



everything [in] between

shouting & silence

Palm Sunday

Jesus Enters Jerusalem



I Believe

By Steve Prince

Inspired by Luke 19:29-40

Pen and ink on paper

It is said that the true confession that flows from one's heart and lips and professes that they are a sinner and desire to be healed, is essentially the key to unlocking one's salvation. Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant.

– Steve Prince

First Mennonite Church

APRIL 13, 2025

GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

On this day, Jesus marched

in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

So may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in between!

HYMN *Come, We That Love* VT 31

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *Jesus Is Coming! (with additional verses)* VT 312

Children's Time

CONFESSING & SEEKING RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Great Creator, forgive me

when I speak before listening,
when I speak over my neighbor,
when I speak with barbed words.

Creator God, forgive me

when I listen to society,
when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news,
but I do not listen to you.

Creator God, forgive me

when I shout out, but do not shout your name,
when I listen, but do not listen for your voice.

Forgive me.

Create in me a heart like yours. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

... So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
We are seen. We are heard. We are loved.
We are forgiven.
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone.
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Worship Music: *Praise! Praise!*

...Music by George Frideric Handel

...Edited and Arranged by Patrick M. Liebergen

Poem – *If You Really Listen* (by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Luke 19:29-40*

Sermon

Music for Meditation ... *with Prayers of Lament & Hope*

Worship Music: *I Will Not Leave You Comfortless*

... Carlton Young

SHARING OUR STORIES & PRAYING

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *We Your People Sing Your Praises* VT 849

Benediction

Postlude

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Russ & Jean Gaeddert
Sadie Pritchett
Nursery: Donna Davis
Pianist: Shelley Kauffman
Song Leader: Magdalena Wenger
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring
Choir Director: Calvin Buller
Choir Accompanist: Pauline Buller
Poem Reader: Jake Myers
Children's Time & Scripture Reader: Santalena Caudillo
Sermon: Tonya Ramer Wenger

TODAY:

Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

Fellowship with drinks in Common Grounds Room

Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus concert – 4:00pm, Bethel College

Our **palm branches** were ordered from *EcoPalms* which offers palms sustainably grown and harvested in Guatemala and Mexico. Our purchase helps support the harvesting communities and families that harvest and select the palms. More details are on a flyer in the foyer.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **April 16-18** – Stations of the Cross @ FMC Wed 12-5, Thu/Fri 12-7
- **April 17** – Maundy Thursday – 6:00 meal & communion
- **April 20** – Easter Sunday Morning Prayers & Brunch @ 9am (bring a dish to share and your own table service); worship @ 10am



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