



April 13, 2025  
 Palm/Passion Sunday

## WE GATHER

### CENTERING

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

ONE:	God meets us in the light—
Congregants that have attended Faith for less than five years	where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious,
Congregants that have attended Faith for more than five years	where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, where people gather around tables.
ONE:	God meets us in between—
Congregants that have attended Faith for less than five years	at the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness,
Congregants that have attended Faith for more than five years	at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.
ONE:	And if God meets us in all those places,

<b>Congregants that have attended Faith for less than five years</b>	<b>then surely God meets us everywhere— at the water’s edge, at the start of something new,</b>
<b>Congregants that have attended Faith for more than five years</b>	<b>after the baptism, and before the call.</b>
<b>ONE:</b>	<b>We are not alone. God is all around.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Let us worship the God of everything.</b>

## PRELUDE

Gregorian Preludes for the Liturgical Year

Procession on *Vexilla Regis*

Kenneth Lowenberg b. 1939

Ann Bartlow, Organ

## WELCOME

Brian Jones, member, Leadership Board

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie Cope, Liturgist

<b>ONE:</b>	<b>On this day, Jesus marched</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>in between the city walls and the Temple, in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers, in between oppressive poverty and greedy power, in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.</b>
<b>ONE:</b>	<b>On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.</b>
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.</b>

ONE:	Hosanna in the highest!
ALL:	<b>Hosanna in between!</b>

## WORD

### ANTHEM 1

*Lo, He Comes! We Sing Hosanna (1989)*

Composer: John Horman, b. 1946

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Ann Bartlow, Organ

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Neale, Ministry Intern

### \*HYMN #279

*Mantos y Palmas (sung in English)*

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Ann Bartlow, Organ

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Katie Cope, Liturgist

	<b>Call to confession</b>
ONE:	Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.
	We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.
	We tell the truth of our lives.
	We lay it all out before God.
	But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.
	In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
	So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.
	Great Creator, forgive me
ALL	<b>when I speak before listening,</b>

	when I speak over my neighbor,
	when I speak with barbed words.
ONE	Creator God, forgive me
ALL	when I listen to society,
	when I listen to my friends,
	when I listen to the news,
	but I do not listen to you.
ONE	Creator God, forgive me
ALL	when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
	when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.
	Forgive me.
ONE	Create in me a heart like yours.
ALL	Amen.
	Words of forgiveness
ONE	Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year, whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice, God listens to you.
	God is merciful.
	God is abounding in steadfast love.
	There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you.
	So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
ALL:	We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.
	Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

## PASSING THE PEACE

Katie Cope, Liturgist

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie Cope, Liturgist

Speaking God,  
Most days we are inundated with noise.  
Some of it is good—  
laughter, music, storytelling.  
Some of it is hard—  
arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes.  
Every day we live between silence and shouting,  
rotating through quiet and noise.  
So in the midst of this messy middle,  
help us to hear what is yours.  
Help us to hear your song,  
your story, your good news.  
Help us to hear your voice,  
your Spirit, your will.  
And show us how to release the rest.  
We are listening.  
Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:29-40

Katie Cope, Liturgist

Today's reading can be found on page #83 in the New Testament of the pew Bible. **Please wait 5 seconds for folks to find reading.**

<sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why

are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

"Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

## MESSAGE

"Showing Up for Jesus: Shouting and Silence"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

<b>ALL:</b>	<b>We believe that many years ago a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem. We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and praying for a better world. We believe that these longings came from a place of deep hope, and we believe that hope cannot be silenced. So we listen for the Spirit.</b>
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	<p><b>We sing Hosanna.</b></p> <p><b>We pay attention.</b></p> <p><b>For in between the silence and the song,</b></p> <p><b>we believe the Spirit is speaking.</b></p> <p><b>Amen.</b></p>
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## WONDER

### MISSION MOMENT

Janelle Veazey

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Katie Cope, Liturgist

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a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem. We believe that on that day  
the people cried out,  
longing and praying for a better world.  
We believe that these longings  
came from a place of deep hope,  
and we believe  
that hope cannot be silenced.  
So we listen for the Spirit.  
We sing Hosanna.  
We pay attention.  
For in between the silence and the song,  
we believe the Spirit is speaking.  
Amen.

## ANTHEM 2

*What Wondrous Love is This? (1997)*

Arr. Mark Hayes, b. 1953

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Ann Bartlow, Organ

## WHAT NOW

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

#### \*HYMN #426

*Behold, a Broken World*

Congregation and Chancel Choir

Ann Bartlow, Organ

#### SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

As you leave this place,

may you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God,



and therefore, you contain multitudes.  
So may you move through this world with an open heart,  
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.  
God is with you in the mountains,  
in the valleys,  
and everywhere in between.  
Believe that good news, and go in peace.

## POSTLUDE

### *Out of the Depths*

Composer: Johann Kuhnau, 1660-1722

Arr.: Richard Peek, 1927 - 2005

Ann Bartlow, Organ

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford and Zachary Vedder

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