

Welcome



Call to Worship – Hardy Hemphill

Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29

Enter with palm branches

- Leader:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- Left side:** Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."
- Right side:** Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever."
- All:** Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."
- Leader:** Open for me the gates of righteousness: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- People:** This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.
- Leader:** I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- People:** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- All:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.
- Leader:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- People:** From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
- Leader:** You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- All:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

(People will bring their palm branches onto the communion table as we sing the first song.)

Praise Is Rising
Hosanna In The Highest
May The Peoples Praise You

Greetings & Announcements – Pastor Janet Russell

Bible Presentation to Rhiannon McDowell

Prayers of the People – Terri Dias

All Glory, Laud And Honor

Scripture:

Zechariah 8:3-8; 9:9-10 NIV

3 This is what the Lord says: "I will return to Zion and dwell in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, and the mountain of the Lord Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain." 4 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each of them with cane in hand because of their age. 5 The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there." 6 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "It may seem marvelous to the remnant of this people at that time, but will it seem marvelous to me?" declares the Lord Almighty. 7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. 8 I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem; they will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."

9 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. 10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Matthew 21:1-17 NIV

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."^[a] ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt

and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna^[b] to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[c] “Hosanna^[d] in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” ¹² Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’^[e] but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’^[f]” ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant. ¹⁶ “Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “‘From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise’^[g]?” ¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.



Rev. Janet Russell

Lord's Supper

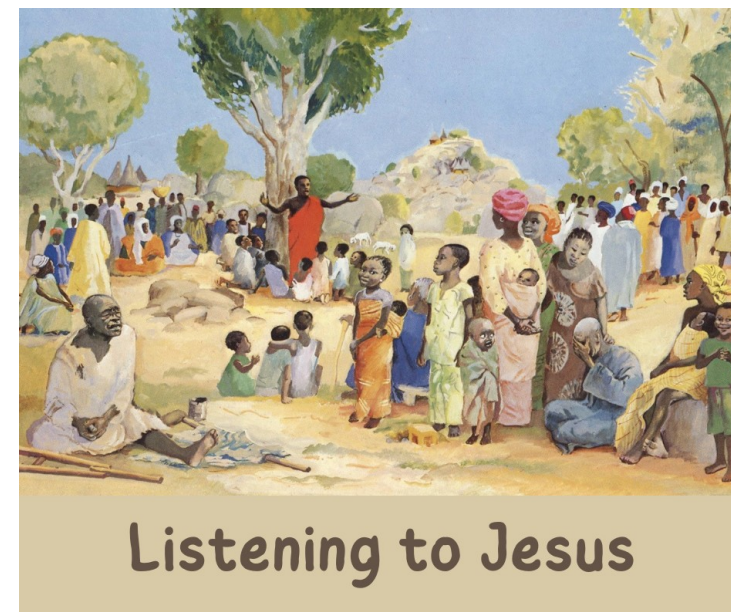
O Come To The Altar

Benediction

Announcements:

Please bring fresh flowers next Sunday early, to add to the Living Cross.

After Service - Card Making in Room 8, Easter Boutique in Room 15



Communion & Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023
9:30 am Service
West Valley Presbyterian Church