



PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026

10:30 AM

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

+All who are able may stand

*As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures,
and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.*

PRELUDE

The Palms

Jean-Baptiste Fauré, arr. Harold DeCou
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

INTROIT

Procession of Praise

Joseph M. Martin
Village Children's Choir
Elise Cho, piano
Calieanne Grossheim, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+ HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Eternal God: In Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, God, and give us such trust in your power that, in every city, we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna in the highest! That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

+ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*As the congregation shares personal greetings,, children 5th grade and younger
may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of Sanctuary.
Youth 6th grade and older will gather in the Youth Room.*

VILLAGE LIFE

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison

J. S. Bach

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Receiving God's Word

ANTHEM

Were You There

arr. Norman Luboff
Chancel Choir

THE WORD READ

Mark 15:20b-47 (NT pg. 71)

Joan Osborne, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Death of the Messiah
Jesus Is Crucified, Dies, and Is Buried”

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I Corinthians 15:20-27a

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order; Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. “for God has put all things in subjection under his feet.”

+ HYMN 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. by Michael Burkhardt

The Deacon of the Day, Ursula Kuster, can be found at the Welcome Table on the patio.

The flowers in worship today are given by Julie MacNeil in honor of her brother, Tom von Seydewitz, born March 9, 1951, and passed away on March 29, 2013.

Today's loose offering will be given to the Deacon Benevolence Fund, as it is the fifth Sunday of the month.

This service is being livestreamed.

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Procession of Praise

Bells are ringing, people singing,
lift your palms on high.
Branches waving, children praising,
hear the joyful cry!

Sing hosanna!
Heav'n and earth reply!
The King is passing by!
Sing hosanna!
Let your music ring!

Lift up your heads you mighty gates,
open the ancient doors!
Let ev'ry heart be filled with praise!
Oh, how the music soars!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna to the King.
Let your music ring!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna!
Worship Christ the King of kings!

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

God Be in My Head

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.