



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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April 13, 2025 – 11:00 am
Palm Sunday



Worthy is the Lamb

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Behold the King*

LANI SMITH

WELCOME

*PROCESSIONAL #88: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

THEODULPH OF ORLEANS

Refrain:

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. **(Refrain)**

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. **(Refrain)**

To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **(Refrain)**

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! **(Refrain)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

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(FROM PSALM

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!
The stone that the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Foundation of our faith, your Son humbled himself on the back of a colt.
Then he entered Jerusalem in lowly estate to bring joy to the hearts of children.
Forsaking his place at your side, Jesus emptied himself of prestige and power to become a servant to all.
On this day of joy and remembrance, sing in our hearts once more,
That we too may dance with the children – for to such belong the kingdom of heaven.
Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*HYMN OF THE DAY #85: *What Wondrous Love is This*

AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

We cannot escape the sin and brokenness in our world or in our hearts.
But in Jesus Christ, God comes and meets us in our brokenness and makes us whole again.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together:

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts.
As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ,
Who bears your love into the world. Amen.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Cantata – Worthy is the Lamb*

LLOYD LARSON

Narrators for the cantata are Morgan Troxler and Rick Purcell

- Worthy is the Lamb! (based on Rev. 5:12)
- Blessed is the King! Hosanna! (based on John 12:13)
- At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
- We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray (Isaiah 53:3-7)
- On the Cross
- Glory to the Risen Lamb!
- Praise the Living King (based on Cor. 15:51-55)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

AN OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** *Palm Sunday Doxology*

CHRISTOPHER BAGLEY

Hosanna, Lord!, the people shout
Waving our palms and singing out,
 O Praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Praise Him whose love is needed most.
 On his donkey, meek and lowly,
King forever, Hallelujah! Hosanna!

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***CLOSING HYMN # 89:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

JENNETTE THREFALL

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
The joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises,
The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving,
And chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
Ride on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice.

***SENDING**

Friends, when you leave this place, you will go into places that know hopelessness and encounter people who are not strangers to despair. Go forth and walk with them.

Accompany one another into the darkness as Christ accompanies us, trusting in the power of God to bring good news out of desolation and life out of death on a cross.

And as you go, may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the binding power of the Holy Spirit, encircle you all this Holy Week long until we meet again in the dark of morning at the entrance to a tomb.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Triumphal March*

HUMPHREY TURNER

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Lenten Bible Study – Evie C. Marshall Room

Sunday, April 13th 11am - Palm Sunday Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17th 6:00pm Maundy Thursday - Sanctuary

Sunday, April 20th 11am Easter Sunday - Sanctuary
Our Easter celebration. Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us!

Sunday, April 27th Dinner & Bingo & Fun!!

Join us on Sunday, April 27th at 5:00 pm for Spaghetti, Salad and Dessert and Bingo!! We need your participation to help with prizes!! Please bring something (or multiple things) from home that you no longer want or need. Items can be funny, silly, tacky or nice! No need to spend money!! Put your items in a bag or sealed box so that it can't be seen! Surprises are more fun!! Bring a friend! Hope to see you all there! Questions – call Tina Patterson.

Tuesday, April 29th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

Tuesday, May 6th 10:30am The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, May 6th at 10:30am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom.

Mark Your Calendar – Details will follow...

- Tuesday, May 20th Trip to Billy Graham Library

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the months of April and May? They are asking for **Breakfast items (Cereals, Granola Bars, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars), Grape Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Pasta and Pasta Sauce and Green Beans.**

S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.

Consider donating your plastic and paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday

9:45 – Lenten Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, April 16th

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Sunday

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