ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Scott Thompson Liturgist: Rev. Leanne Thompson

Organist: Beci Eliason

Projectionist: Elliot Christensen **Sound Tech:** Terry Woitaszewski

Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink Valet Parking: Sarah Sieck

Ushers & Greeters: Earl and Betty Knutson Chuck and Karen Stern

Coffee Fellowship: The Lesteberg's

First Presbyterian Church Willmar, MN March 25, 2018



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*Please rise as you are able. Please join in speaking **bolded** text.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Behold your king comes to you;

All: he is just, he brings salvation, he brings peace.

One: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN #88 (PH)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One: When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off, and live in the old way? Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions of the world? As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together,

All: Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent prayers may be offered.

One: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

CONFESSION REPSONSE #579 (PH)

"Glory Be to the Father"

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. A-men, A-men.

*THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN #2113 (SF) "Lamb of God"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:22-27 John 19:16b-22

One: This is the Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN #155 (PH)

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #2281 (SF)

"May You Run and Not Be Weary"

POSTLUDE