

buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves, 16 and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. 17 He was teaching and saying, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

18 And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, for they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. 19 And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. 20 In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. 21 Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."

Sermon: "The Good News is...Inspiring us to Act" Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #196 - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response:** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" (vs. 1, 3)

ST. DROSTANE

Postlude: "The Palms"

Jean-Baptiste Faure

Jim Moore, Organist

WORSHIP NOTES



The Lenten sermon series is entitled Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent. Our liturgy is adapted from words for worship by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

We are also using excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith as our Affirmation of Faith. This statement of faith was prepared on the occasion of the reunion of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The goal of the drafting committee was to write a statement of faith that could be used in worship, drawing from the Book of Confessions and Scripture for its formulations, and arranged within a trinitarian framework.

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Jim Moore—Organist

Chancel Choir

Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Charlie Harris 11:00 am—Doug Hess**

Liturgists: **8:45 am—Kelli Kemmerer 11:00 am—Colin Martin**

Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Katie Ryan & Oden Semones**

11:00 am—Lionel Lawson, Merrilyn Long, Jane Stevens & Doug Hess

Flowers—Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the beginning of Holy week.

The **Easter cross** on the church front porch is given to the Glory of God and for all His many Blessings from the Burns and Sharp families.



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WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall to visit the Welcome Center during coffee fellowship time. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery—Nursery is available in Room 203. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Murphy at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

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SUNDAYS AT SPC

Nursery is available 8:30 am-12:15 pm in Room 203

8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau)

10:00 am—Sunday School (Education Wing)

Pre-Reader—Room 103

K-4th—Room 104

Tween (5th-8th)—Room 303

Under the Hill—Room 106

Genesis—Room 101

Seekers —Room 201

10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)

11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

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PALM SUNDAY TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 29, 2026

GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Prelude: "Hosanna, Hear the People Sing"

Jim Moore, Organist

Cathy Townley

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Minute for Mission

Sheila Wilson, Hands of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Will you follow?
Will you lay down your coat?
Will you lay down something important?
Will you shout “Hosanna”?
Will you join the parade?
Will you cut down a palm branch?
Will you wave it in the air?
Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?
Will you let this good news inspire you to act?
We will. We will shout. We will pay close attention.
We will worship. We will follow.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

***Opening Hymn:** #197 - “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” ELLACOMBE

***Confession and Pardon**

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action.
It was a day of crowded city streets, and cries of “Hosanna!”
It was a day of dreams for a better world.
The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.
So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith. Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation. Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives.
Let us begin with confession. Join me in prayer:

Jesus of Nazareth,
we know that You spent your days teaching and healing.
You marched through the streets and walked on water.
You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at dinner tables.
Your good news was not confined to conversation.
It was not confined to the Temple.
Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.
Holy God, we long for a faith like that.
Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.
Inspire us to love as You loved. Inspire us to act.
With hope for tomorrow we pray, Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: “Lord Have Mercy” KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Church family, The good news of the gospel is that Jesus’ forgiveness of our sins is not based on our actions or inaction. It is a sheer act of grace.
So friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Song of Praise: “We Are Forgiven” WE ARE FORGIVEN
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith (1-26)**

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

***Passing the Peace**
Please introduce yourself as you pass the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment Sara Kaczmarks

Prayer of Illumination:

Holy One,
if we’ve heard this story before,
then help us to hear it again.
And if we’ve never heard this story before,
then give us the wisdom to hear these words.
Give us the wisdom to take them into our hearts.
Give us the wisdom to act on their truth.
We are listening.
Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11
When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples 2 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. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” 4 They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5 some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. 7 Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

9 Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
10 Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11 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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: “A Celebration of Palms” Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

***Doxology**
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.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Reflection Hymn:** #202 - “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” O WALY WALY

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 11:12-21 Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
12 On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. 13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard it.

15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were