



# St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Welcome to Worship! | March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday**

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Festival March on "St. Theodulph"*

Robert J. Hughes

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice and shout aloud for our king is coming to save us.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Our king is coming, humble yet triumphant, riding on a donkey.

**Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

### **Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (written by Stephen Fearing)

**Triumphant God, we join the crowd today, cheering your entry into our lives. But how quickly we turn from shouts of joy to taunts of fear and hatred. Instead of greeting you when the going gets tough, we often choose to greet you only when it is convenient for us. In the moments when tough choices have to be made, we build walls to keep people out instead of bigger tables to invite more guests. We, the builders of these walls, have rejected you, the chief cornerstone. Have mercy upon us. Give us courage to build tables instead of walls. Give us strength to accept your call upon our lives. Give us righteousness that we might know the difference between what is easy and what is right. Amen**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response 581** Glory Be to the Father

#### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Isaiah 43:16-21

**Anthem** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

arr. Margaret Bonds

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**\*Please stand in body or in spirit.**

**Second Lesson** John 12:1-16

**Sermon** *Table Talk: Extravagance*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

\***Hymn 209** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

\***Affirmation of Faith:** A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**THANKSGIVING**

**Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Offertory** *Canticle of Praise*

Sherman

\***Doxology 606**

\***Prayer of Dedication**

**SENDING**

\***Hymn 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

\***Charge and Benediction**

\***Dismissal** *We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.*

**Postlude** *Chaconne*

Gordon Young

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Vocal Soloist, Angela Burns  
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant

Adult Bells  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart  
Children's Director, Lynn Warner

**The flowers in the Sanctuary**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of Alec Hansjoerg Stern and Joseph Kean Walters.

**Our Mission**

*Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.*