

Prayers of the People

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction and Blessing

*Postlude

Fanfare!

Gilbert Martin

NRSV – New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Many thanks to our musical guests today:

Mrs. Bonnie Forbes, organ

Kathy Fisk, soprano/alto

Bryan Fisk, bass

Patrick Fisk, tenor

Rebecca Fisk, soprano

Rev. Scott G. Loomer, Pastor

*Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Fleming, Transitional Associate Pastor
for Christian Education and Family Ministry*



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

“Hosanna!”
with *Fauré's* “The Palms’

by Noel Benson

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Bryan, Kathy, Patrick & Rebecca Fisk

Gesangbuch der Herzogl

Invitation to Confession and Prayer

Assurance of Pardon and Grace

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Reading

John 10: 11-18

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“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Children's Sermon

Musical Selection

The Palms

Fauré

arr. Lawrence Grant

Crown ye with palms the Saviour's onward way, with branches green His holy path adorn. Ho! everyone that hath desired His day, forth and behold Him on this festal morn! Judah, rejoice! with one accord, from earth to heav'n let our glad voices wave. Hosanna! Hail to the Lord! Holy is He, who comes the world to save.

Sing and rejoice O blest Jerusalem, for all mankind sing the emancipation. Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem, brings faith and hope to thee for ever more. Join all and sing His name declare. Let every voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

Kathy Fisk, soprano

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

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The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

GOD'S WORD REVEALED

Sermon

“I Am the Good Shepherd”

Rev. Scott G. Loomer

Musical Selection

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

W. Glen Darst

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes Hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scatter'd garments strow'd.*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.*

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;

bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

The Fisk Family