

# Grove Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

(Palm, Passion & Confirmation Sunday)

10:15 AM

April 9, 2017

### --Ready for the Word--

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Eithun

### "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Invitation to Worship

*Leader: This is a day of joyous welcome. Yet joy is tempered by the outcome of this week.*

**People: We welcome Christ with waving branches. We wait with Christ through hours of agony.**

*Leader: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.*

**People: Jesus rides into the tumult of our times. Yet, people are still opposed to his way of love.**

*Leader: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition. Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever. Let us now worship our Lord.*

Choral Beginning

by Horman

### "Lo, He Comes!"

\*We Sing Together

Hymnbook No. 89

### "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

We Confess Together

*Holy God, we have blamed you when the hosannas die and the parade turns dark. We rebel against the risks of discipleship. Why raise our voices against the evil we see? What can our voices do? We are just a few voices among millions. Yet, we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, justice, and life. Forgive us and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. Amen.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

*Leader: We have assurance that we are forgiven and that God does not forsake us.*

**People: We receive courage to love in the face of difficulty and to act for truth amid oppression.**

*Leader: Love is at the heart of creation, bringing us to new beginnings, and to resurrection life in all its fullness.*

\*Response

Hymnbook No. 88

### "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

(verse 3)

### --Receiving the Word--

\*Passing of the Peace

Children's Story

\*Song of Praise

Hymnbook No. 91

### "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 884)

Zechariah 9: 9-10

New Testament Lesson (page 23)

Matthew 21: 1-11

Reflection

**"Celebrity"**

Confirmation Class

Introduction by the Parents (Confirmands to stand)

Profession of Faith

Constitutional Questions for Membership and Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Salt and Candles

### --Responding to the Word--

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnbook Pg. 16

Offertory

Arranged by Pethel

### "All Glory Laud and Honor" with "He Is Exalted"

\*Hymn of Commitment

Insert

### "The Palms"

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

### "Whisper of the Palms"

\*Musical Postlude

by Faure

### "The Palms"

\*Please rise as able

Participants in today's service include: Confirmation Class and Elder, David D. Betz (worship leaders), Senior Bells (prelude), Combined Choirs (choral beginning), Senior Choir (offertory, choral benediction), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Steve Cureton (reflection). Reflection for next week: "Scary Movie"