

Resounding

JOY

—CHURCH—

Presbyterian Church (USA)



ResoundingJoy Church

seeks to center on **Jesus**, live **open** to all people,
and say **yes** to Jesus' call to serve.



March 29, 2026

Gathering Music

Welcome

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Processional Hymn*

“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

Hymn #197

Call to Worship

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

All: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

All: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

Hymn* (*see insert*)

“Ride On Ride On In Majesty”

Howard Helvey

Choir and Congregation

Prayer of Confession

Paul Sabla

Forgive us, Abiding One, We keep you at a distance. We defy your bidding.

We make it harder for people to know you. Forgive us, Saving One,

We deny our weakness. We wallow in our weakness. We take advantage of the weakness of others. Forgive us, Holy One, We refuse your counsel.

We waste your gifts. We withhold your compassion from others.

Break through our hardened views, lest the evil one win the day.

Break through our gravelly hearts, lest we have no root and wither to nothing.

Break through our thorny ways lest our agendas and fears

choke the promise of your word and smother a harvest worthy of your Name.

Assurance of God's Presence

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Response to Forgiveness

“O Lord Have Mercy”

Hymn #578



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:1-9

Paul Sabla

Message

**Stories in Stained Glass:
Seeds and Palms**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Hymn*

“Filled with Excitement”

Hymn #199

Offertory

“Ride on King Jesus”
Chris Velasco, tenor

H.T. Burleigh

Special Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory Response*

“Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”

Hymn #647

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn #223

Extinguishing the Seventh Candle

One: Today we extinguish the seventh candle as we close the service.
We started on the high notes of the processional and the celebration of Jesus entering the city. But we close knowing that we are at the crest of the wave and it is downhill from here until Sunday morning.

All: God, we extinguish this candle knowing that you knew what was ahead. You knew that your light was coming closer to being fully extinguished and yet you kept going. May we do the same.

One: Go with that same spirit of Jesus...taking each step, each moment, walking with God. Amen.

Postlude

OFFERINGS

You can share your offerings by putting it in the plate during the service, or you can give online at this link: <https://resoundingjoy.church/give> or by scanning this QR code.



***All who are able may stand.**

Boldface Print indicates sung or spoken participation by the congregation.

If you have a cellphone, please turn it off so as not to disrupt the service.

Announcements

• Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, March 30

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 31

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 1

- 6 p.m. Ministry Night

Thursday, April 2

- 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

- 7 p.m. Good Friday Service at Groesbeck Methodist Church

Saturday, April 4

- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

• Discipleship/Education Opportunities

We have two opportunities to meet in small groups for discipleship and education. All are welcome!

- Sunday, 9–10 a.m. in Room 21
- Sunday, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Choir Room

• Collection for SON Ministries

For March, please bring chicken noodle/tomato soup and saltines.

For April, please bring 1-lb. boxes of spaghetti.

• RJC's Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry

We're always collecting the following donations:

Shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, all-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, bleach, dish soap, and pump hand soap.

• Holy Week at RJC

Maundy Thursday is at 7 p.m. at RJC. This will be a service of Holy Communion following a unique order of worship.

Good Friday is at 7 p.m. at Grosebeck Church. We will gather for for a service of liturgy, prayer, and a Good Friday music cantata remembering the death of Jesus.

Easter Sunday we will have a single service at 10:30 a.m. *This is a Sunday to invite others — family, friends, neighbors. Who can you bring with you on this day of celebration?*

• RJC Office Hours March 23-April 6

Our church administrator, Tammy, will be on vacation from March 23-April 6. During this time, Pastor Ed will be continuing to check voicemails and volunteers will be helping with some of Tammy's roles. If you need access to the church during that time and don't have a code, please contact Pastor Ed or Lori McDonough.

• RJC Prayer Ministry Update

We have found a new prayer chain coordinator! Thanks go out to **Steve Carlson** for taking on this role.

• Ministry of Discipleship and Education

Colorful Worship/Activities/Pew Bags for use by young children during the worship service are available and can be found in the Gathering Place on the shelves just to the left of the entrance of the Sanctuary doors.

• Bible in a Year

You can see the readings for the week ahead at the bottom, but you can jump in any time to the readings. If you started and then slowed up, just pick up with today. If you haven't read any yet, just start right in.

• Weekly Readings — <https://resoundingjoy.church/bibleinayear>

3/30/26:	Numbers 28:16-29:40,	Luke 3:23-38,	Psalms 62:1-12,	Proverbs 11:18-19
3/31/26:	Numbers 30:1-31:54,	Luke 4:1-30,	Psalms 63:11,	Proverbs 11:20-21
4/1/26:	Numbers 31:1-33:39,	Luke 4:31-5:11,	Psalms 64:1-10,	Proverbs 11:22
4/2/26:	Numbers 33:40-35:34	Luke 5:12-28,	Psalms 65:1-13,	Proverbs 11:23
4/3/26:	Numbers 36:1-Deuteronomy 1:46,	Luke 5:39-6:11	Psalms 66:1-20,	Proverbs 11:23
4/4/26:	Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29,	Luke 6:12-38,	Psalms 67:1-7,	Proverbs 11:27
4/5/26:	Deuteronomy 4:1-49,	Luke 6:39-7:10,	Psalms 68:1-18,	Proverbs 11:28