



Welcome to Worship

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Allegro from Concerto in D Major

Georg Philipp Telemann

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds this week, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Ride Through Jerusalem

Michael Bedford

CALL TO WORSHIP

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

Hosanna! Save us!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Let us worship the living God!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

Palm Processional with children

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a-way my sin. From earth-born pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with-in.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

WAREHAM; Arr. Howard Helvey

1. (All) Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. (Men) Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. (Women) Ride on, ride on in majesty! The host of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.
4. (All) Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.
5. (All) Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

*WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

page 492 of the pew Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11: 1-11

page 823 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Not Today"

Dr. Zieman

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

*SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Meditation

Geoffrey Robbins

*DOXOLOGY (#711)

Lord of All Good

TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your ho - ly purpose to ful - fill,
to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new, that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #209

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

Arr. Benjamin M. Culli

1. (All) My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2. (Women) He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
3. (Men) Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
4. (Choir only) Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer we save, the prince of life we slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
5. (All) Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Hymns of the Cross

arr. Philip Keveren

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Staci Voss, serving on the Membership Committee	
Music	Children's Choir, Jayne Frederickson, director Alleluia Singers, Kristi Treu, director Jason Johnson, trumpet; Mark Kanitz, organ	
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher	
Ushers	9:00 Darold Bauer, Captain; Mimi Bauer, Roger and Nancy Utman 11:10 Dennis Boesen, Captain; Amy Boesen, Bidong Tot, Alta Empkey	
Greeters	North Door: 9:00 Doug Larson South Door: 9:00 Ken and Cindy Nisley	11:10 Gena Marks 11:10 Sue Jenkins
Information Center	9:00 Kristin Jacobi	11:10 Sharon Walsh
Coffee Hosts	Congregational Life Committee	

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Announcements

For the week of March 24, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Children's palm processional
- 10:00 Lenten Study/Fancy Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Children's/Youth SS Classes
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary/Children's palm processional
- 12:30 APNC Committee
- 4:45 JHF & SHF Fellowship
- 5:00 Lenten Study (Sumner group)

Monday, March 25

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:30 Confirmation Interviews
- 6:30 Session

Tuesday, March 26

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 6:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, March 27

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Alleluia Singers
- 7:00 Choirs with orchestra

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillion Choir
- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

- Church Office Closed in PM**
- 7:00 Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, March 30

- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 Set Up Easter Flowers

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- Note: No children's/youth Sunday School today**
- No JHF or SHF Fellowship

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

Joys & Concerns. We have the joy of sharing “fancy fellowship” between services today. Join us in Fellowship Hall to enjoy coffee and goodies!

Active Minds will be playing Spades for the month of April. Please join us in the Lower Level Great Room on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. This is an easy game to learn! We have patient teachers available to help. Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This special offering enables us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Our Sunday School children received their Gracie fish banks. During Lent, children are encouraged to fill up their banks, and bring them back to church next week on Easter Sunday, March 31.



Coffee and Fellowship March 31. The Congregational Life Committee will be hosting coffee fellowship on Easter Sunday at 10:00 between church services. There will be cookies and hot cross buns available.

49ers on April 2. Our speaker for Tuesday, April 2 is Ken Gruber, President of Omaha Rapid Response. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room, and we will order from a special menu provided. Sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

Doubling Your Donation to Heartland Hope Mission. Through April 15, one of our local mission partners, Heartland Hope Mission, is matching all gifts received. Please consider making your donation now.

Spring Clean Up is April 6. Join our church family to help clean up the church grounds at 9 a.m. We will work until about noon. Bring your clippers and garden tools! All ages are welcome to help!

Join Us for These Holy Week Services



Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae service with communion in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

The Alleluia and Chamber Singers, accompanied by a professional orchestra and soloists, will present choruses and arias from Handel's Messiah, congregational hymns, and anthems, creating a truly immersive and spiritual experience.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet in Fellowship Hall for crafts. We will hunt for eggs at 10:30. Bring your basket to collect eggs!

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

Rejoice in worship in our beautiful flower-filled Sanctuary. The late service is livestreamed.

Presbyterian Women on April 4. Our ladies are continuing studying "Sacred Encounters" on April 4 at 9:30 am in Room 15. In Lesson 8, Sharon Walsh will share the story of Lydia Encountering Jesus in Worship. Acts 16:11-15. Our Gifting Gals Project continues as we collect Sunglasses and Sunscreen in April. Our bin is next to the Missions food bin in the circle drive. We appreciate your donations for our project as do the lady clients at Heartland Hope Mission. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Nisley.

Spring Speaker Series - Embracing Community Connections. Agape for All invites all to attend three unique presentations featuring leaders from our Omaha community. What exciting progress is being made in the area of social justice? Join us in the Courtyard Classroom at 10 a.m. on April 7, 14 and 21 to find out! Online registration is preferred, but walk-ins are always welcome. The speaker on April 7, Leah Wambui Keinama, began her career as a systems engineer and integrator in the software industry. Today, she combines the technology skills with knowledge of soil health and conservation to develop independent food systems so our community can thrive rather than just survive. No More Empty Pots is a dynamic Omaha non-profit that strives to improve self-sufficiency, regional food security, and economic resilience through advocacy and action.

Friday Night Gourmets is Friday, April 12. Betty Goodwin, Kim Banat, Inga Wagner & Alta Empkey will be your hosts at GORAT'S, 4917 Center St. Omaha, NE. We will have a social time from 6:00—6:30 p.m. and Dinner orders will be taken at 6:30 p.m. We will order from a special menu and pay for individual tickets. Sign up at the information desk. Questions? Contact the hosts. Betty Goodwin, Kim Banat, Inga Wagner & Alta Empkey.

Tables for 8 - SPRING/SUMMER SESSION 2024

The deadline for new registrations or making a change for the spring/summer session (May, June, July, and August) is April 10. If you are currently in Tables for Eight as a "Regular", you will automatically be reassigned to a new group. However, if you choose not to participate or want to change to a "Substitute" contact Pam Otto. New "Regular" participants or "Substitutes" (couples or singles) are always welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. Questions and answers about "Tables for Eight" are on the registration form, and the form is available at the Information Desk or on the Website (www.churchofthecrossomaha.org). Coordinator: Pam Otto.



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