



JESUS TRENDING



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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Gathering Music

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship the one who enters our lives with love and grace.

All: We come, welcoming Jesus into our hearts and praising him.

One: Though the world may cheer one day and turn away the next, Christ remains steadfast in his sacrificial love for all of God's people.

All: In Jesus, we find the acceptance and wholeness we long for. Let us worship God, who calls us to follow with hearts full of passion and purpose.

Introit

Ride On, King Jesus!

Arr. Donald Moore

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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH 278

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. "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!

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.

Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40 (CEB)

After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

Scriptural Response

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

Anthem *That's Where Love Will Find Me (A Savior's Lament)* Aspinall/McDonald
Chancel Choir, Jayson Coleman, Solo ©2022 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Message *Jesus Trending* Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Near the Cross* Lani Smith
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† **Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of righteousness, draw near to us in the coming week. We yearn to keep singing our hosannas, but fear that we too may lose our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We long to see ourselves as your champions, but fear that we too might deny you or betray you with a kiss. Strengthen our resolve during Holy Week, that we may remain your faithful disciples. Amen.

One: Christ has opened the gates of righteousness and beckons us to walk through. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Stripping of the Altar *Let This Mind Be In You* Craig Courtney
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† Benediction

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was right as morn!
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

Liturgical elements from *Discipleship Ministries (UMC)* and *The Abingdon Worship Annual*.

Flowers: from Virginia McCrae Cohen in honor of the wedding anniversary of her parents
Spence & Helen McCrae

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