

**FEDERATED CHURCH OF HYANNIS
ORDER OF WORSHIP ~ SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY**

PRELUDE: “Prelude # 3” F. Chopin..... Roy Campbell

CHORAL INTROIT: “Hosanna in the Highest”, Hal Hopson

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (all):

Leader: Brightness and cheers, jubilation, and happy sounds – those words describe Palm Sunday.

People: **For Jesus had come to the holy city of Jerusalem to fulfill God’s will.**

Leader: We, too, come here to seek after God’s will and to know God’s ways.

People: **Sometimes, though, God’s will is hard to discern.**

Leader: Let us therefore with a deep sense of reverence and love approach God.
Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #178 “All Glory Laud and Honor”**

*All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.*

*Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring! Amen.*

INVOCATION (all)

Loving God, help us to focus our minds for a moment, and shut out the cares of the world so that we may see Jesus. Let us see him entering into the Holy City, not just as an act for himself, but for us all. As he entered Jerusalem and its dangers, the full power of your love became manifest. In that action, your grace, mercy, and forgiveness became apparent. Through him you committed yourself completely to us. Forgive us when we do not respond with our hearts' devotion, and a willingness to follow you. Help us to love and serve others as Christ taught us to do. We pray these things in his holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM: "I'm Going to Sing", Spiritual Choir

THE WORD OF GOD.....Lay Reader Rene King

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF REFLECTION # 329 "My Song is Love Unknown"**

*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 ny Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?*

*He came from His blest throne salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.*

*But O, my friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!
Who at my need His life did spend!*

*Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.
And for His death they thirst and cry.*

*Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise.
Themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise.*

*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.
I all my days could gladly spend.*

SERMON: “How We Get There is as Important as Making It... Rev. Dr. Paul R. Adkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*” Roy Campbell

Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome to partake of Holy Communion)

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (Please hold and commune together)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (all)

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we
have known the presence of Christ and have received all
Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for
one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*** CLOSING HYMN #185 “Ride on, Ride on in Majesty”**

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, Thy pow'r, and reign. Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

CHOIR AMEN

***POSTLUDE:** “Prelude #1”, J.S. Bach Roy Campbell