

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE “Fanfare” by Jacques Lemmens Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively spoken)* (based on Luke 13:34; 19:38) Denise Parr

Leader: As people of God, we gather together in the Spirit.
Congregation: **Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together.**
Leader: As people of God, we await Christ's coming.
Congregation: **Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

***GATHERING HYMN** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” #178

***INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(in unison)* (based on Phil. 2:5-11) Denise Parr

Lord God, You gave us Jesus that we might be restored to Your embrace. Be with us by the Spirit and give us the same mind as Jesus, that we share in His humble example, praying as He taught us: 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.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Tree of Life” #174 v.4

DRAMATIZED SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:1-11 | Page 47 NT Sunday School

Leader: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.
Congregation: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Children are released to Sunday School.)

ANTHEM “When Jesus Left His Father’s Throne” by Richard Shephard Sanctuary Choir
(Congregation joins in singing last refrain, see insert)

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY “My Song Is Love Unknown” by John Kirkby Sanctuary Choir
(See insert for lyrics)

***DOXOLOGY** *(sing in unison)* #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn’ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON “A Humble Kingdom” Rev. Joel K. Boyd

***SENDING HYMN** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #187

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Joel. K. Boyd

POSTLUDE "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. by Barbara Harbach Dave Howland

Special offerings today and during Holy Week have been designated to the Minister's Discretionary Fund which provides emergency financial support to people in urgent need. (Any choosing to give to their annual pledge may continue to do so.) To contribute to this special offering you may place cash or check in the special Easter envelopes found in the pews or list “Special Offering” in the memo line of any check or online offering submitted electronically through the church Support Us page. Thank you for helping us help others!

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Michele Fecht | **LITURGIST:** Denise Parr

Flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Sandy Terry in appreciation of her Meadowbrook Church family.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following this morning’s Worship Service for a time of refreshment and fellowship. Hosts this morning are members of the Advisory Council.

""When Jesus Left His Father's Throne" by Richard Shephard

*When Jesus left his Father's throne,
he chose an humble birth;
like us, unhonored and unknown,
he came to dwell on earth.
Like him may we be found below
in wisdom's path of peace;
like him in grace and knowledge grow
as years and strength increase.*

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*When Jesus into Zion rode,
the children sang around;
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed
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Hosanna our glad voices raise,
hosanna to our King!
Should we forget our Savior's praise,
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"My Song is Love Unknown" arr. by John Kirkby

*My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take, frail flesh and die?*

*Christ came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow;
But people scorned, and none
the longed for Christ would know:
But O! my Friend, my Friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend.*

*Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.*

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