

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John McCallum

PRELUDE

Piano/ Organ Duet

“God So Loved the World”

“John Stainer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

John McCallum

Gracious God, having heard your Word,
we thankfully remember the life
of our Lord Jesus Christ on this earth.
Yet we also acknowledge our failure
to respond earnestly and faithfully to his witness.
We often mistake Jesus for a mere earthly king,
friendly companion, or problem-solver,
failing to see him as the ruler of all creation.
We do not appreciate the depth
of his passion and sacrifice on the cross,
failing to acknowledge him as our way of salvation.
Even in this Lenten season, we have not walked faithfully
in the way of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, we pray, and bring us ever more fully
into the joy of union with Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR”

(Hymn #204)

(REFRAIN)

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

(VERSE 1)

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 2)

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 3)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

(VERSE 4)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

TIME OF PRAYER

Chenayla Welch

Call to Confession

Like the people who greeted Jesus
as he entered Jerusalem
and then later pronounced "Crucify him,"
we are fickle people who often deny Christ
in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
Remembering the events of Jesus' last week
helps us see ourselves for what we are:
sinners in need of a Savior,
a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ.

In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

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Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Lord, we shout hosannas to praise you. With eager hands, we place our cloaks and palms on the path before you. Yet, Lord, we confess that the mouths that seek to praise you often deny or defy you. And we confess that the hands that seek to serve you often become fists. Lord, hear us as we confess.

[*Silence*]

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
**For Christ came into the world
not to condemn the world,
but that the world through him should be saved.**
Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.
**And walk in love,
as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Hosanna! Amen!**

—based on Matthew 21:8-9; John 3:17; Ephesians 5:1-2

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

SONG OF WORSHIP:

...*PLEASE REMAIN SEATED*

“I THEN SHALL LIVE”

(Hymn #507)

(VERSE 1)

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
the law of love I gladly will obey.

(VERSE 2)

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
then I'll be there to care and follow through.

(VERSE 3)

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
your power and glory, let them shine through me;
your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
and may your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
and may you feed a hungry world through me.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Judy Potter

Invitation to the Offering

Let our hosannas to the one who brings liberation
take form in our tithes and offering.

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***Doxology**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God of all good gifts,
we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.
May these gifts lead to great feasting
for those who have no banquets set before them.
May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer
for those who are homeless.
May these gifts proclaim your desire
that all your creation live in peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God,
in the name of the one who came to draw all people to
himself,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

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The children are excused at this time to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

Piano/Organ duet

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Deitrich Buxtehude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 3:22-4:2 (NIV)

Lois Robertson

²² “Return, faithless people;

I will cure you of backsliding.”

“Yes, we will come to you,

for you are the LORD our God.

²³ Surely the idolatrous commotion on the hills

and mountains is a deception;

surely in the LORD our God

is the salvation of Israel.

²⁴ From our youth shameful gods have consumed

the fruits of our ancestors’ labor—

their flocks and herds,

their sons and daughters.

²⁵ Let us lie down in our shame,

and let our disgrace cover us.

We have sinned against the LORD our God,

both we and our ancestors;

from our youth till this day

we have not obeyed the LORD our God.”

4 “If you, Israel, will return,

then return to me,”

declares the LORD.

“If you put your detestable idols out of my sight

and no longer go astray,

² and if in a truthful, just and righteous way

you swear, ‘As surely as the LORD lives,’

then the nations will invoke blessings by him

and in him they will boast.”

Luke 19: 28-44 (NIV)

Lois Robertson

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle

you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

MESSAGE

Dick Avery

"If You Had Only Known"

***CLOSING SONG**

"BE THOU MY VISION"

(Hymn #532)

(VERSE 1)

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

(VERSE 2)

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

(VERSE 3)

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

Dick Avery

POSTLUDE

Piano/ Organ Duet

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

Melchior Teschnek

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*There are Team Meetings after church today!
Stay a while!*

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In the pulpit today: : **Dick Avery** grew up in suburban Chicago. Through the ministry of young life he entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dick attended Princeton University. After his freshman year, he spent the summer working with a Presbyterian missionary in Yucatan, Mexico. Seeing the vitality of faith and the joy of Christians who lived in poverty and had little education, Dick became concerned about the general apathy of U.S. Christians who lived in the midst of abundance.

Dick then attended Fuller Theological Seminary. After his second year, he spent ten months in South Africa and Lesotho as an intern with African Enterprise, which seeks to evangelize the cities of Africa. He returned to Fuller, where he was president of the student body and received his Master of Divinity in 1967.

The next ten years Dick served congregations in Southern California.

Dick and Judy were married in July, 1975. In 1977, Dick accepted the call to be senior pastor of Shadle Park Presbyterian Church, Spokane, where he served 34 Years until his retirement in 2011.

Dick has been active in the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest and on the board of Habitat for Humanity-Spokane. Dick and Judy are on the leadership committee of Northwest Spokane Young Life. They have three children, Kristen, Peter and Lindsay, and six grand kids.