

Blessed is the
one who comes
in the name
of the **LORD.**

Psalm 118.26



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Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Prelude *Andante pastorale* from Op. 5–Crusell
Darius Bennett, clarinet
Benjamin Watkins, piano



Today's sanctuary flowers are joyously placed by Fadi & Aline Haddad to celebrate the baptism of their grandson Elias Fadi Haddad, child of Fuad Haddad & Elizabeth Pearson.

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-11 & Psalm 118)

Deacon Vera Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Liturgist: They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

People: **Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Open the gates of righteousness for us so we can come in and give thanks to the Lord!**

Liturgist: Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

People: 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Liturgist: The stone the builders rejected is now the foundation stone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our sight!**

Liturgist: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Opening Hymn:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #89

Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: Let us greet one another as we would greet Christ, for all come in the name of the Lord. Please turn and share signs of Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**



Music for Meditation

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Members of the UPC Quartet

Call for Confession (Liturgist)

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause— to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Liturgist)

Liturgist: The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading: *John 12: 2-16* (Pew Bible p. 821; large print p. 1656) – Pastor

Sermon: *Hosanna! God Save Us!* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

The Sacrament of Baptism Presentation

***Hymn:** *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455

Profession of Faith

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ. Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us to resist evil, and nurtures us in love. Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Anthem: *On Eagle's Wings* Members of the UPC Quartet

Prayers of Intercession

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Call to Offering

Receiving of the PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

Offertory

As the Deer

Members of the UPC Quartet

**Doxology #592*

Prayer of Dedication Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn:** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* #91

Charge and Benediction

Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Postlude *Larghetto* from K. 581–Mozart

Darius Bennett, clarinet

Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

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His Eyes Mission in Honduras

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The people of Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world

Our elementary, middle, high, college and grad students returning from Spring Break

The staff and faculty of Monroe County United Ministries

First Presbyterian Church in Brazil continues to provide traditional worship and education (with a vibrant youth program). We also provide a meal for the community every Sunday night (52 weeks a year). As the Pandemic has dissipated a bit, we have renewed our commitment to organize events to draw people to our building. Accordingly, we are now organizing movie nights and concerts (we had the ISU Sycamore Singers this past November and the Brazil Community Choir in December). We anticipate several events in the coming year. We are increasingly emphasizing the need for all church members to identify opportunities to invite others to visit our church family. The church is also participating in a program entitled "Sacred Places" which emphasizes church involvement in local communities and also gives grant money for maintenance of historic buildings. We thank God for our past and look with joy to the future. Rev. Alan Finnan is our pastor.



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