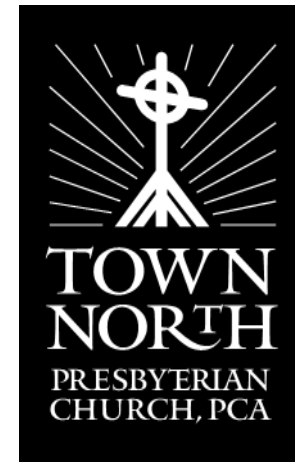


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



The Week's Order of
WORSHIP
for
THE LORD'S DAY

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

WELCOME TO TOWN NORTH!

We are thankful that the Lord brought you to worship with us today! We know that there are no accidents, and God brought you here to enjoy him in worship this morning.

CHILDREN

Here at Town North, we take great joy in inviting children of all ages to join in our worship service alongside their parents. Crying and noisy children are welcome!

Feel free to use our cry room located in the back of the sanctuary or step out into the narthex if you need to take a short break.

Children’s Activity Clipboards are available in the narthex for coloring or taking notes during the worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the shelf after the service.

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years old on the first floor in the Christian Education Building.

CONNECT WITH US

Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle, indicating your attendance with us this morning.

OFFERINGS

Giving is an act of worship. We return a portion of what we have to our Heavenly Father to demonstrate we are not our own, but belong, body and soul, to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Please deposit your offerings in the designated boxes in the Narthex or online through the PCA Foundation using this QR code:



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REFLECTION

“Emmanuel again, knowing that the next battle would issue in his being made master of the place, gave out a royal commandment to all his officers, high captains, and men of war, to be sure to show themselves men of war against Diabolus [the Devil] and all Diabolonians...

So the day being come, the command was given, and the Prince’s men did bravely stand to their arms, and did, as before, bend their main force against Ear-gate and Eye-gate. The word was then, “Mansoul is won!”; so they made their assault upon the town. Diabolus also, as fast as he could, with the main of his power, made resistance from within; and his high lords and chief captains for a time fought very cruelly against the Prince’s army.

But after three or four notable charges by the Prince and his noble captains, Ear-gate was broken open, and the bars and bolts which were used to shut it up against the Prince, were broken into a thousand pieces. Then did the Prince’s trumpet sound, the captains shout, the town shake, and Diabolus retreat to his hold.”

-John Bunyan, *The Holy War*, Baker Book House: Grand Rapids, 1977, p.104.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Hamid Hatami, Pastor of MEHR Ministries*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *Hamid Hatami, Pastor of MEHR Ministries*
Psalm 24:7-10

LEADER:	Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
PEOPLE:	Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, The LORD, mighty in battle!

(Continued...)

LEADER: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

PEOPLE: Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION Hamid Hatami, Pastor of MEHR Ministries

* HYMNS OF PRAISE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From O - liv - et they fol - lowed, 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - t'ry palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state;
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873.
Music: ELLACOMBE, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784. Public Domain.

Hymn 235—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!

Words: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820; Tr.: John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.
Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615. Public Domain.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Hamid Hatami, Pastor of MEHR Ministries*
John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
 behold, your king is coming,
 sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

CONFESSION OF FAITH
***Westminster Confession of Faith 13:
Sanctification—Sections 2, 3 (Modern English Version)***

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

ALL: **This sanctification works in the whole person, but not completely or perfectly in this life. The old sinful nature retains some of its control in body, mind, and spirit. And so a continual and irreconcilable war goes on in every believer. The old nature tries to get its way in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit fights to assert its authority over the flesh.**

Although the old nature temporarily wins battles in this warfare, the continual strengthening of the sanctifying Spirit of Christ enables the regenerate nature in each believer to overcome. And so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
from Romans 7:15-20, 24

ALL: **Almighty God,
I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.
For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.
For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.
O Lord, deliver me from my wretchedness and this body of death.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN
In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *Hamid Hatami, Pastor of MEHR Ministries*
from Romans 7:25, 8:1-4

LEADER: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en,
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him;

to his feet your trib - ute bring;
to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
well our fee - ble frame he knows;
blows the wind and it is gone;
you be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
praise him, still the same for - ev - er,
in his hands he gent - ly bears us,
but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

who, like me, his praise should sing?
slow to chide and from swift to bless;
res - cues us from all our foes;
God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
dwell - ers all in time and space,

Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,

praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise the High E - ter - nal One.
praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1834; mod. From Psalm 103.
Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869. Public Domain.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

1. To Christ the Lord let ev - 'ry tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute bring
2. He saw me plunged in deep dis - tress, he fled to my re - lief
3. To him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have.
4. Since from his boun - ty I re - ceive such proofs of love di - vine,

when he's the sub - ject of the song, who can re - fuse to sing?
for me he bore the shame - ful cross, and car - ried all my grief;
He makes me tri - umph o - ver death and saves me from the grave;
had I a thou - sand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be thine;

Sur - vey the beau - ties of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell,
his hand a thou - sand bless - ings pours, up - on my guil - ty head,
to Heav'n the place of his a - bode, he brings my wea - ry feet,
a thou - sand men could not com - pose a wor - thy song to bring,

think of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs tell.
his pre - sence gilds my dark - est hours, and guards my sleep - ing bed.
shows me the glo - ries of my God and makes my joy com - plete.
yet your love is a mel - o - dy our hearts can't help but sing.

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* SCRIPTURE READING

David Hitt, Elder

Romans 7:14-25

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

“Jesus Began the War and He Will Finish It”

[illegible]

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Grape juice is in the purple cups in the center of the tray. Wine is in the clear cups around the outside of the tray. The matzo bread is gluten free.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served. Used cups may be placed in the baskets in the narthex after the service.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - dee - mer. There is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. For, by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - ow Je - sus. For he has



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis - played.
par - don, and he was raised to ov - er - throw the grave.
new me, un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.



To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my
To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend me through the
To this I hold, my sin has been de - fea - ted. Je - sus
To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the



life is wholl - y bound to his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep - est vall - ey he will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I
now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can
glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my



sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
shall ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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* BENEDICTION

Hamid Hatami, Pastor of MEHR Ministries

Jude 24-25

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

Next Week:

TEXT: *Acts 13:26-41*

PREACHER: David Rogers, Pastor
