



# Welcome to Worship

## Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

### 9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

*Adagio* from Sonata in G

Clara Schumann; transcr. Nathaniel Tighe

*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.*

### Call to Worship

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; let Israel say,

from Psalm 118

**His steadfast love endures forever!**

Open to us the gates of righteousness,

**That we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord – let us worship God!**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*Opening Hymn

Hosanna, Hosanna!

ELLACOMBE; arr. Mitchell Covington

(\*Please stand, if you are able.)

Palm Processional with children

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waiving, and chanting clear and loud;  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

### Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, we come to You this Palm Sunday asking for Your righteous gates to open. But they are open to us all the time, and we are not always ready to enter in. We pick and choose when to follow You. We pick and choose when to embrace You. Your steadfast love endures forever, and yet ours is often like a fickle flame. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to open our own gates. Give us the faith to let You into our lives. All the time. Amen.

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Confessional Response (#417)

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL



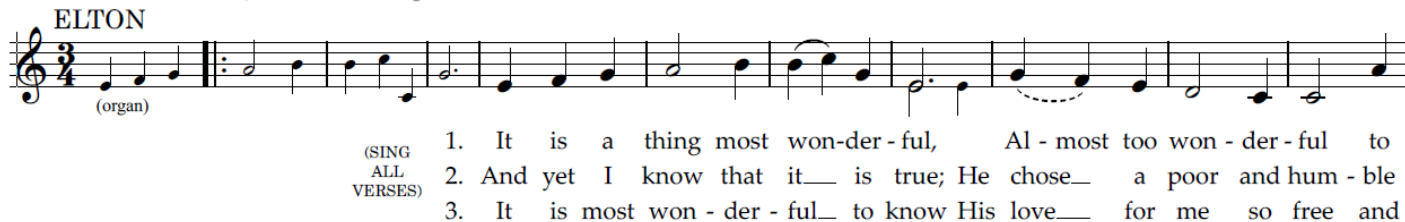
## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Hymn

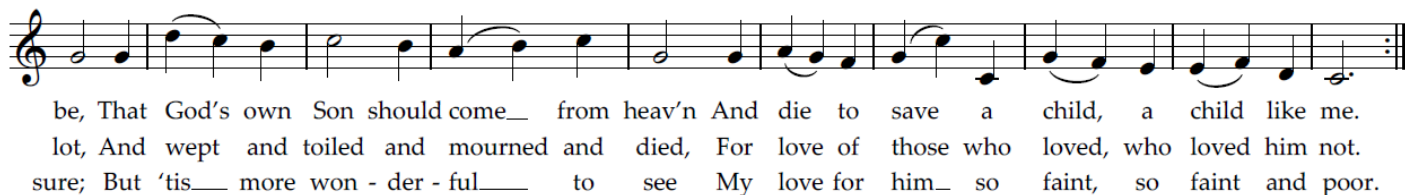
It Is a Thing Most Wonderful

from *St John Passion*

Music: Bob Chilcott; Words: Bishop William Walsham How (1823-97)



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### \*Welcome

*During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Rev. Garry.*

## Time For Young Disciples

## Announcements

### The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52: 13; 53: 4-12

page 596 of the pew Bible

## 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

An Offering

Dan Forrest

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 19: 28-40

page 854 of the pew Bible

Sermon

"A New Hope"

Rev. Garry

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Questions 31 & 32

*Why is he called "Christ," meaning, "anointed"?*

Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher, who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest, who has delivered us by the sacrifice of his own body, and who continually pleads our cause to with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

*Why are you called a Christian?*

Because I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

\*Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

NICAEA

## RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prayer of St Gregory (9:00)

Alan Hovhaness

Lord, On the Night You Were Betrayed (11:10)

Paul Hofeiter

\*Doxology (#608)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;

praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whome we a - dore.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, You came down from the Mount of Olives willing to pay for our sins with Your life. Throughout Your ministry, You saw the needs of others, and You did something about it. So it is that we humbly offer up these gifts to You, asking that Your will can be done. Amen.

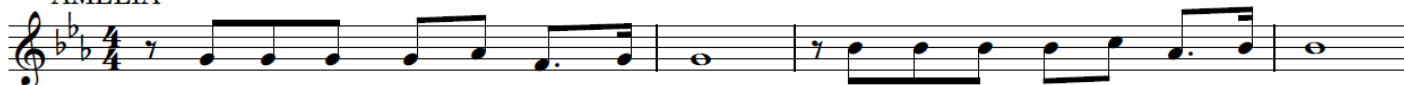
## \*Hymn of Dedication

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

from *St John Passion*

Music: Bob Chilcott; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

AMELIA



1. CONGR. When I sur - vey the Won - drous Cross, On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
2. CONGR. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God;
3. CHOIR See from his head, his hands, his feet, Sor - row and love flow min - gled down;
4. CONGR. Were the whole realm of nat - ure mine, That were a pre - sent far too small;



My rich - est gain I \_\_\_\_\_ count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride,  
All the vain things that \_\_\_\_\_ charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood,  
Did e'er such love \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown,  
Love so a - maz - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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## \*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

William Mathias

## Serving in Ministry Today

### Music

Alleluia Singers, Kristi Treu, director  
Elizabeth Ford, trumpet; Mark Kanitz, organ

### Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

### Ushers

9:00 Mike Shannon, Captain; Sherryl Shannon, Marsha Marron, Gary Marron, Frank McMullen  
11:10 Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Judy Sundberg, Dan & Barb Scanlan

### Greeters

North Door:	9:00 Eileen Wright & Joan Sacco-Grosskopf	11:10 Doug Larson
Welcome Center Door:	9:00 Judy & Larry Keating	11:10 Alta Empeky

### Information Center

9:00 Mary Ann Pederson	11:10 Karen Saunders
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### Coffee Hosts

Congregational Life



# Announcements

For the week of April 13, 2025

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, April 13

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids and Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Lenten Study
- 11:10 Worship
- 11-3 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- 4:45 JHF - Stuff the Eggs for the Egg Hunt
- 4:45 No SHF
- 5:00 Lenten Study

### Monday, April 14

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 1:00 Bridge Group
- 1:30 Lenten Study
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

### Tuesday, April 15

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

### Wednesday, April 16

- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Alleluia Singers

### Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

### Friday, April 18 – Good Friday

- Cross Currents Deadline
- Church Office Closes at 12:00
- 7:00 Good Friday Service

### Saturday, April 19

- 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

#### Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- No Sunday School Classes
- 11:10 Worship
- No JHF or SHF this afternoon

**Office Closed for Easter:** The church office will be closed starting at noon on Good Friday, April 18. The office also will be closed on Monday, April 21.

## Hymns from *St John Passion*

Two of this morning's hymns are from Bob Chilcott's *St John Passion*, which you will also hear during the Good Friday music presentation on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. The *Passion* is an hour-long work that tells the story of Christ's trial and crucifixion. Five Passiontide hymn texts are included in the work, which are designed to be sung by the choir and congregation together.

## Joys and Concerns

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Charlotte Hubbard in honor of our choirs during Holy Week.

## 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, April 20.



**Lunch at Don & Millie's Today.** Grab your family and friends and join us between 11-3 today at the West Center & 108<sup>th</sup> Street location. 20% of every dollar spent on food and drink will go toward our Junior High Mission Trip next summer. Be sure to mention Presbyterian Church of the Cross when your order is placed.



**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations.** Today is the last day to donate individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Look for the plastic tote by the Information Desk.

**May Basket Silent Auction Begins Today.** Do you have a special woman in your life that deserves to be pampered? Of course you do! Not sure what to get her? Well look no further, because SHF has assembled baskets just in time for Mother's Day. The silent auction begins today and ends on May 4. Come



by the Lobby to find the perfect gift for the woman in your life. You'll be notified right after late church on May 4 if you win!

**Easter Egg Hunt.** Easter is just around the corner! Hop on over to the church on Saturday, April 19 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We'll start our time with crafts in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m., then we'll move outside to the east lawn for the hunt at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to bring your own basket to collect eggs. And keep an eye out – maybe you'll spot Peter Cottontail!

**Active Minds.** Canasta will be the game for April at the Active Minds Fellowship Group. Join us when your schedule allows: Tuesdays, 1:30-4:00pm, lower level Great Room. New players and friends are welcome. We have very patient teachers. Feel free to stop by after Tuesday Bible Study. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.



We met the goal of filling three tables at the Omaha Street School Gala on April 15! Details on the Gala will be emailed to those who signed up!

### Children's Worship Kits

Parents, be sure to pick up worship kits for your children on the way to worship on Sunday mornings (located on a cart in the Narthex). There are two types of kits: for ages 3 – 6, and ages 7+. These kits contain paper, crayons, pencils, and children's bulletins that help children follow along during the service. After worship, return the bags to the cart so they can be restocked and ready for next Sunday.

**Agape for All Speaker Series – Register Online** - Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center

### Connecting with Omaha Welcomes the Stranger (OWS) – April 27

OWS, formed in 2022, strives to serve migrants fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries by providing safety, hospitality, hope and assistance with establishing new lives in the United States. Learn more about their work and ways they collaborate with local churches, service providers, and volunteers, in order to fulfill its mission of providing compassionate care to immigrants.

### Connecting with the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (CIRA) – May 4

CIRA's history is embedded in the 1997 founding of the Southern Sudan Community Associations. This led to Omaha having one of the largest Sudanese communities in the country. A 2022 merger between two refugee resettlement organizations created the CIRA. Erik Omar will summarize the array of services they now provide including legal, resettlement and social services in a growing number of locations spanning from Council Bluffs to Scottsbluff. He also has important information to share with us about the changes underway in our country and the challenges faced within their agency and the immigrant community.

### Final Vesper Concert of the Season on May 2

Join us on Friday evening, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. for The Bach Aria Soloists and their program titled "Spectrum." Their repertoire explores the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach, his contemporaries, and those he has inspired throughout history. Ensemble members are Elizabeth Suh Lane, violin; Sarah Tannehill Anderson, soprano; and Elisa Williams Bickers, harpsichordist/organist/pianist. The concert is FREE and all are welcome to attend.



### Summer Fun for Children and Youth

Register Now to reserve your spot and to help with our planning: Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 17, from 9 a.m. to Noon. Art & Music Camp is August 5 – 8, from 9 a.m. to Noon & 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Spotlight on our Library

Stop by our library to check out a book. For April, books by our members are on display. Or choose from 53 “Agape” books on social issues, or 56 biographies, or over 600 children’s books!

### Camp Calvin Crest

Hey Parents – are you wondering what to do with your kids this summer? Check out Camp Calvin Crest and give them the opportunity to learn more about God and their faith in a fun, outdoor adventure!

Visit [www.calvincrest.camp](http://www.calvincrest.camp) to learn more!

### Eagle Scout Honors

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held Sunday, April 27 at 1 p.m. Mason Will and family would like to invite you to attend. Please text RSVP to Tammie Will by 4/21/25.

### 49ERS on May 6

Our program for Tuesday, May 6, will be Echohawk Lefthand. Echohawk Lefthand is a respected member of the Dine (Navajo) Nation and has demonstrated for over 15 years a strong commitment to public health advocacy. Leveraging his wealth of life and professional experiences, he is dedicated to the advancement of health promotion and overall quality of life for all individuals. Echohawk was a recent recipient of UNMC's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Prior to DHHS, Echohawk served as the director, manager and specialist of the Title V Indian Education Program with Omaha Public Schools, Veteran Affairs and Indian Health Services. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. We also have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.





## Holy Week at Church of the Cross



### **Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

Tenebrae service with communion in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

### **Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Alleluia and Chamber Singers, together with professional soloists and instrumentalists, will present "St. John Passion" by Bob Chilcott. This hour-long work uses the text from St. John's gospel to tell the story of Christ's trial and crucifixion. The soloists and choir bring the drama to life. A brass quintet, solo viola, cello, timpani, and organ provide the instrumentation. The piece also includes five Passiontide hymn texts, which will be sung by the choir and congregation together.

### **Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 19 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, April 20 at 9:00 and 11:10 a.m.**

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

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