

Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

CHIMES

WELCOME

Denise Plumblee

PRELUDE

The Palms

arr. David Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janice Hinnant

Leader: Come, from the city streets!

People: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Leader: Come, from your busy homes and places of business!

People: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Leader: Come, lay down your sorrows and worries!

People: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent.

Leader: Let us join in joyful song:

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus, who comes in the name of the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #175 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* ST. THEODULPH
(Children, please place your palms in the containers, then sit on the floor for the children's message.)

**All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!**

**The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karli Selz

(Following this, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School,
and children, grades 1 – 5, may go to Children's Church.)

*OFFERTORY HYMN #173

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

**Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use of heaven's employ, adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.**

**Redeemer, come, we open wide our hearts to You; here, Lord, abide:
Your inner presence let us feel; Your grace and love in us reveal.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brian Poole

OFFERTORY

In the Name of the Lord

Gaither/McHugh/Patti

*RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

John 12:37-43

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³⁷ Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. ³⁸ This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: “Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” ³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: ⁴⁰ “He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn—and I would heal them.” ⁴¹ Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus’ glory and spoke about him. ⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!

Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna! Sing a loud hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Come, faithful people, come away, your homage to your Sovereign pay;

This is the feast of palms today. Hosanna! in the highest!

Go, Savior, thus to triumph born, Thy crown shall be the wreath of thorn,

Thy royal garb the robe of scorn; Hosanna!

Hosanna! Sing a loud hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

They thronged before, behind, around, they cast palm branches on the ground,
And still rose up the joyful sound: Hosanna in the highest! “Blessed is Israel’s king,” they cried;
“Blessed is He that cometh nigh in name of God the Lord most high,” Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Sing a loud hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

SERMON

“After the Parade”

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #576

MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

**I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.
How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me!**

For me it was in the garden He prayed, “Not my will, but Thine”;

He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;

How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;

He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;

How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at least shall see,

'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;

How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Gary Strickland

*BENEDICTION

Gary Strickland

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;

World without end. Amen, amen.

*POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Dick Torrans

*Congregation will please stand.

Acolyte—Chloe Gates

Deacon of the Week—Brian Poole

Greeters—

Sound Technician—Eddy Leo

Video Technician—Derek Lord

Ushers—Knox Boggs, Keith Merck, Jay Gibson, Pat Riddle, Frank Hawkins, Al Wassinger, Brian Boland, Robin Scott Blackburn

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 am

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 9! Preschool and Children's families will gather at 9:00 am to celebrate Easter before Sunday School that day. Preschoolers and Children will go to different areas, depending on their ages:

Babies-K3: Courtyard

K4-1st Graders: Small Playground

2nd-5th Graders: Large Playground

WE NEED FILLED EGGS!

To help make the Easter egg hunt a great success like last year, we are asking for donations of pre-filled Easter eggs. You may bring these to the church or just [shop the Amazon link by clicking here](#). The eggs will be shipped directly to the church! Please contact Karli Selz with any questions.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED

Basket Distribution with Greenville Church Without Walls

Saturday, April 8th (11:30 am - 3:30 pm)

430 Perry Avenue, Greenville

Greenville Church Without Walls is in need of Easter basket donations. [Click here to donate an Easter Basket](#). Join us on April 8th as we partner with GCWW and distribute the baskets to children in the community!

NO REGULAR WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, April 5th

HOLY LAND REPORT

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Despite hitting every travel woe possible, all 49 travelers are home from their pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They will be sharing with us on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will join us and we are so grateful to you all for praying them safely home.