



**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church**  
Palm Sunday in Lent, Year B  
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25 March 2018 at 10:45

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*All are invited to assemble outside or in the narthex before  
worship begins to join in the procession of the palms.*

**+ + + PROCESSION OF THE PALMS + + +**

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship (Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:25-27)**

Five hundred years before Jesus' birth, when the time of Babylonian exile was over and Israelites returning from exile were re-building a home in Judah, the prophet Zechariah proclaimed God's faithfulness and provided a picture of the future coming of the Messiah:

**"Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."**

Even earlier, the psalmist wrote of God's faithfulness and invited the people of God to celebrate and give thanks for deliverance and victory:

**"LORD, save us! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar."**

*With palms waving, let us sing praises to God, who is faithful to his promises.*

*Jesus is the promised King. Jesus is the promised Messiah.*

*You may lay your palm at the foot of the wooden cross, or you may keep it.*

**†Processional Hymn 197: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**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 rode 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.

+ + + GATHERING + + +

**Announcements**

1. If you would like to add a rock to the pile in the basket (either silently or sharing a few words) to celebrate God making his presence and faithfulness known in a special way, you are invited to do so during the announcement time.
2. **Holy Week Community Services:** Palm Sunday, March 25 (at Love’s Memorial); Maundy Thursday, March 29 (at Hartman’s Chapel); **Good Friday, March 30 (at Timber Ridge; we are providing refreshments;** all services at 6:30pm. The TRPC choir is singing on Good Friday, and Pastor Chris is leading a Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday.
3. The **One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering will be collected today (though offerings will be happily received the next few Sundays too).
4. No Sunday School on Easter.
5. Sandra is preparing the communion elements on April 1.
6. The **Five-Cents-a-Meal** offering will be received next Sunday.
7. There will be a decoration of the cross for Easter; **please bring flowers** for next Sunday. There will be a bucket of water in the narthex on Friday if you want to bring flowers in early. We need volunteers to help decorate the cross and to be here at 9:30.

**Opening Prayer**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who have carried them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. Amen.

**†Call to Confession** (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, we approach God's throne of grace with boldness, that we may receive mercy. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**†Prayer of Confession**

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him. We do not live the ways of his Kingdom, and we continue to give allegiance to the powers of this world. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us up, that we might be loyal ambassadors, obeying his commands and demonstrating his love. Through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

**†Declaration of Forgiveness** (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life is begun. Believe this good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**†The Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another and share with one another the peace of Christ.

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE WORD + + +**

**†Prayer for Illumination** (*Hymn #452*)

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;**

**I want to see you; I want to see you; (repeat)**

**to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.**

**Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."**

**Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Mark 11:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon:**

Why Are We Doing This?

**†Hymn 198: "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"**

**Intercession for Lent**

Jesus, remember us when you come into your kingdom. Hear our intercessions. For your church around the world:

**We ask new life.**

For all who carry out ministries in your church:

**We ask grace and wisdom.**

For people who have accepted spiritual disciplines:

**We ask inspired discipleship.**

For Jesus-followers of every land:

**We ask new unity in your name.**

For all who do not know Jesus:

**We ask your divine blessing.**

For those who do not believe:

**We ask your faithful love.**

For governors and rulers in every land:

**We ask your guidance.**

For people who suffer and mourn:

**We ask your healing peace.**

Sovereign God, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross.

**Give us the same mind as Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory.**

**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.**

**+ + + LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST + + +**

**Offering (*Psalms 24:1*)**

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

†Doxology (*Tune #606*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.  
**All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we  
give you. Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

†Hymn 681: "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

†Charge and Blessing

†Congregational Response:

**May the road rise to meet you; may the wind blow at your back;  
may the sun shine warmly on your face;  
may the rain fall softly on your fields;  
and until we meet again, until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.**

**Postlude**

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Contact information for Rev. Dr. Christine T. Bohn, Interim Pastor:  
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The congregation of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome to all who are joining in worship this morning for the first time or the first time in a long time. Our prayer is that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17-19).

## + + + INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST (3/25/18) + + +

### Prayer Requests

Sandra Carter - healing cancer  
 Vicki Trentham - healing from cancer; God's favor regarding a possible new procedure  
 Lori A. - health  
 Negetha - healing  
 Ethan Self - truth/justice in appeal process  
 Susan Roberts  
 Glenwood Elementary School & Outreach  
 Ken M. - cancer  
 TeNisha - on dialysis; needs kidney  
 Diane Morrell - health  
 Jamie - throat cancer  
 Phyllis W. - health (pancreatic cancer)  
 David H. - health (lung cancer)  
 Nick V. - health; home now  
 Jennifer - aggressive breast cancer  
 Stella H. - health  
 Patsy G. - chemo treatments  
 Hilda J. - health  
 Holly H. - dementia; healing

Betty W. - stroke  
 Tracey D. - cancer  
 William - rehab  
 Junior Baker - health  
 Jay J. (Betty's uncle) - recovering from stroke  
 Ruth & family - Ruth's mom died 2/17  
 Martha Bird - health  
 Jesse F. - health  
 Peggy W. - health  
 Wayne's mom - health  
 Mike C. - health  
 Bill R. - marine boot camp  
 Family of Toni W. - grieving her death  
 Dwight R. - seriously ill  
 Family/friends of Kevin Jones - mourning his death  
 Barbara B. - health  
 Frances - recovering from a fall  
 Family of June Schmidt, who died last month  
 Joyce's family/friends - grieving her death

### Praise Reports

Celebrating all the young people home for spring break

**++ Food Bank:** March item is boxed rice or potatoes.

**++ Samaritan's Purse for March:**  
 Quality crafts. ++

### **+ + Glenwood Outreach + +**

- Help Glenwood School earn money while you buy groceries by linking your Food City ValuCard to Glenwood School. Tell the cashier to link your ValuCard to 40444. It is important to use the number because there are 3 other Glenwood Schools in the School Bucks Program.

### **++ Events ++**

- **Palm Sunday Breakfast** - 9:30am.
- **Community Holy Week Services** - Palm Sunday, March 25 (Love's Memorial); Maundy Thursday, March 29 (Hartman's Chapel); Good Friday, March 30 (Timber Ridge). All services at 6:30pm.
- **Flowering of the Cross** - Easter Sunday.
- **Presbyterian Women** - Tuesday, April 3, 7pm. Hosting: Marilyn.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group** - Thursday afternoons at 1:00. Location varies; check with Pastor Chris. No meeting this week.
- **Sunday School** - 9:30am, in the fellowship hall; studying the Book of Acts. No class on Easter.

