

# Morning Song

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

8:45am Fogartie Hall



Welcome

Gathering Song

Call to Worship

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!**

Blessed is the One who comes with healing and compassion.

**Blessed is the One who comes with forgiveness and mercy.**

Lord, rest your hand of healing on our hearts today.

**Gracious Jesus, let us walk with you today. Amen.**

## Songs of Praise

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain;  
we are reluctant to answer your invitation;  
we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Grant us the help we need to be your people -  
the courage to join you in the procession,  
the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you,  
the freedom to lift our palms to your glory,  
and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven . . .**

### Assurance of Pardon

The one the builders rejected has become our cornerstone.

**Christ offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace.**

Friends, hear and believe the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### Response

### Passing of the Peace

### Life of the Church

### Children's Time

Scripture  
Matthew 21:1-11

Scripture  
John 19:30

Sermon  
"Why the Cross Matters: Triumph"  
Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Communion

Song

Benediction

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Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from Abingdon Worship Annual.

# Participating in Today's Service

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise,

Associate Pastor, Youth and Campus Ministries

Rev. L. Craig Foster,

Associate Pastor, Discipleship and Communications

Rev. Leslie A. Lang

Associate Pastor, Young Adults and Missions

## Morning Song Musicians

Lisa Cunningham, piano/vocals

Kolby Carrouth, drums

Cooper Cecil, electric guitar

Landon Hammett, keyboard/vocals

Anna Harkey, violin

Leigha Keller, vocals

Jeff Key, bass guitar

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