



April 13, 2025 – Livestream
Palm Sunday

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

Mary McDonald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. J. Spong

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Let Israel say,

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #280

All Glory, Laud and Honor

***Refrain: 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. [Refrain]***

***The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. [Refrain]***

***The people of the Hebrews with psalms before thee went;
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. [Refrain]***

***To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]***

***Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. [Refrain]***

CAROLERS' ANTHEM

Little Grey Donkey

Denise Page Caraher, director
James Caraher, piano

Little gray donkey ho. Do you know just who it is you carry on your back?

'Tis no ordinary load, no mean or common pack, you are blessed of all beasts to carry into town,
Christ the Lord of Galilee; He wears no earthly crown. Little gray donkey ho.

Once you were a simple beast of poor and lowly state, Christ himself has chosen you
and honored is your fate, though your path with palms is spread, make haste upon the way,

you were destined here to ride on this triumphal day. Little gray donkey ho.
Yonder is a grassy hill, it's known as Calvary, up against the cloudless sky, a barren cross you see.
Little gray donkey, little gray mare, don't hide your head in shame,
for you bear the Lamb of God and Jesus is His name.

OPENING PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

**Forbid, O God, that we should forget
the suffering of our Sovereign Savior,
or lose hope in the coming victory of his resurrection.
But by your Spirit, lead us this day in the joyful procession,
and keep us ever faithful in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Hosanna to the King

D. Forrest

Hosanna to the King! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to the King!

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #839

Psalm 118:14-29 with Response 1

Brandon Wallace

**Response: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*
*Hosanna in the highest!***

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my power;
the Lord has become my salvation.

People: There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

Leader: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

People: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: The Lord has chastened me sorely,
but has not give me over to death.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it. [Response]**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**People: The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. [Response]**

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

People: O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Leader: The Lord is God, and has given us light.

**People: Lead the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever. [Response]**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ed Adams

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

***Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.***

***First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.***

***Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city
and the crowds cried, "Hosanna!"—Lord, save us!
Let us confess our sin before God who is faithful to save us.

People: Almighty God, we confess that

**we greeted him with shouts of joy,
but complained behind his back;
we waved branches of loyalty,
but denied him in the courtyard;
we prayed for peace,
but wielded a sword in the garden.
Forgive our sins and free us from evil,
through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: The promise is secure:

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2127

Kyrie

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

SPOTLIGHT ON EASTER OFFERING

Umoja Partnership

Angela Ockerman-Jones

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

OFFERTORY 8:30

My Song is Love Unknown

arr. M. Corl

OFFERTORY 11:00

My Eternal King

J. Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
for me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;

why then, why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?

Not for the hope of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

My God, I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs

them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ ‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ ¹¹The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rebel with a Cause: Joining the Parade

Jill Moffett

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

***Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.***

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

***Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. [Refrain]***

***Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]***

***At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]***

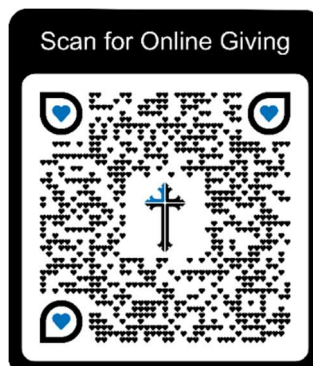
***Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

A.D. Miller



Upcoming Events:

April 13, Last chance to order hanging flower baskets in the West Entry or donate baskets to our youth service project at Lucille Raines. Fundraiser for our Sacred Places matching grant.

April 13, Youth Egg-stravaganza! (grades 6-12), 12:30-3:00pm

April 15, LGBTQ+ dinner, 6:00 pm

April 26, Community Clean Up Day, 10:00am-1:00pm

April 27, Earth Day and "State of the State's Environment" during Sunday School hour

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Parade, April 13, 10:30am, West Entrance

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 18, 12 noon and 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Services, April 20, 8:30am and 11:00am

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

Pastor of Community Formation

Brandon Wallace

Minister of Christian Education

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