



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for March 28, 2021

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Trumpet Voluntary

DAVID LASKY

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM MATTHEW AND LUKE

One: When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And as he rode along, most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying:

All: **Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

One: And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

All: **Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

◆INVOCATION

◆HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we join voices in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you as our King, yet we have not followed your rule. We are more inclined to look for ways to fulfill our desires than to accomplish your will. We strive to extend our influence more than we seek your kingdom. Forgive us for saying one thing while living another. Help us by your Spirit to walk in the way of the cross, loving you with all of our hearts and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Silent Confession

◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

◆RESPONSE OF PRAISE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

◆SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 22

ANTHEM

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
SETTING BY JOHN CARTER

*They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
They nailed him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word;
Not a word, not a word, not a word.*

SERMON

Praying the Psalms When You Are Alone

◆ HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE NICENE CREED (381)

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING

◆ BENEDICTION AND SENDING SONG

We sing together:

**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.**

◆ POSTLUDE

Were You There?

SUE MITCHELL-WALLACE & JOHN H. HEAD

◆ *Please stand, if able*

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Lissa Long, Pastor; Janie Bruce, Director of Youth and Children; Robin Zemp, Music; Meg Dorsel, Livestream.

Guest Musician: Susan Messersmith, trumpet

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Psalm 22

- ¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
from the words of my groaning?
- ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
- ³ Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ⁴ In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- ⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- ⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- ¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- ¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
- ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
- ¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
- ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.
- ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

continued

- ¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
- ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
- ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
- ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

When You Arrive

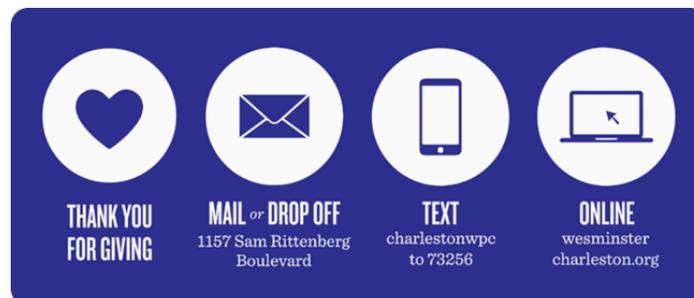
1. Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the church. If you don't have a mask, the ushers will have plenty available for you and your children (older than 2). Wearing a mask, along with social distancing, is the best way for us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our church family, especially given the fact that up to half of all people who have the virus don't feel or display any symptoms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering.
3. In the sanctuary, every other pew will be roped off and closed to provide as much social distancing as possible. In order to minimize touch contamination, please pick up your own bulletin from the narthex table.
4. Ushers will guide you and your family to a properly distanced seat, starting with the front of the sanctuary. Please graciously allow them to do so in order to maintain social distancing while safely maximizing occupancy.
5. All restrooms will be open for use, one at a time please.

During the Service

1. During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps.
2. Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
3. Please keep your mask on through the entire worship service.
4. If you have young children, this may be their first time back in the sanctuary in a long time. You may be worried about how they will behave, if they will make too much noise, or if they will be too wiggly. Please don't worry at all! We welcome the signs of life- especially after going so long without it! Please note: we won't have the worship bags (with crayons and coloring pages) available for children, but you are welcome to bring things from home.

After the Service Ends

1. The ushers will dismiss the congregation by row from the side aisles, beginning at the rear of the sanctuary, in order to keep us distanced as we exit.
2. Please place your used bulletins in the recycling baskets at each exit or take them home with you. Please do not leave them on the pews.



All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

We hear the shouts of adoration for the coming Messiah and then turn toward the shouts of anger as crowds call for Jesus' crucifixion.

10:00 am Prayer on the Playground. Kids and families gather on the playground. This week will include an outdoor procession of palms!

11:00 am Sanctuary Worship. Our sermon series on Praying the Psalms concludes with Psalm 22 - the one Jesus prayed from the cross.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

The darkness gathers as Jesus is with the disciples in the Upper Room.

7:00 pm Worship & The Lord's Supper in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Jesus bears the burden of sin and brokenness on the cross.

6:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 3:00 pm, Zoom Gatherings.

We are offering four different times to gather for brief (15-minute) times of prayer and reflection, marking the events Jesus endured at those times on that fateful Friday.

Exclusively online; join for any or all of the gatherings.

- Meeting ID: 856 1961 4490
- Passcode: 12345
- Dial in by phone: 646-558-8656

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Jesus is alive, and we rejoice together in his saving love!

7:00 am Outdoor Sunrise Service. Unlimited seating (bring your own chair to the playground behind the preschool building). Reservations not necessary.

8:45 am Sanctuary Worship. Limited seating. **Reservations required.**
Online Reservations available at wpccharleston.org.

10:00 am Prayer on the Playground & Easter Egg Hunt. Kids and families gather on the playground. Kids, bring your basket for the Easter Egg Hunt!

11:00 am Sanctuary Worship. Limited seating. **Service is full.**

Not able to join us for in-person worship? The following services are live-streamed and then available anytime on [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#), or wpccharleston.org.

11:00 am Worship on Sunday mornings
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have joined us for in-person or online worship, and we hope you are encouraged and strengthened in the faith. If you have a prayer request or questions about faith, life, or being part of the Westminster family, we invite you to reach out by call or text to one of our pastors.

Pastor Daniel Smoak: 843-872-1001

Pastor Lissa Long: 843-810-2232

For more information about Westminster or to subscribe to our weekly ENews and email updates visit our website at www.wpccharleston.org

VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

Please let us know you're here by completing the Virtual Friendship Register. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to open or find on our website under the Quick Links, Virtual Friendship Register.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Today we are glad to welcome a new member, Ruth Marie Embler, to Westminster. Ruth Marie is joining by reaffirmation of faith. She is a retired real estate developer, and she and husband Marc (a Dean and VP at Charleston Southern) have grown children and are excited about being part of the Westminster family. Welcome!

EASTER MORNING FLOWERS

On Easter morning we will have our traditional flowering cross to celebrate our savior's resurrection! The cross will be placed outside the side entrance for the 8:45 am and 11 am services, then moved to the front steps for family photos and sharing with the community.

If you have flowers in your yard, please bring them to add to the cross; if not, there will be flowers provided by the Flower Committee for you to add!

FROM THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT

On April 25, we'll begin a new sermon series on the book of Nehemiah. Return, Rebuild, Renew. Nehemiah's Life after Exile is just the word we need as we seek God's guidance in recovery from Covid.

The preaching schedule until then.

April 4	John 20:1-18	The Dawning of the Light
April 11	John 20:19-31	Jesus and Thomas
April 18	Acts 3:12-19	What Is Astonishing You Today?

JOIN US FOR DISCIPLESHIP!

CHILDREN - Join us in Sunday School Zoom at 9:00 am. Meeting ID: 867 718 0847 Passcode: 1776

YOUTH - Check your emails! Mrs. Janie has a great schedule planned for Middle School and High Schoolers. If you haven't received an email, please let the Church Office know.

ADULTS—

Today we wrapped up a 6-week study of Jesus's desert temptations. We will not meet on Easter Sunday, and then on April 11, we begin a new study called "Meeting the Spirit." Facilitated by Pastor Daniel, Pastor Lissa, and Lindy Coleman. Join us on Sunday mornings 9:00–9:45 am on Zoom.

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Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
Bill Myers	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Dart Willer	Shirley Seay	Doris Fox	Ginger Sieftring
Bill Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Joyce Aydlett	Martin Davis
Kate Pennekamp	John Ligon	Daryn Baker	Kevin Ritzel
Sara McCoy	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Gloria Underhill
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Jeff Bryant
Karen Dangerfield	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Barbara Johnston
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Michael Morgan
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Lydia Howell
Holli Hughes	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Lee Zack
Fran Ligon	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Joye and Kurt Teachman
Nancy Plowden	Harper Croft	Jamie Brooks	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Deb Sloan	Ginger Greene	Jean Isbell
Steve Buddin	Liz Shelor	Hanger Family	Will Kuenzel
Gary Shetler	Clif Green	Allene Buddin	Rosa Oswald

Friend of the Week

Diane Sloan
9 Two Loch Place
Charleston, SC 29414

Mission of the Week

Boy Scout Troop 79
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407

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USC Student #84475
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George and Mary McAbee
David and Lauren McCullough
Emma, Wesley

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John Dounian
Norman Hook
Dale Norman
Michael Patrick
Paul Patrick

Class of 2022

Nancy Dixon
Sandra Pell
Kendall Ramsay
Carole Russell
Nathan Snider
Graham Wade

Class of 2023

Matthew Akery
David Boyd
Earl Frasier
Brenda Gibson
Tim Platts
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