

SUNDAY WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

34/40



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FLINT

MARCH 24, 2024

10:30AM

# GATHERING

▲ PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT

## GREETING AND WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, *pastor*

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

## PRELUDE

Collin Whitfield, *organist*

“Valet will ich dir geben” (Georg Kaufmann)

## CHILDREN’S INTROIT

Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

## ▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

(Today’s call to worship is taken from Mark 11:1-11)

## ▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Paul Ytterock, *pastor*

**Lamb of God, we are burdened: We do not love you as we should.**

We forget our dependence on you and do not honor you.

Instead of glorifying you, we try to bring ourselves glory.

**Lamb of God, we are burdened: We do not love others as we should.**

We hurry through our days and miss opportunities to be your hands and feet.

We judge quickly and respond thoughtlessly.

**Lamb of God, we are burdened: We do not love ourselves as we should.**

We disparage our appearances, criticize our best efforts, and misuse our bodies.

**Lamb of God, we are burdened: We are weighed down by the bad things done to us.**

We hold grudges, harbor bad feelings, and believe lies told about us.

**Lamb of God, we are burdened: We are overwhelmed by sin.**

O Christ, you know our pain and suffering, indeed it is by *your* wounds we are healed.

**Take our burdens, we pray, and free us from sin. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ▲ SHARING OF PEACE

# THE WORD

## ▲ GATHERING SONG

Hymn No. 698  
TAKE ME AS I AM

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (2X)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

### REFRAIN

Hymn No. 838  
PROMISES

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God!*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### NT READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

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## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

"The Promises, Fulfilled"

## ▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 200

"A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" (CHRISTIAN LOVE)

## ▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q.66  
Second Helvetic Confession, 89*

**This is God's gospel promise:  
to grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life  
by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.**

**The Gospel is truly glad and joyous news.  
In its announcement we hear the truth that God has now performed  
what he promised from the beginning of the world.**

**For God has given to us his only Son and in him,  
we are reconciled with the Father, we receive the remission of sins,  
the hope of all perfection, and the blessed assurance of everlasting life.**

# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates” (William Mathias)

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.*

*Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
He is the King of glory.*

### ▲ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**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

O God, who keeps promises:  
**Hear our prayers.**

## DEPARTING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (HAMBURG)

#### ▲ CHARGE

#### ▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*In the shadow of the cross, we remember love.  
In the shadow of the cross, we remember hope.  
In the shadow of the cross, we remember grace.  
Go in peace, and remember.*

#### ▲ POSTLUDE

“Herzliebster Jesu” (Johannes Brahms)