



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.

*\*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.*

*Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.*

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Partita on “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”: Maestoso and Andante  
by Michael Burkhardt

*If you are interested in waving a palm branch during the intergenerational procession of the palms, please come to room 103 (the library) to receive a palm branch and line up during the Prelude. All ages are welcome!*

CALL TO WORSHIP "Christ's Palm Sunday Welcome"  
Austin C. Lovelace

People of God, let us come:  
**as a community sharing joy and grief, pain and promise.**

Let us come:  
**as followers of the One who bears light and brings life.**

Let us come:  
**as pilgrims on a journey toward justice and peace.**

We come, crying out:  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

\*SONG OF WORSHIP “Onward Christian Pilgrims” *Insert*  
*Intergenerational procession of the palms*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
God who journeys with us—  
**This week we have had opportunities to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and we have not always chosen the way of love and compassion.**

For the times we have seen others in need and did not turn to help,  
**O God, have mercy. SILENCE**

For the times we have said cruel words or held back words of kindness,  
**O God, have mercy. SILENCE**

For the times we have been critical or failed to offer needed encouragement,  
**O God, have mercy. SILENCE**

For the times our apathy or weariness have kept us complacent and complicit,  
**O God, have mercy. SILENCE**

In your mercy,  
**renew us and restore us in the ways of Jesus in whose name we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS  
When we expect judgment, **God offers love.**  
When we anticipate anger, **God extends grace.**  
When we await wrath, **God gives peace.**  
This is the good news:  
**The One who came will come again bringing the fullness of love, grace, and peace. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE  
Congregation, bless your children.  
**You are God’s beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.**

\*SONG OF PREPARATION “How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13)”  
**O Lord our God to you we come  
Will you still hide your face  
We cry before you and on our knees we pray  
How long O Lord how long**

CHORUS  
**Till your glory fills our eyes  
And our faith is turned to sight  
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied  
How long O Lord how long**  
**Our sorrows leave us weak and worn  
Injustice seems to reign  
Lord we are shaken and we are losing strength  
How long O Lord how long CHORUS**

**But we will trust your steadfast love  
your grace will be our song  
you bring new mercies with ev’ry rising sun  
How long O Lord how long CHORUS**

SCRIPTURE & SERMON Lamentations 4  
“Lament as . . . Helplessness”

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*SONG OF LAMENT “Have Mercy”  
**Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.  
O Lord have mercy. O Lord have mercy. REPEAT**

THE JOURNEY FROM PALMS TO PASSION  
There was no royal announcement—  
no nation-wide celebration on the day you entered the world.  
You came in a rough-hewn shed—  
welcomed by the brays of colts and bleats of sheep.  
**Come again, long-expected One.**

There was no priestly initiation—  
no religious ceremony on the day you entered into ministry.  
You came baptized by a locust-eating prophet—  
welcomed by leper and liar, blind and beggar, worn and weary.  
**Come again, long-expected One.**

There was no imperial welcome—  
no military procession on the day you entered Jerusalem.  
You came amid tattered cloaks and tender branches—  
welcomed by hosanna-shouts and plotting stares.  
**Come again, long-expected One.**

There were no shouts of hosanna—  
no fearless followers on the week you entered the Passion.  
You came carrying a cross, wearing a crown of thorns—  
welcomed by cries of “Crucify him!”  
**Come again, long-expected One.**

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #153 “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”  
*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING SONG “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”  
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle, blessing one another in song.*  
**My friends, may you grow in grace,  
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.  
My friends, may you grow in grace,  
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.  
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.  
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

\*POSTLUDE “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”  
arr. by Norman Johnson  
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## THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND

Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

### ARE YOU A GUEST TODAY?

Welcome--we're so glad you've come to worship with us! If you're looking for a church to call your own, we hope you'll return another Sunday to get to know us even better. SRC values history and tradition as well as creativity and innovation. We try not to take ourselves too seriously. Most of all, we're a congregation where anyone can belong just as they are. God welcomes all. And so do we.

### INTERESTED IN RECEIVING SRC EMAILS?

Please email Rachel at [rachel@2refpella.org](mailto:rachel@2refpella.org) to sign up to receive SRC's weekly newsletter (*On Second Thoughts*) and other important announcements. Archived copies of the weekly newsletters are on SRC's website.

### PREFER TO GIVE ONLINE?

Secure online giving is now available through our financial record-keeping program (Aplos) and its payment processing provider (Stripe). You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations. Access SRC's online giving page using this QR code or by going to <https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/SecondReformedChurch/General>. Thank you for your generous support of SRC's mission!



### CREATION CARE CLASS

The SRC Education Council is offering a course this spring entitled "Creation Care and the Responsibilities of Christian Communities in a Time of Global Disruption."

- **Tuesday, April 7th** (7:00 pm, Gathering Space) Professor Russ Benedict will speak on "Personal, Congregational, and Community Action Opportunities for Earth Stewardship and Climate Justice in Iowa"
- **Sunday, April 12th** (worship) Guest Preacher Rev. Carla Stoltzfus Detweiler "Who is My Neighbor?"

Feel free to invite friends from the community who would be interested in learning about creation care, climate justice, and how our faith can guide meaningful action.

### CURIOS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Interested in learning more about membership at Second? Join us for Take a Second Look, a brief gathering that takes a look at membership and ministry at Second. This discovery gathering will meet **Sunday, April 19** after worship and be done at 11:45 AM. The sign up can be found in *On Second Thoughts*. Contact Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Mike ([elizabeth@2refpella.org](mailto:elizabeth@2refpella.org); [mike@2refpella.org](mailto:mike@2refpella.org)) with any questions.

## CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF March 29, 2026

### TODAY

- 9:45 am Worship Service
- 2:30 pm High School Youth Group
- 4:00 pm Handbell Choir
- 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

### MONDAY

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 6:30 pm Consistory Meeting

### TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation

### WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

### THURSDAY

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Open for Prayer
- 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service

### NEXT SUNDAY

- 9:45 am Easter Worship Service

**Greeters:** Mark & Kathy Thompson, Nancy VanderBroek  
Next Week: Sherril Graham

**Nursery:** Jessi Galligan, Neriah Hardeman  
Next Week:

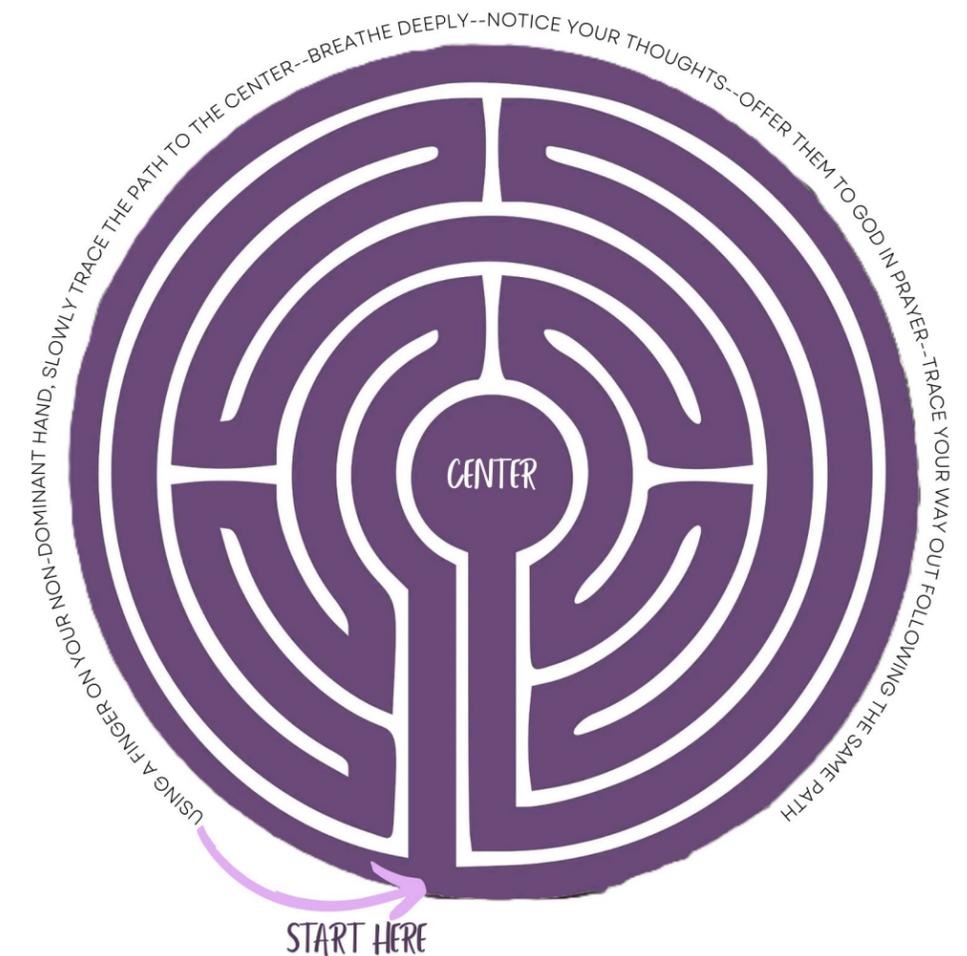
**Storyteller:** Sara Hefflefinger, Jackson Renaud  
Next Week: No Children & Worship--Family Worship

**Barista:** Lisa Zylstra  
Next Week: Sherril Graham

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## Second Reformed Church

## Palm to Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026 - 9:45 am

## ENGAGING HOLY WEEK

### SANCTUARY OPEN FOR HOLY WEEK PRAYER

The SRC Sanctuary will be open for prayer during the normal office hours of Holy Week. Please enter through the Gathering Space (either east or north door), walk down the cloister walk, consider participating in one of the lament exercises, dip your fingers in the baptismal water in the lobby/narthex, and then enter the sanctuary for a time of quiet reflection and prayer. The sanctuary will be open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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## LEARNING TO LAMENT: HOLY WEEK

As we enter into Holy Week, consider engaging the daily practices below.

### MONDAY LAMENT AS NAMING

What loss or grief in your life, community, country, or world can you name honestly before God today?

### TUESDAY LAMENT AS IMAGINATION

Take a few quiet moments to practice breath prayer today:  
*INHALE:* Fill me with your divine imagination, O God.  
*EXHALE:* So that I may join you at work in the world.

### WEDNESDAY LAMENT AS HOPE

At the end of the day, make a “remembering list” of ways you have glimpsed God's mercy or signs of hope in your life/the world in the past 24 hours.

### THURSDAY LAMENT AS REPENTANCE

What is one apology you can make, act of repair/reconciliation you can initiate, or harmful pattern you can change today?

### FRIDAY LAMENT AS COMPASSION

Today, keep your eyes open for one tangible expression of compassion you can show to someone in need of kindness.

### SATURDAY LAMENT AS HELPLESSNESS

Begin or end your day by lighting a candle.  
*LIGHTING THE CANDLE, SAY:*  
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“Onward Christian Pilgrims”

*Intergenerational procession of the palms*



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