

# FIRST CHURCH

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March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Palm Sunday

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**We give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**We fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

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

**Blessed is the coming kingdom. Hosanna in the highest!**

## Song

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Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to you

We turn to you

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for you

We long for you

'Cause when we see you

We find strength to face the day

In your presence

All our fears are washed away

Washed away

**Chorus:** Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have your way among us

We welcome you here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you

We turn to you

In your kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

## Centering Worship: Confession

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.

Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.

Forgive us and heal us, we pray.

Help us to put our faith not in the princes or idols of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

...Now, together, we offer the prayer Jesus himself taught us to pray saying:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Scripture

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Rev. Chris Black

"Meanwhile, on the Other Side of Town..."

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### **Closing and Benediction**

**“May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;  
May he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;  
May he bring you home rejoicing: at the wanders he has shown you;  
May he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.”**