

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe
Palm Sunday
April 10, 2022



Even the Stones Will Cry Out

Justice will bubble up, hope will raise its head, love will rise to the surface.

Hate and fear will try to drown the out, but you cannot silence

What was here first, which was love. and it was good.

It was so good even the stones will cry out. Remember that at your parade.

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PALM SUNDAY

Full to the Brim—Even the Stones Cry Out

God loves the real you—the messy, authentic, honest you.

God, I am so used to putting on a filter. I slide into different versions of myself based on the room I'm in, but I don't want to do that with you. I want to bring my full self, the one you created. Give me the strength to pull back the layers. Give me the strength to bring exactly who I am to you, knowing it is more than enough. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Nicole Bahny

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

It is holy to remember.

It is holy to gather.

It is holy to sing.

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

*Hymn

"Filled with Excitement"

GTG 199

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

Prayer of Confession

God of street parades and hosannas,

we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,

to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

but so often we are silent.

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,

so we don't say anything at all.

We worry that we'll offend,

so we keep our convictions to ourselves.

We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,

so we stay silent.

And meanwhile, the parade marches on. **Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us. Give us the courage to yell, “Hosanna!”**

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

.....There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:

We are forgiven. We are known.

We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.

“My Soul is At Rest”

“My soul is at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from God.”

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Nicole Bahny

A Story for All Ages

Yoshie Pomerville

Prayer for Illumination

Nicole Bahny

Scripture

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Luke 19: 28-40

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“Hosanna”

Chancel Choir

Sermon

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Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in giving what we have.

We believe that actions of generosity change us.

We dare to believe that these small acts can change the world.

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully praising God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen.

We believe in a God who is a miracle-maker. We believe in a God of good news.

We believe this good news is so good that we cannot help but sing.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just, good, hopeful, and generous.

We do not believe those voices will have the last word.

"I tell you," Jesus replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

We believe, at the end of the day, love will find a way. We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Chorus of Our Faith"

(See insert)

Congregational Moment

Shannon Costello

One Great Hour of Sharing Minute for Mission

Call to Offering

Nicole Bahny

*Doxology

GTG 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Doris Chandler

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"

GTG 200

(Verses 1-4)

Benediction

As you leave this place,
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May
you laugh, and may it be contagious.
May you overflow with love for those around you.
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And
in all of your living, and breathing, and being,
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,
and may it change your life.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—
go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

**All who wish to do so may stand*

*Words/images are signposts that point us to God; yet these words/images are not God.
Realizing words have power, every effort is made to use inclusive, expansive language for God.
You are invited to substitute word/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of
worship.*

*A special welcome to our guests. Your presence among us is a gift to our beloved community.
We trust God will draw you back to God's home—here at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe.
Would you give us the privilege of connecting with you by signing a pew card and placing it in
the offering plate?*

*If you would like to begin the conversation about becoming a member of our beloved
community—please speak with our pastor following worship or call (734) 242-1545 and select
option 11 to leave a message for our pastor.*



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