

## ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME AND LIFTING OUR VOICES

*As you gather, take time quietly to sit and prepare your heart to worship God*

**Prelude**      **“Voluntary in C for 2 Trumpets”**      *Henry Purcell*  
*(Notes about today's music can be found in the bulletin at the end of the worship section)*

### Welcome, Announcements

\* **Call to Worship** – A Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

**Leader:** When he had come near Bethpage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it!"

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

**Pastor:** So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

**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!**

**Leader:** As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

**People:** **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**Pastor:** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**People:** **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light.**

\***Hymn #196**      **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

### \*Prayer of Adoration

**Leader:** Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

**People:** **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Leader:** We raise our voices along with our Palms...

**People:** **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Leader:** A city set upon a hill cannot be hidden!

**People:** **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Leader:** Fling wide the gates and open the ancient doors!

**People:** **That the King of Glory may enter!**

**Leader:** Amen, Come Lord Jesus Christ!

**People:** **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!**

## CONFESSING AND RESPONDING TO FORGIVENESS

### Call to Confession & Unison Prayer of Confession

**Source of our hope and promise, we would rather sing hosannas with a cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob; we would rather dine at your table with those we call friends, than admit we are no different from those we consider enemies; we would rather imagine our faithfulness in the face of opposition and temptation, than admit that we too might betray you with a kiss. Forgive the fickleness of our devotion, and strengthen our resolve to follow Christ each and every day, even to the cross. Amen.**

**-Silent Personal Prayer-**

### Assurance of Pardon:

**Pastor:** Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** **God takes our brokenhearted prayers and crafts them into words of grace, of joy, of peace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### \*Passing the Peace

### \*Gloria #582

#### “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. **World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### Time with Children

#### Special Music

#### “The Palms”

*Faure*

*Sanctuary Choir*

I O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in festal preparation, Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away; E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

**Refrain:** Join, sing His name divine, Let every voice resound with united acclamation, Hosanna! Praised be the Lord, Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

2 His word goes forth, and people by its might Once more their freedom gain from degradation; Humanity doth give to each his right, While those in darkness find restored the light. [Refrain]

3 Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, Of all thy songs sing the emancipation; Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem Brings forth the hope to thee forevermore. [Refrain]

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament**      **Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29**      *(OT Pg 735)*

**Gospel**      **Mark 11:1-11**      *(NT Pg 106)*

**Sermon**      **“Enter the King”**      *Pastor Scot*

## RESPONDING TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

\***Hymn 198**      **“Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!”**

\***Affirmation of Faith** - *adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.09)*

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. Amen.**

### Invitation to the Offering

#### Offertory

#### “Just Beyond the Palms”

*Joseph Martin*

*Sanctuary Choir*

All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King.  
We lift our songs as one, Our loud hosannas ring.

Come, walk the way of palms with me.

Follow the One who come to set His people free.

Behold your King! Behold your King! The city gates are open wide,  
Great songs of praise are lifted to the Lord on high.

Behold your King! Behold your King! Hosanna to the King of glory.

Is this Messiah? Where is His crown? I this the One? The question resounds!

Is this the Savior? Where is His robe? Is this the King that was foretold?

Come, see this miracle unfold! Ride on, ride on in majesty.

Walk on, walk on, and climb the hill to Calvary. Behold your King! Behold your King!

Lift up your heads, Jerusalem. See now the Lion goes to die, a Lamb!

Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb of God!

### \*Doxology #606

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

### \*Prayer of Dedication

#### Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

### \*Hymn #197

#### “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

## GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

#### “Marche Triomphale”

*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*(Many people at Hilltop prefer to be seated to listen to the Postlude. If leaving, please do so quietly. Thank you.)* \*(Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)

**Palm Sunday Brunch** - Please join us at Hilltop House immediately after service for Palm Sunday Brunch.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

**Greeting you at the front door** is Cathy Malman.

**Our Reader** is Mitzi Fox.

**Our Usher Coordinator** is David Kerr.

**Operating our Video System** is Bob Willis.

**Operating our Sound System** is Greg Smith.

#### PRAYING TOGETHER AT HILLTOP:

**If you wish to speak to the Pastor** Reverend Scot McCachren you can email him at [rev.scot.mcc@gmail.com](mailto:rev.scot.mcc@gmail.com). For pastoral needs after hours please call (201)400-1834.

**Area of Ministry:** Session  
**Nt'l Mission:** Women's Ministries

**Local Mission:** Table of Hope  
**Int'l Mission:** One Great Hour

## ABOUT THE MUSIC IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Henry Purcell spent much of his very short life as organist of Westminster Abbey. He would write many pieces for solemn and grand ceremonies, including his Voluntary for 2 Trumpets. For many years he would be miscredited for writing 'Trumpet Voluntary,' a piece very often used at weddings, now credited to his contemporary, Jeremiah Clarke.

Sigfrid Karg-Elert was a German organist and composer who lived in the early part of the 20th Century. His mentor was the great Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Even though his was appointed Professor of Composition at the Leipzig Conservatory, his Alma Mater, his skills as an organist were not as favorable as other notable organists of that time, particularly Marcel Dupre and Louis Vierne. He was a diabetic, which eventually took his life in 1933, at the age of 55. Today's march is based upon the hymn, 'Now Thank We All Our God,' which is present throughout the piece but only clearly heard at major resting points.

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT HILLTOP CHURCH!

**We are blessed by your presence with us!** Whether today is your first time worshipping at Hilltop or you've been a member for decades, we are glad you are here and pray that the living God will touch your life as you worship with us this morning. +++ **We love having children in worship.** We provide **Noah's Ark Nursery** (with attendants) for children 4 and under but, of course, they are always welcome in worship. Please don't be overly concerned about bothering others. If you do feel you need to take your child out of the sanctuary during the service, we hope you'll return when you feel the time is right. +++ Out of respect for those worshipping near you **please take a moment to turn off cell phones.**



**For additional information please use this QR code to learn more.**

## ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A NEW CHURCH HOME?

We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of Hilltop. We are always looking for new ways to embody Jesus' call to love God and our neighbors in this community and throughout the world. We have a heart for mission and we believe in including children and families in everything we do. We'd love for you to be part of our future, continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

### While you're here, please:

- **Fill out** a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know you were here and to request a call or visit from the pastor.
- **Pick up a copy of the Spire** (our church newsletter).
- **Speak with the pastor** and help us get to know you.

## COMING UP AT HILLTOP...

### Adult Education at Hilltop Church

**Women's Bible Study Group** - Thursday mornings in the Hilltop House Library from 9:45-11:30 am

**Men's Bible Study Group** - Saturday mornings in the Hilltop House Library from 8:30-10:00 am

**Adult Education** - Sundays immediately after Church in the Hilltop House parlor and tries to wrap up its meetings by around 12:30. On the final Sunday of each month there's no formal meeting and, instead, we typically meet off site for fellowship and brunch (location TBD). We hope you'll join us.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering during Lent in which Presbyterians can share God's love with neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. The three programs supported are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Through our collective gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries. Please consider making a contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing by today. There are special offering envelopes in the church pews or indicate your donation is for OGHS. There is an option online through BREEZE. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK AT HILLTOP

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 p.m. Oratorio Choir in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** **The Church Office is Closed on Fridays**

8:30 p.m. AA in the Steelman Room

**Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Hilltop Concert Series

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

### NEXT SUNDAY:

**March 31st, 2024 Easter Sunday**  
**Sunrise Service at 6:30 am in Cemetery**  
**Easter Service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary**  
**Pastor Scot to Preach**

**To worship with us online at 10 am (or anytime after)**  
**please visit the homepage of our website for the link**  
**and bulletin:**

[https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t\\_homepage.asp](https://www.hilltopchurch.org/t_homepage.asp)



MARCH 24TH, 2024

Palm/ Passion Sunday

# Welcome to Hilltop Church

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Mendham, New Jersey

"Proclaiming Christ's Presence and  
Continuing Christ's Work since 1738"

The Hilltop Concert Series presents

### "Carmina Burana"



The Hilltop Oratorio Choir

The New Jersey Youth Chorus

Jocelyn Alam, Soprano Salvatore Montero, Baritone

Dr. Jack Oliva and Lucille Kincaid, Pianists

Kenneth Adessa, Daniel Giannone, Phillip Gallo, Robbie See,

and Shanna Eckervey, Percussionists

James A. Wynne, Conductor

Sunday Afternoon, April 28, 2024 - 3:00 p.m.

Hilltop Presbyterian Church: 20 Hilltop Road Mendham, NJ

Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$10 Students - A Live-Stream Option is Available

For Tickets, call: 973-543-4012

### SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT HILLTOP

Reverend Scot McCachren - Pastor/ Head of Staff

James Wynne - Director of Music Ministries

Tori Legacki- Director of Hilltop Christian Nursery School

Bill Lowe- Clerk of Session Brian Elliott - Treasurer

Dane Manchester - Assistant Treasurer

Amy Beal & Lisa Oberai- Moderators of the Board of Deacons

Bob Willis - Organ Curator & Video Greg Smith - Audio

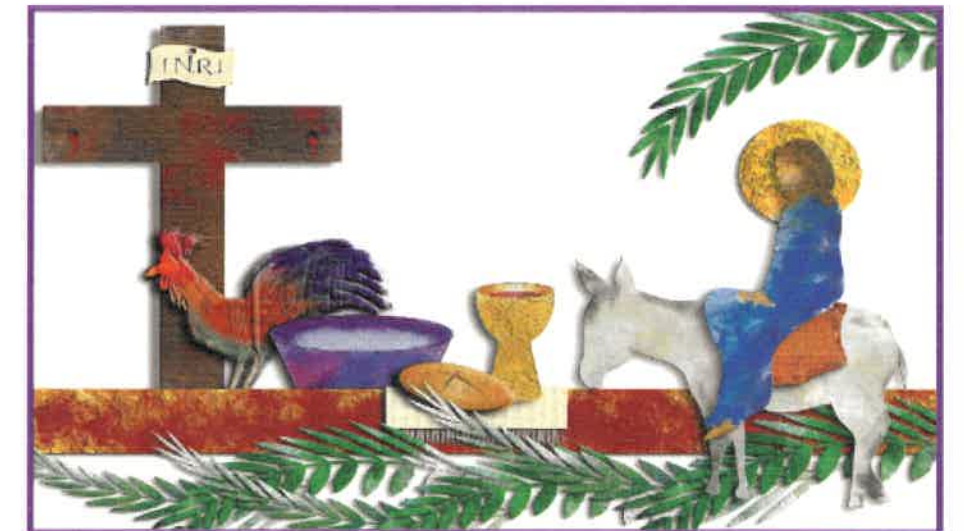
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### MINISTERS

All the Members of Hilltop Church

### OUR MISSION

The purpose of the First Presbyterian Church, Mendham, NJ is to acknowledge and proclaim the presence and power of God and to continue the work of Jesus Christ by loving God, God's world, each other and ourselves. We are committed to the growth of faith, the spreading of the good news, and the mission of caring for those near and far. We fulfill these commitments through prayers, study, sharing, teaching and serving.