

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Palms Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 8, 2022 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Andante Sostenuto
Intrada on Two Hymn Tunes

Robert Lau
Alice Jordan

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Come, Christians, Join to Sing!
The Chancel Choir

arr. David Evans

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Come to worship the One who heals us,
who opens our eyes to the goodness of God's world.
Come to worship the One who frees us,
who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.
Come to worship the One who calls us,
who offers us life and showers us with grace.

* Hymn (#248)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God, you have called us to love—not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another. Still, O Lord, we offer empty gestures when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, distracted by ambitions and preoccupations. Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you.
(A moment for silent confession.) Amen.

Response (#437)

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* Stand if able

Assurance of Forgiveness

- * **Response** (#582) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Time for Children

Anthem

Let Your Alleluias Rise
with Gavin Andrews, tenor

K. Lee Scott

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary, Christ has risen from the tomb; on the cross a suffering victim, now as victor he is come. Whom your tears in death were mourning, welcome with your smiles returning. Let your alleluias rise! Raise your weary eyelids, Mary, see him living evermore; see his countenance, how gracious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the glory of the morning pales before those wounds redeeming. Let your alleluias rise! Life is yours forever, Mary, for your light is come once more, and the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour. Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow. Let your alleluias rise!

Prayer for Illumination

Second Reading

Colossians 2:8-19

Sermon

"Shadow, Substance, and Puffery"

Rev. Bryant Anderson

* **Hymn** (#767)

Together We Serve

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

[11:00] The Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Miles Harvey McClung, son of Ben & Laura McClung

* **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

My Lord, What a Mornin'

arr. Howard Helvey

My Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.
I'm done with all my worldly ways, joined that heavenly band.
My Lord, what a mornin'.

* Response (#606)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn (#44)

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

Recessional in C

Douglas Wagner

*The flowers on the chancel today are given by Donna Bush
in loving memory of her father, Jim Haywood.*

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With deep gratitude for mothers of every kind,
for all of the women—mothers or not—
who so freely share motherly love with others,
and for a God whose motherly compassion,
nurture, and care know no bounds,

Happy Mother's Day!

Colossians 2:8-19

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Children's Worship Time

Following the Time for Children at the 11:00 service, all children age five and older are invited to attend Children's Worship Time in Hess Chapel (directly across the garden from the sanctuary). Each week, two volunteers will lead our children in age-appropriate worship and activities designed to help nurture and engage them in discussion related to their faith. Children will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn (or prior to communion). At the 8:30 service (and for families at 11 wishing for their children to remain in worship), worship bags with materials designed to engage children during worship are available in the back of the church.

Participating in Worship Today

Bryant Anderson, Cathy Fortson, Jane Palmer, Jimmy Steele

Let us know you're here!

Please take a brief moment to let us know that you have joined us for worship today. Sign the connection pad in the pew or pull out your phone and visit palmschurch.org and click "Worship Attendance." This simple form will help keep our church family connected.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
PALMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Miles Harvey McClung

Daughter of Ben & Laura McClung

Sunday, May 8, 2022

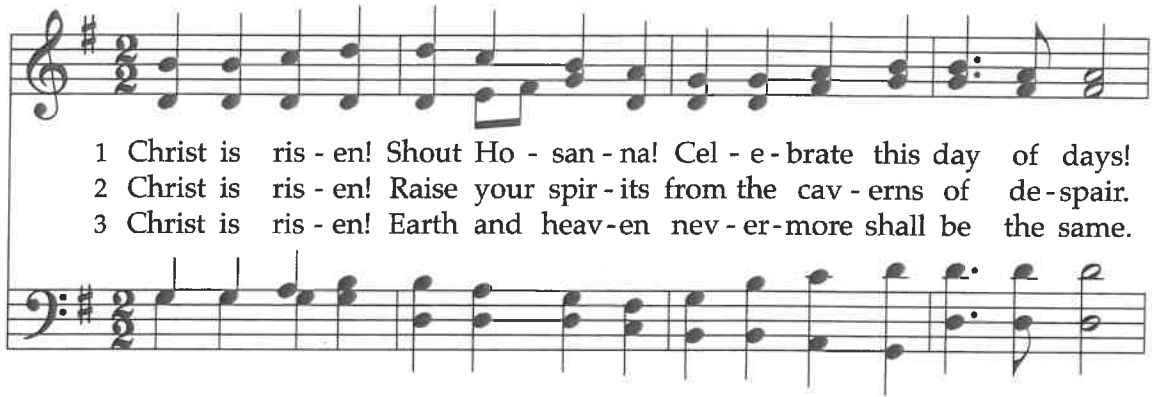
- Leader Hear these words from scripture: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- People There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**
- Leader Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.
- People In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**
- Leader Let us remember with joy our own baptism as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions for the Parents & Congregation
Affirmation of Faith
Thanksgiving Over the Water
The Baptism

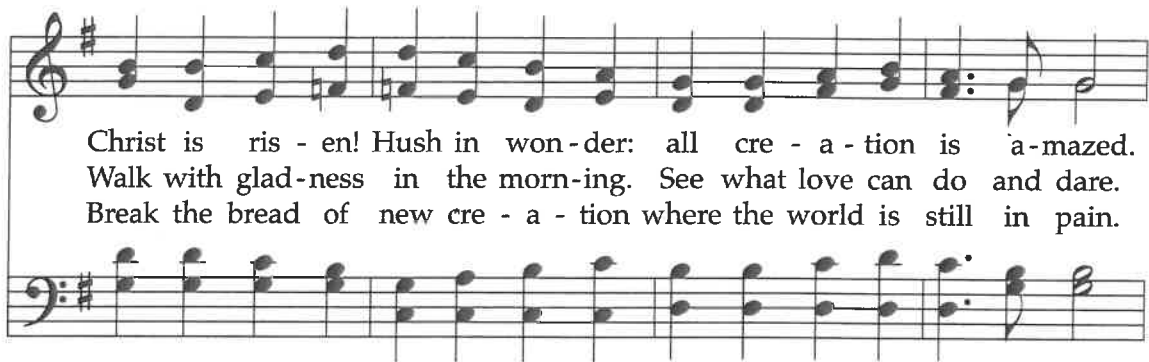
After the baptism, the elder will welcome Miles:

- Leader Miles has been received into the church universal through Baptism. God has made him a member of the family of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.
- People With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

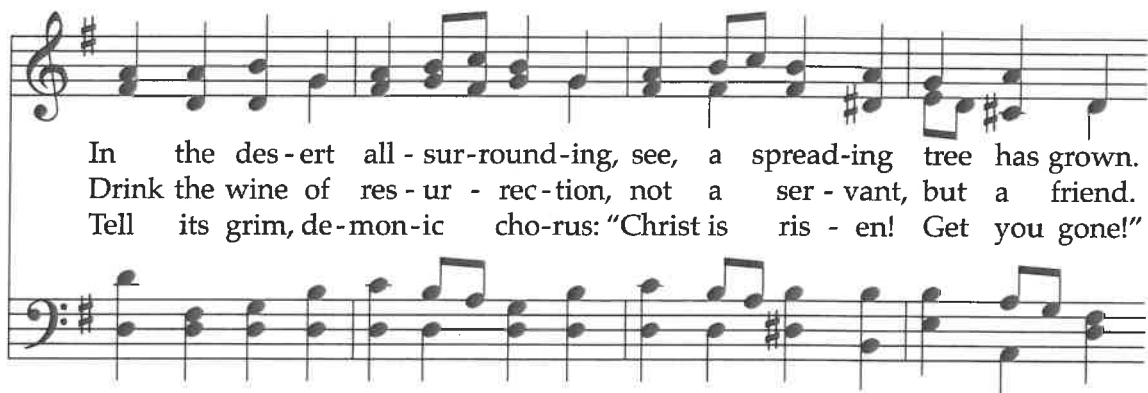
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



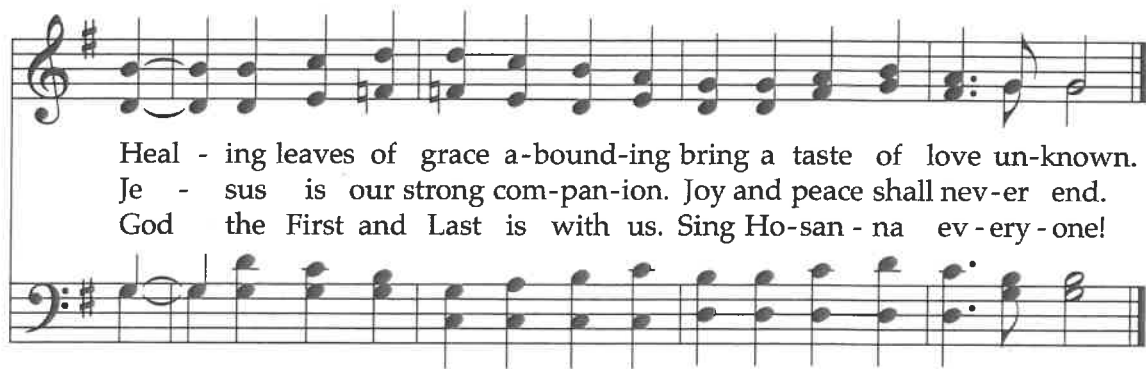
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



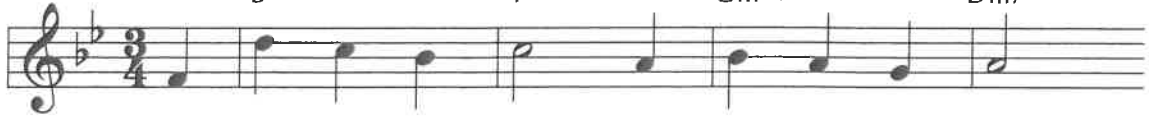
Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing 'Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b



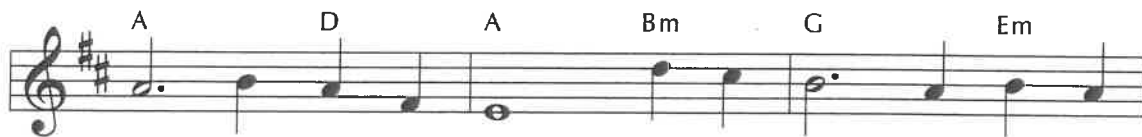
ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least,
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called - us in - to life.
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

This text was inspired by how the prophet Hosea describes the parental nature of God's relationship with Israel (Hosea 11:1-19). The last stanza echoes Christ's teachings about love of neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40/Mark 12:29-31) and care for "the least of these" (Matthew 25:31-46).