



The King of Turnarounds

My idea of God is not a divine idea. It has to be shattered time after time. He shatters it himself. He is the great iconoclast. Could we not almost say that this shattering is one of the marks of his presence? The Incarnation is the supreme example; it leaves all previous ideas of the Messiah in ruins.

C. S. Lewis

ORDER OF WORSHIP | MARCH 24, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.
(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Trumpet Tune in G (Jeremy J. Bankson)

JONATHAN
WITTMAN, Trumpet

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PASTOR BARBER

Call to Worship — adap. from Psalms 34:3; 118:1, 19, 20, 24

Pastor: Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised!

People: **O magnify the LORD with me. Let us exalt God's name together!**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Pastor: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

All: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

❖ Hymn — Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (music next page)

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

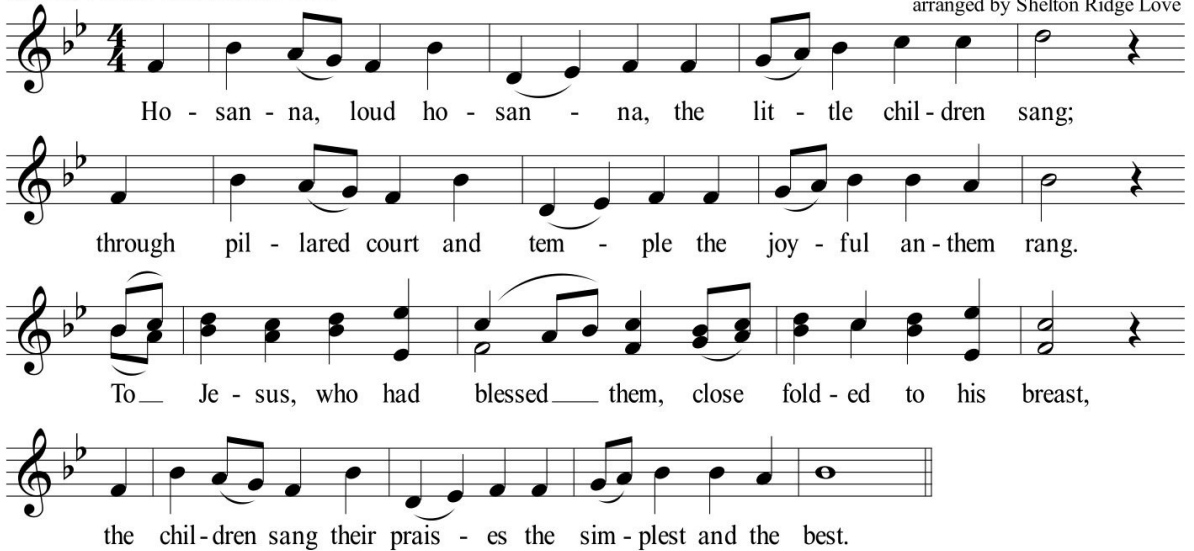
PASTOR EVANS

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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Lyrics by Jennette Threfall (1821-1880)

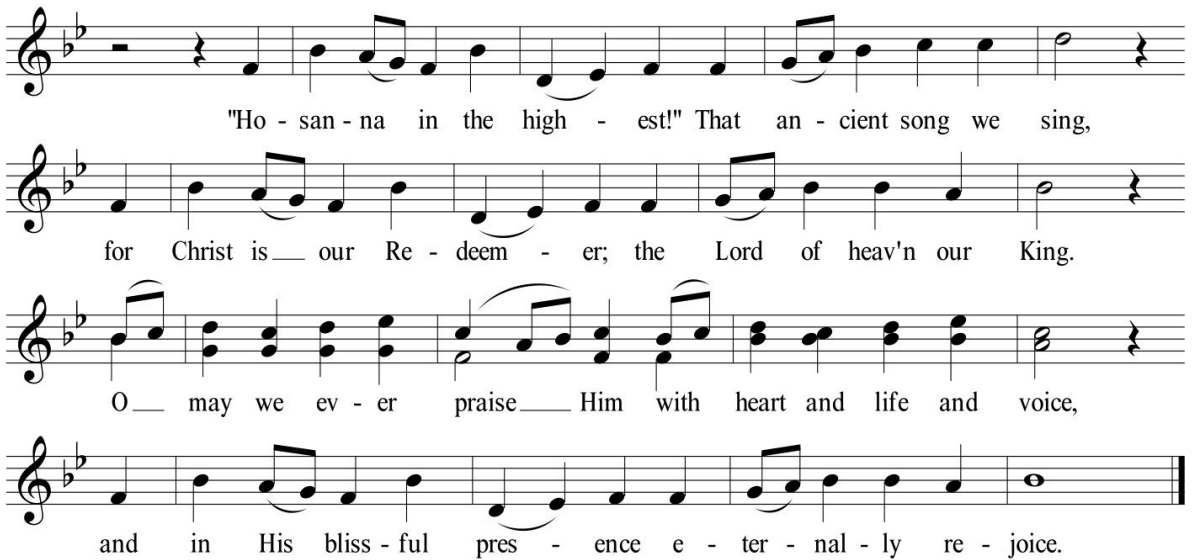
Melody from the 'Gesangbuch der Herzog'
arranged by Shelton Ridge Love



Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the chil - dren sang their prais - es the sim - plest and the best.

CHOIR only:

From Olivet they followed amid a joyful 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.



"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,
for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,
and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. How does Christ fill the office of a king?

A. Christ fills the office of a king in making us his willing subjects, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

❖ **Doxology**

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament reading — Zechariah 9:9–13 (Pew Bible, p. 1013)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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ELDER TODD
METZLER

13 For I have bent Judah as my bow;
I have made Ephraim its arrow.
I will stir up your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

Zechariah 9:9–13

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTOR EVANS

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

O God, you are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We confess that our hearts fail to praise you. We are ignorant and blind to your glory. Our minds are darkened to your grace. How quickly we have replaced you as Lord with either our own selves or some other created being. We have not given you the praise and worship that you are so worthy of receiving. We have left the praising of your name to the mountains, the seas, and the rocks which cry out to your great creating love. Open our hearts anew to worship you with transformed hearts. May we become people that adorn you with praise in all of our speech and actions.

Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned.

John 3:16–18a (Pew Bible, p. 1130)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — This is the Day (From Psalm 118; Dan Forrest)

This is the day the LORD has made, We will rejoice and be glad in it.
The LORD is my strength, the LORD is my song, He has become my salvation.
The LORD is my strength, the LORD is my song, You are my God, I will exalt you.
This is the day the LORD has made, We will rejoice and be glad in it.

CHANCEL and
GRACE & PEACE
Choirs

❖ Psalm 118 — Now Open Wide the Gates (music on page 8)

*Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.
Parents please pick up children after the service.*

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The King of Turnarounds — Luke 19:28–48 (Pew Bible, p. 1117)

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

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³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words. Luke 19:28–48

❖ Hymn (Trinity #235) — All Glory, Laud, and Honor (music on page 9)

❖ **GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAM — 6pm

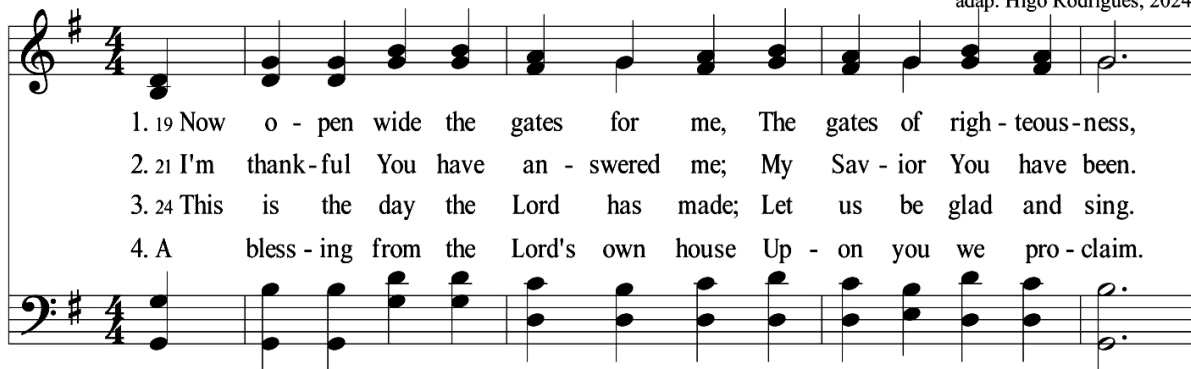
Psalm 118 — Now Open Wide the Gates

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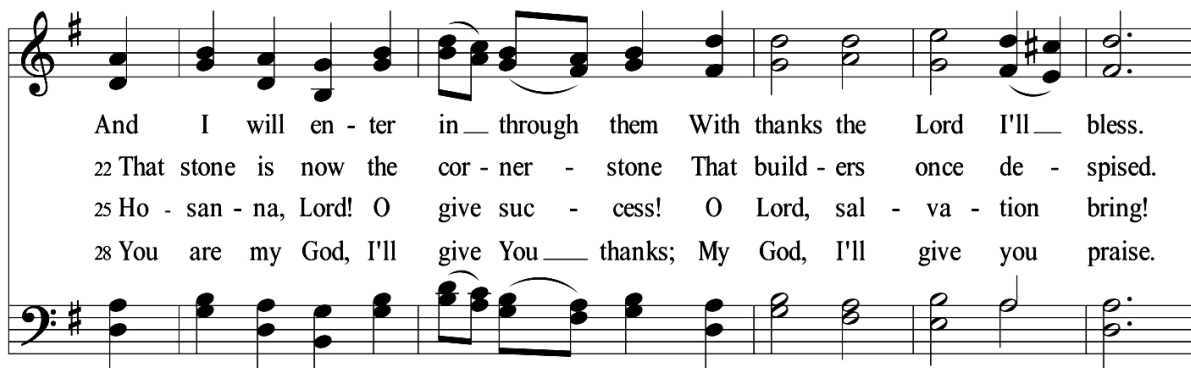
Oliver Holden, 1793

Psalm 118:19-26, 28, 29

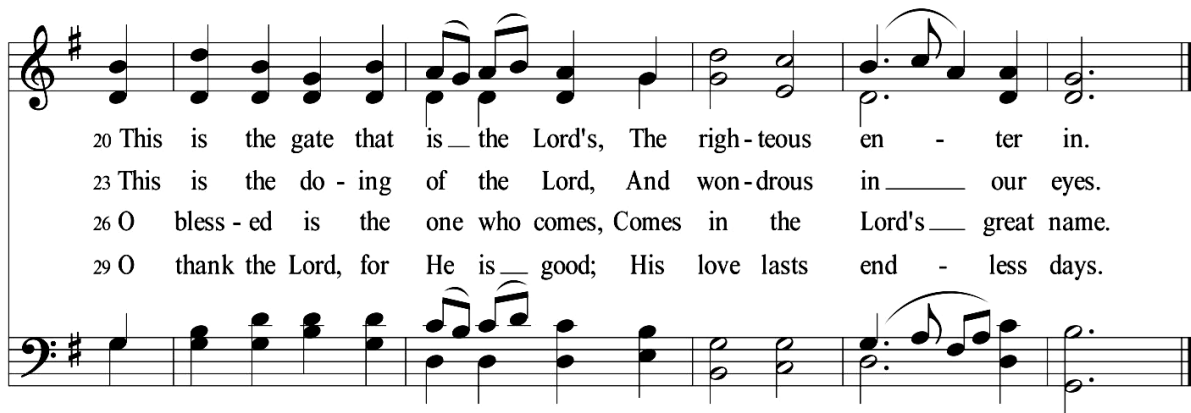
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1. 19 Now o - pen wide the gates for me, The gates of righ - teous - ness,
2. 21 I'm thank - ful You have an - swered me; My Sav - ior You have been.
3. 24 This is the day the Lord has made; Let us be glad and sing.
4. A bless - ing from the Lord's own house Up - on you we pro - claim.



And I will en - ter in — through them With thanks the Lord I'll — bless.
22 That stone is now the cor - ner - stone That build - ers once de - spised.
25 Ho - san - na, Lord! O give suc - cess! O Lord, sal - va - tion bring!
28 You are my God, I'll give You — thanks; My God, I'll give you praise.



20 This is the gate that is — the Lord's, The righ - teous en - ter in.
23 This is the do - ing of the Lord, And won - drous in — our eyes.
26 O bless - ed is the one who comes, Comes in the Lord's — great name.
29 O thank the Lord, for He is — good; His love lasts end - less days.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAM—Tonight at 6:00pm.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—March 28, 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE—March 31, 10:45am

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesdays at 9:15-11:30AM and 6:30–8:00PM

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson.

JR. & SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT—April 19-21. For more information and to register go to the "Youth Group" page on our website. **Registration deadline is Sunday, March 31st!**

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Richard & Robyn Crane—MTW: Cuba (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

Attendance and Financial Information for March 17, 2024

SS: 147 - AM: 292

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 15,608.69
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$219,726.05
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$244,640.88
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$231,905.70
 Slides & Rides Fundraiser	 \$1,150.00



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