

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.
(Matthew 18:20, NRSV)

In Humility Value Others Above Yourself

Philippians 2:5-11

Welcome and Announcements

Ricky Tipps

Hymn "This is the Day"

571

***Opening prayer**

***Call to Worship**

Pastor

O give thanks to our GOD, who is good.

GOD's steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

For CHRIST has opened the gates of righteousness, that we may enter.

He has emptied HIMSELF for love of us.

CHRIST took human form, that we might know we are known.

HOLY ONE, YOU are our GOD; we give thanks to our GOD, who is good.

And we give thanks to YOU, O GOD, YOUR steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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✠ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ✠

Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11;

Pastor

Concerns and Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Pastor

Special Music

David Cost

Sermon Philippians 2:5-11;

Pastor

"Think as CHRIST JESUS Thought!"

✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

Hymn "Into my Heart"

418 BH

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor

Oh LORD of forgiveness, where YOU go we have often been afraid to follow. Sometimes the sorrows of our lives blind us to the pain in the lives of others, even YOURS. When we are spent with sorrow, when our years are filled with sighing, when our souls waste away, when we can barely speak YOUR name - we find it hard to trust YOUR presence, though YOU have already made YOURSELF humbled and broken, just like us. Help us place our trust in YOU, no matter the cost. Our times are in YOUR hands. Give us the courage and the strength to stay by YOUR side. Hosanna. Amen.

***Words of Assurance & Encouragement**

GOD sustains the weary with a word, and so shall GOD sustain us. The HOLY ONE who helps us will not let us be put to shame. CHRIST stands with us, bringing the grace of our longing.

Hosanna. Praise be to GOD!

***Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor

***Doxology** "Glory Be to the Father"

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Pastor

✠ SENDING FORTH ✠

***Closing Hymn** "Be thou My Vision" (v. 1 & 2)

83 BH

If you would like to make a profession of faith, join the church, or simply pray at the altar, you may come during the closing hymn. We welcome you to our fellowship!

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor

**People of GOD, go together into this hard and HOLY WEEK. Trust in GOD. Be filled with the SPIRIT. Walk with CHRIST to the end.
For CHRIST'S times are in our hands now,
as ours have always and forever been in HIS. Amen.**

Postlude

Phyllis Turner

In the Life of our STONEGATE Community

Hello, Church Family.

I am grateful to God for all of you, and you are in my prayers. As we continue our journey through the Lent season, some are fasting and repent, and some spend more time on the Scripture readings and praying. Our faith is strengthened. We are strengthened by hope to celebrate the Easter joy. Yes, we continue the journey of Lent, but we are eager to celebrate joyfully with Hosanna and Alleluia during Easter Sunday worship, which starts on Palm Sunday. We pray through the entire Holy Week, and in the end, we will sing Alleluia joyfully. My only hope is to see you as soon as circumstances permit. Trust in God and remain faithful to Him. May His love and abundance of blessings comfort you entirely.

My daily devotional and weekly messages are published on our website at www.stonegatecpc.org

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 – Sunday Service at 6:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 – Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.

☞ For Our Guests ☞

We are so thrilled to have you worship with us today. We truly hope you are encouraged and inspired to grow closer to GOD as we worship the true and living GOD together.

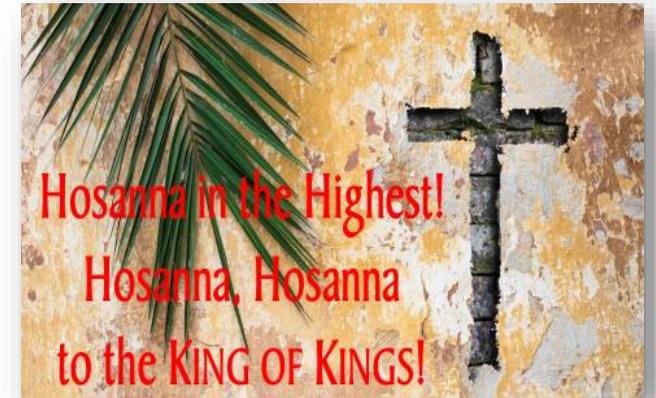


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THEME IDEAS

There are multiple ways to approach Palm Sunday - from staying entirely with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to extending into the rest of Holy Week. Even if other services are planned for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, it can be helpful to include a little foreshadowing of CHRIST'S Passion on Palm Sunday for any who won't have a chance to worship again before Easter morning. This service seeks to make room for both the uplifting of Palm Sunday and the struggle of the coming passion. As CHRIST accompanies us to our hard places, let us accompany HIM now to HIS own.



STONEGATE CHURCH

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Palm Sunday - Passion Sunday, MARCH 28, 2021



Experience the Love of CHRIST in Community!

☞ WORSHIP LEADERS ☞

Rev. Dr. Mark Marian Sontowski, *Pastor*
Phyllis Turner, *Pianist*
David Piatt & Pam Brown, *Worship Leaders*
David Cost, *Special Music*
Ricky Tipps, *Welcome and Announcements*

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