

# Park Cities Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2019



*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 14, 2019  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*Palm Sunday*

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### \*Call to Worship

The Rev. Ron Williams 8:00  
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the  
King of glory!**

Psalm 24:7-10

### \*Hymn No. 235

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*ST. THEODULPH*

### \*Prayer of Adoration

### \*The Palm Sunday Liturgy

The Rev. Robby Higginbottom 8:00  
The Rev. Bill Lamberth 9:30  
The Rev. Paul Goebel 11:00

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast  
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him,  
crying out,

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,  
even the King of Israel!”

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

“Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your King is coming,  
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first,

but when Jesus was glorified,

then they remembered that these things had been written about Him  
and had been done to Him.

John 12.12-16

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

9:30/11:00

**Parental Vows**

1. Do you acknowledge your children’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

**Congregational Vow**

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of their children?

9:30

11:00

Maxwell Lowry Dodson  
 Katherine Rice Meyer  
 Margaret James Reid  
 Nathaniel Paul Schwarz

Rose Hannah Exum  
 James Freeman Farrar  
 Josephine Rey Olles  
 Ry Barnabas Rayl

**Prayer for the Families**

9:30/11:00

**Public Confession of Sin**

**O King of Glory,  
 we confess that our praise of Your majesty has often been faint,  
 our performance as citizens of Your kingdom treasonous.  
 For we have surrendered to the enemy  
 by our secret and our known sins.  
 For our treason You died, Lord Jesus.  
 For our restoration, You rose again.  
 Draw us closer to You in this holy week,  
 that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears,  
 and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace.  
 By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline,  
 let us be loyal and loving servants of the King.  
 Praise be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Private Confession**

## Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8.11

### Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

“Give Me Jesus”  
Mark Delavan, *baritone*

*African American Spiritual*

### Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom 8:00

Mr. Lamberth 9:30

Mr. Goebel 11:00

### Musical Offering

8:00

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?”  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

*Dale Wood*

9:30/11:00

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” *arr. Vicki Hancock Wright*  
Chancel, Covenant, and Chapel Choirs • Barbara Leeman, *conducting*  
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ* • David Leeman, *piano*

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the King of kings!*

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple, the lovely 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 among the joyful crowd; the victory palm branch waving, with praises clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in a 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. Oh may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!*

### \*The Greeting of Peace

Minister: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Colossians 1.19-20

People: **And also with you.**

**\*The Scripture Reading: Psalm 118**

Mr. Williams 8:00

Hannah and Tommy Obenchain 9:30

Whitney and Spencer Moss 11:00

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!*

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

<sup>3</sup> *Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."*

<sup>4</sup> *Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."*

<sup>5</sup> *Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free.*

<sup>6</sup> *The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*

<sup>7</sup> *The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.*

<sup>8</sup> *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*

<sup>9</sup> *It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.*

<sup>10</sup> *All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!*

<sup>11</sup> *They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!*

<sup>12</sup> *They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!*

<sup>13</sup> *I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.*

<sup>14</sup> *The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.*

<sup>15</sup> *Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,*

<sup>16</sup> *the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"*

<sup>17</sup> *I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.*

<sup>18</sup> *The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.*

<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 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 pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!*

<sup>26</sup> *Blessed is he 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 made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, 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> *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!*

**The Sermon**

"The Swarming Bees"

Mr. Williams 8:00

Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please  
continue at the closing hymn.

**\*Words of Assurance and The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

**People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n \_\_\_\_\_ and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_\_ of Your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*The Words of Institution 8:00**

**Communion 8:00**

*The bread being served at Communion is gluten-free.*

*Please come forward down the center aisle.*

*Partake of the elements upon receiving them from the elders.*

*Return to your seat with your empty cup via the side aisle.*

**\*Closing Hymn "He's Always Been Faithful/Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Sara Groves  
Mark Delavan, baritone**

Solo on verses 1 and 2:

Morning by morning I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine. Season by season I watch Him, amazed in awe of the mystery of His perfect ways. All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or a pain He did not recycle to bring me gain. I can't remember one single regret in serving God only, and trusting His hand. All I have need of, His hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

**Congregation:**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!



The musical score is written on five staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "This is my an - them. This is my song. The theme of the stor - ies I've heard for so long. God has been faith - ful. He will be a - gain. His lov - ing com - pas - sion, it knows no end. All I have need of His hand will pro - vide. He's al - ways been faith - ful to me." The score ends with a double bar line.

**\*The Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Numbers 6.24-26

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Postlude**

“Praeludium in E minor”  
Dr. Davy, organ

*Nikolaus Bruhns*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*We thank baritone Mark Delavan for leading in our services this morning.*

## SERMON NOTES

Psalm 118  
“The Swarming Bees”

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**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**



*Welcome to Park Cities Presbyterian Church. We are glad you joined us today.*

We want to come alongside you in hospitality and prayer. At the conclusion of our services, there are men and women at the front and back of the sanctuary to meet and pray with you—in complete confidence.

If you are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, you are loved. For support, please speak with us or call Thrive Women’s Clinic at 214-343-9263 or Kari Stainback at 214-224-2738.

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor . . . rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.” Romans 12.10, 12, 13*

## Order of Worship for the Home – The Week of April 14, 2019

### Praise

**Call to Worship:** *(everyone together)*

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!

Psalm 24.9-10

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”** *(read or sing these words together)*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

### Hearing and Learning God’s Word

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 118 *(one person read the Scripture aloud)*

**Questions for Discussion:** *(may be answered in one worship time or spread over several times)*

1. What does Hosanna mean?
2. The Psalmist said he was in distress (trouble). How does he describe this distress in 10-13?
3. When have you felt distressed, like a swarm of bees surrounding you?
4. The Psalmist says he is not afraid. What gives him his courage?
5. Read verses 5-7. What can man do to us?
6. What two things can man not do to us? (Hint: they both start with the letter “D”.)
7. Where must we seek our refuge?
8. How does this Psalm show us that the Lord is God and that He is good?
9. How can we give thanks to God during Holy Week?

**Scripture Memory for April:** *(memorize this passage of Scripture this month)*

Romans 8.11

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

### Prayer

**Prayer:** *(saying together)*

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.