



# edgewood

presbyterian church (PCUSA)

## Our Mission

We joyfully proclaim the gospel of God's love. As a diverse and inclusive community of believers, we celebrate our unity in Christ. We believe we are called to compassionate service in our congregation, in our community and in the world. We invite all who want to explore the great mystery of faith and paths of discipleship to join us.

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***“But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?”***

***– Matthew 21: 15-16***

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**Palm Sunday**

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY**

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**Prayer of Preparation** *(Silent Prayer)*

*God, hear our hearts shouting with praise, and preparing to break.  
Amen.*

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Palm Procession**

*All worshipers are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary.*

**Hymn 196**     *All Glory Laud and Honor*     VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Refrain:* All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

*(Refrain)*

2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.

*(Refrain)*

3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

4 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

**Preparing the Light**

*All children are invited to gather at the baptismal font.*

**Prelude**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lowell Mason; arr. Sandra Eithun

EPC Hand Bells

**\*Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Lois Daniels, Liturgist

*O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!*  
**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

*This is the day that the Lord has made!*  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord!*  
**Hosanna! We come to worship Jesus, God Who Saves!**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Invitation to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Brokenness**

**God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we are people of ashes and dust.  
Our lips will sing "Hosanna!"  
but soon will call for violence.  
The hands that wave palm branches are  
the same that prepare your cross.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Look upon us with mercy; our lives are in your hands.  
Save us, by your steadfast love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Speak to our hearts through your Spirit  
and strengthen us to follow Christ,  
to whom we open our hearts now in silence...  
(*silent confession*)**

## Lenten Prayer Response (Hymn 851)

*Come Bring Your Burdens to God*

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with the word 'All' above it. The lyrics are: 'Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God, for Je - sus will nev - er say no.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and rests.

## Declaration of Forgiveness

*Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:*

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and restored to new life!**

## Prayer for Illumination

## Reading from the Prophets

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

*(pew Bible page 681)*

*The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.*

## Psalter

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29**

<sup>1</sup>*O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;*

*God's steadfast love endures forever!*

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>19</sup>*Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.*

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>*I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>*This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>*Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!*

*O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!*

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>*The LORD is God, and has given us light. Bind the festal  
procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.*

<sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

*You are my God, I will extol you.*

<sup>29</sup>**O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 21: 1-11**

*(pew Bible page 23)*

*El Evangelio del Señor. Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.*

**\*Hymn 197**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

**Sermon**

**"Assumptions"**

Reverend Joe Genau

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Announcements for the Community of Faith**

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem** *My Song Is Love Unknown* Samuel Crossman, Karen Marroli

*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 my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?*

*2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; but such disdain!*

*So few the longed-for Christ would know! But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!*

*3 Sometimes they crowd 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.*

*4 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.*

*What may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.*

*5 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. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me.*

## **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

### **\*Doxology Hymn 607**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### **\*Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Servers:** John Bridges, Rick Frennea, Joan Reisinger

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*The Lord be with you.      And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts.      We lift them to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...we join our voices ...*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*...we are bold to lift our voices praying the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:*

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**

**\*Communion of the People**

**Music at Communion**

*Poème*

Esther Higgins

**Concerns of the Church & Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn 215**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

***Words found on insert***

**Charge from the Steps**

**The Shadow of Betrayal**

**Matthew 26: 14-16**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Joe Genau

**Postlude**

*Andante in C Minor*

A. Hesse

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**\*Hymn 215**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.