

First Presbyterian Church

March 24, 2024

Morrison, Illinois

10:15AM

Palm Sunday

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

INTROIT

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

No. 91

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Isaiah 58:6-10)

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Mark 11:9-10)

Pastor: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna!

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

People: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

No. 89

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord God in Heaven, in our life we encounter adversaries, troubles and torments. And in these times, Lord, we do not always turn to you first, if at all. Forgive us, Lord, for not seeking you to be our Protector. Help us understand that you are our Defender and you shall keep us spiritually from harms way. *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)

The Lord God is our Strength and Refuge—our Stronghold in times of trials. The Lord forgives us and protects us from our foes. In the arms of God we are safe. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, p. 16)

GOSPEL READING

John 12:2-16

SERMON

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

No. 93

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers”)

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

We pray to the Triune God that we may find a way as individuals, yet even more, collectively as your community gathered in Christ’s name, to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke. Help us to share our bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into our house; when we see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide ourself from your own kin. May this Palm Sunday find us shouting hosana, and to know that Jesus is our king, the head of the Church, and to him we shall always devote ourselves, proclaiming without end, “He saves!” We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, & Honor

No. 88

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”*)

*You are invited to stand for this portion.

**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, the family of Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachael Tucker, Ray Tucker

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresmorrison>

Bible Study We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on March 28. We will be serving ham and potato soup. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

Birthdays

03/25: Heather Sim
03/29: Cynthia Reynolds

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Lexie Laughlin	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk
Angela Reamer	Carol Wolf	

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Hosanna!
Blessed is the one who
comes in
the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!

—John 12:13

