



Highland Hills

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Worship of God

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

The Chiming of the Hour

The Call to Worship

The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.

During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.

Now the Lord comes to us in victory.

Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!

Hosanna in the highest!

Emily Brumley

*The Hymn of Procession 172

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

ELLACOMBE

The Invocation and Welcome to Worship

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Ethan Brown

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms

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

Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

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

This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

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

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:1-2, 18-29

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Linda Fuller

The Children's Message

Ethan Brown

The Moment of Confession

Do we really want you to ride into our lives, O Lord?

We may greet you with loud shouts of praise, but when push comes to shove, are we willing to ride along with you into Jerusalem and what lies ahead?

To be honest, most days the answer is no.

We want you to bless our ways, ways that may or may not match yours. Even on our good days, our path only feebly resembles yours.

In you, we hear the call to new ways of living, but we remain pulled between letting go and joining your cause and holding onto our own hopes and dreams.

Lord, have mercy.

Paul Lewis

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: despite being pulled between letting go and holding on, God's grace and love is still at work in you, drawing you to what is truly good and true and beautiful, calling you to live abundantly and faithfully. Lean into and trust that grace and love. Amen.

(Inspired in part by Kate Bowler, The Hardest Part: A Lenten Guide)

*The Hymn of Offering 1	"Holy, Holy, Holy"	NICAEA
*The Prayer of Giving		Billy Anderson
The Offertory	"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	Michael Burkhardt
*The Doxology 706	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	OLD 100 TH
A Reading from the New Testament	Luke 19:28-40	Caitlin Childers Brown
After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"		
Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.		
When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"		
Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"		
"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."		
This is the Word of the Lord.		
Thanks be to God.		
The Anthem	"Canticle for Palm Sunday" Aaron Henderson, trumpet	Tom Fettke
The Message	<i>Begin Again: For Even the Rocks Cry Out</i>	Caitlin Childers Brown
*The Hymn of Response 187	"I Gaze upon the Wondrous Cross"	DELORES
The Opportunities for Service		Ethan Brown
The Organ Postlude	"Solemn Prelude from Suite Medievale"	Jean Langlais
The Benediction		Caitlin Childers Brown