

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm/Passion

March 16, 2008

11:00 AM

We begin our worship in the Narthex. Those who are able will march in waving palms and singing, led by the children and the choir.

PRELUDE

"Prelude & Fugue in dm"

J.S. Bach

"Peace in the Valley"

T. Dorsey

"Give me That Old Time Religion"

Traditional

FANFARE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Dan Parsley

Come! From the city streets.

Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Come! From your busy homes and places of business.

Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries!

Turn your eyes toward the One whom God has sent!

Let all join in joyful song.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in God's name.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

PRAYER OF PRAISE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 89**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Ellacombe

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him
with heart and life and voice,
and in His blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

MOMENT WITH THE YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

SOLO

"Ride on King Jesus"
Chris Miller, baritone

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Hall Johnson

CALL TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago.
We are hungry for a hero.
We crave some glimpse of greatness.
We are starving for the spectacular.
We are gathered here like those who watched
the Passion Parade in Jerusalem,
craning our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah.
As we wait here for the Savior to come
let us not be disappointed when the special one appears
even though we are certain to be surprised;
and give us courage to follow
where the one on the donkey might lead us.

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

"Hosanna"
Chancel Choir

Christian Gregor

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the welcome register and pass it to your neighbor. Announcements are given by the liturgist.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

SERMON

"The Big Give"

The Rev. Susan Quinn Bryan

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Responsively)

We believe in a sacred power within us and around us –
a divine spirit that we call by many names and experience in many ways –
that empowers and heals—that calls us forth.

We believe in doing justice.

Justice that compels and empowers us to risk whatever we must risk
to create a climate in which all people can be who they are.

We believe in our dreams.

We experience the world as it is—in both its ugliness and beauty—
and we see what it can become. . . .

We believe in making peace.

A peace that is based on openness, honesty and compassion.

We believe in hope.

We expect changes to continue to occur in our world.

We rely on our courage to continue to bring about these changes.

We believe in love.

A passionate love within and around us that laughs and cries, challenges and comforts, a healing love that perseveres.

We believe in potential.

We know who we are—painful as that can be at times – yet we continue to call each other to become more of who we are.

We believe in celebrating.

We remember and we commemorate.

We create rituals. We play and dance and sing and love well.

We believe in our diversity.

We affirm our many shapes and sizes, colors and traditions, emotions and thoughts, differences and similarities.

We believe in life.

Life that wells up within and flows out of us like a streaming fountain.

We believe that we are good and holy – a sacred part of all creation.

(Susan Kramer, Courage to Love, adapted)

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven;

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of your world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we inflict and absorb from one another, forgive us,

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

(from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

OFFERING CALL

OFFERTORY

"Pie Jesu"

Trombone Choir

Faure

***DOXOLOGY (Unison) #88**

All glory, laud, and honor

to Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children

made sweet hosannas ring.

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Valet Will ich dir Geben

The people of the Hebrews

with palms before Thee went;

**Our praise and prayers and anthems
before Thee we present.**

REPEAT REFRAIN

***DEDICATION**

***HYMN#93**

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

Herzliebster Jesu

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

"Idumea"

Josef Schneider, solo

Sacred Harp

POSTLUDE

"It is Well With My Soul"

Trombone Choir

Philip Bliss

**Please stand as you are able.*

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us. Children's bulletins and cloth worship bags, with activities children might enjoy, are available in the foyer. Ask the Deacon ushering for assistance.

Everyone is welcome to worship with us here at Mt. Auburn. A special welcome is extended to students from the University, the Conservatory of Music, and the hospitals. You are most cordially invited to regard Mt. Auburn as your church home during your period of study here.

Thanks especially to Bob Coil and the rest of the trombone ensemble - Mark Doan, Gary Johnston, Dave Marlar, Terrance Hooker, Dave Haldeman and Jim Eastman who share their beautiful gift of music here today as a warm up to International Trombone Week in April..