

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Songs

Majesty, Worship His Majesty No. 176

Majesty, worship his majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

His Name is Wonderful No. 174

His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful,
Jesus my Lord.

He is the mighty King,
Master of everything;
His name is wonderful,
Jesus my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd,
The rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He.

Bow down before Him,
Love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful,
Jesus my Lord.

*Call to Worship

This is how God showed great love for us:

GOD SENT THE SON INTO THE WORLD SO WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH HIM.

If God loved us like this,

WE CERTAINLY OUGHT TO LOVE EACH OTHER.

Congregational Prayer (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we bring a mix of feelings to our worship... good feelings about spring time, green grass and flowers. But we know that spring storms destroy homes and take lives. And our feelings are mixed about Holy Week... a strange blend of joy and sorrow. Good feelings about the Hosannas we sing to the Lord, but also sad knowing how quickly we

betray Him. As we walk through Holy Week, may we understand better our mixture of moods until we know what it means to both praise Jesus with Hosannas and to follow him to the cross where suffering is still required if your kingdom is to come. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor No. 280

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Scripture

Mark 15: 1-15

As soon as morning came, the whole Council, chief priests, elders, and scribes, made their plans. They bound Jesus and led him away to hand him over to Pilate. ² 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked him. 'The words are yours,' he replied. ³ And the chief priests brought many charges against him. ⁴ Pilate questioned him again: 'Have you nothing to say in your defense? You see

how many charges they are bringing against you.' ⁵ But, to Pilate's astonishment, Jesus made no further reply. ⁶At the festival season the governor used to release one prisoner requested by the people. ⁷As it happened; a man known as Barabbas was then in custody with the rebels who had committed murder in the rising. ⁸When the crowd appeared and began asking for the usual favor, ⁹Pilate replied, 'Would you like me to release the king of the Jews?' ¹⁰ For he knew it was out of malice that Jesus had been handed over to him. ¹¹But the chief priests incited the crowd to ask instead for the release of Barabbas. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again: 'Then what shall I do with the man you call king of the Jews?' ¹³ They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁴ 'Why, what wrong has he done?' Pilate asked; but they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' ¹⁵So Pilate, in his desire to satisfy the mob, released Barabbas to them; and he had Jesus flogged, and then handed him over to be crucified.

Words of Preparation

Message

"Give Us Barabbas!"

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn**

O How He Loves You and Me No. 2108

O, how He loves you and me!
O, how He loves you and me!
He gave His life.
What more could He give?

O how He loves you;
O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calvary did go;
his Love for sinners to show.
What He did there
brought hope from despair

O how He loves you;
O how He loves me;
O how He loves you and me!

***Benediction & Dismissal**