challenge when he developed a skin ulcer. Recognizing the severity of the situation, he was admitted for specialized care to the Shining Hospital, supported by PWS&D. His treatment regimen included daily ulcer dressings and comprehensive education on self-care practices. He learned the importance of inspecting, cleansing, protecting and caring for the ulcer—practices that promote healing and empower him to take an active role in his recovery. Today, Dhane continues to improve, with the ulcer showing significant signs of healing.

**Upcoming Services**

Apr 20 - Bob Lyle Easter Sunday

Apr 27 – Brad Little 2nd Sunday of Easter

May 4 – Maryann Skinner 3rd Sunday of Easter