



# Palm Sunday

Hosanna:  
Blessed is  
the King!

John 12:13

## Welcome to Grace!

May God bless you this morning as we worship Him together! We extend a special welcome to those who are with us for the first time and are glad you are here!

**Nursery service** is available for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located on the northeast corner of the main level. Go through the double doors across from the Sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall, then through the double doors on the far side of the hall to the right.

**Restrooms** are located in the office wing on the east side of the Sanctuary (access at end of narthex).

Blue **Communication Cards** are available on the back table in the Sanctuary to help us connect with our **visitors and newcomers** and receive **updates and requests for information or prayer** from any who have need. Please place in the basket on the back table.

**Classes** for all ages to help us grow in Christ begin at **9:30 a.m.** on Sundays. After our classes and before worship, please join us for **refreshments** and catch up with everyone **in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

Please help us observe the policy of our hosts by refraining from bringing food or drink into the Sanctuary except for water and the needs of small children.

\*You are invited to stand as you are able for starred parts of the service.

# Jesus Is Lord and Christ

March 24, 2024

Gathering Time

Welcome

Piano Prelude (*please be seated and prepare for worship*)

\*Call to Worship

John 12:12–13

\*Opening Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present:  
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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\*Prayer of Praise

\*Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Songs of Praise

*Beautiful Savior*

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

Chorus

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, Heaven's Champion,  
And You reign, You reign over all.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer.  
I will sing of the blood that never fails,  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

(Repeat Chorus)

I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
Where countless worshippers will share one song  
And cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb.

(Repeat Chorus)

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### *He Is the Lord*

He is Lord; He is Lord.  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.  
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

(Repeat)

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Preparation for Confession

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Private Confession of Sin

Declaration of Grace

Romans 10:8-11

\*Hymn of Faith

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

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The Community of Grace

Offering (*see community page for electronic giving options*)

\*Offertory Response

*We Praise You, O God,  
Our Redeemer, Creator (v. 1)*

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

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\*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 2:22-36

"The Promised King" - Pastor Todd Bowen

\*Hymn of Response

*In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Til on the cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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\*Benediction



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## Our Mission

Grace Covenant Church exists to *glorify God*

- ✚ By **exalting Him** in true worship,
- ✚ By **equipping His people** for ministry, and
- ✚ By **extending His kingdom** in  
Central Nebraska unto the ends of the earth.

## Our Identity

***We are Evangelical*** (from *euangelion* in New Testament Greek – “good news”). We believe the Gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, God’s revealed and authoritative Word. The Gospel is central among the themes of Scripture, and is to be central in the worship, life, and ministry of our church.

***We are Reformed***. We hold to the great Biblical truths that were recovered in the Protestant Reformation. Our understanding of these truths is summarized in our doctrinal standards, the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. These truths are important in the teaching and leadership of our church.

***We are Presbyterian***. Our church is governed by elders (*presbuteros* in New Testament Greek), who shepherd and lead the congregation, and deacons, who serve in the areas of finances, property, and ministries of mercy. Our understanding of these Biblical offices and other matters of church government and worship are summarized in the *Book of Church Order* of our denomination, the *Presbyterian Church in America*.