

# PALM

# SUNDAY

*Hosanna!*

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10 am

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# Please keep in prayer this week...

- The family and friends of Wayne Sivaslian
- The family of Frank, uncle of Rebecca Gardner
- The family and friends of Linda Becker Heim
- The family and friends of Jane Ward
- The family and friends of Joline Mondore
- The family of Agnes Hevi
- Larry Underdue
- Judith Suess & Leroy
- Amy Carr (Gillespie family)
- Cindy Gillespie, in benevolence for the loss of her father
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Brown family
- Pagerey family
- Steve Hoffman
- Gertrude Dorn
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- First Church Staff and Leaders

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us. Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email [fciaofficemanager@gmail.com](mailto:fciaofficemanager@gmail.com).

# Prelude

*“Ellacombe”*

*Doug Persons, trumpet*

# Welcome and Announcements



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## Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-2;19-29

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.** <sup>29</sup>**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

# Hymn

## *“Ride On King Jesus”*

*arr. H. Brinson Jr.*

### *Refrain:*

*Ride on King Jesus  
No man can hinder me.  
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on  
No man can hinder me.*

### *Vs. 1*

*King Jesus rides a milk white horse  
No man works like Him,  
The river Jordan He did cross  
No man works like him. Oh  
Refrain*

### *Vs. 2*

*I know that my redeemer lives.  
No man works like him.  
And of his blessing freely give.  
No man works like him. Oh  
Refrain*

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him, and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, Steadfast God, save us! Help us to let our fears, our doubts, our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.**



# Moment of Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

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## Prayer of Illumination

Spirit of the Living God fall  
afresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me,  
use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall  
afresh on me.



# Scripture

John 12:12-16


<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup>”Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.



The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

“Ride On King Jesus”

Rev. Mashona Walston

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

# The Response to God



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## 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.

# Hymn

*“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

*ST. THEODULPH*

*Refrain:*

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

*Vs. 1*

*You are the King of Israel  
and David’s royal Son,  
now in the Lord’s name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.*

*Refrain*

*Vs. 2*

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

*Refrain*

*Vs. 4*

*Thou did accept their praises  
accept in all good delightest  
Thou good and gracious King!*

*Refrain*



# Benediction

Because King Jesus rides on, you can live triumphant. Seek Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with God.

Postlude



**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Preacher:** Rev. Mashona Walston

**Guest Keyboardist:** Martha Deyo

**Liturgist:** Monica Marsh

**Soloist:** Rose Hunsberger

**Tech Team:** Ian Leet, Josh Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

**We welcome all who gather to worship God this morning, especially visitors and friends from near and far.**

