

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

March 29, 2026

“Songs of Loudest Praise”

#6 in the series

Wandering Heart:

Figuring Out Faith With Peter

Scripture Texts (NRSVUE)

John 12:12-16

Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 118: 25-26



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. We often say, “hindsight is 20/20” - a way to explain that things sometimes become clear at a later time.
 - When have you experienced a “hindsight is 20/20” situation? What happened?
 - What did you learn from that situation?
3. **Read John 12: 12-13, Psalm 118:25-26.**

Entering Jerusalem, Jesus is met by a crowd waving palm branches, shouting, and singing.

 - What’s the significance of their song - “Hosanna!” - which translates to “Save Us”?
 - How do you explain the power of music to capture and ignite the emotions of those who gather around a common cause or purpose?
4. **Read John 12:14-15, Zechariah 9:9.**
 - What does Jesus’ securing of a donkey tell us about the true meaning of his ride into Jerusalem?
 - Even though Jesus’ ride into Jerusalem was not triumphal in a royal or military sense, why did the crowd embrace him as someone to follow in that moment?
5. **Read John 12:16.**
 - Why would the disciples not have fully understood what they were witnessing during Jesus entry into Jerusalem?
 - Although Peter is not mentioned in this text, and based on what we have learned about him as a “wandering heart” throughout this series, how do you imagine he was processing the jubilant procession into Jerusalem?
6. Consider the role of songs of praise in our private and corporate worship.
 - How do they jog and intersect memories of our faith journey?
 - How do you respond to the idea that memories are a strong theological teacher?
7. How can we pray for you?