

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

PRELUDE "Nocturne in g" Chopin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Blessed is the coming kingdom.
Hosanna in the highest!

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:12-16 N.T. page 81

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #196 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION Ps. 118:2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... By the mercy of Christ,
let us stand together forgiven and free.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Save us, O Lord,
for your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Waltz No. 1" Schubert

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
66. What are sacraments? (Germany, 1563)

Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals. They were
instituted by God so that by our use of them God might make us
understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and seal that
promise.

And this is God's gospel promise: to grant us forgiveness of sins
and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice
accomplished on the cross.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Phil. 2:5; Isa. 50:4, 5

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a O.T. page 518

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16
Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.

I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 N.T. page 152

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11 N.T. page 36

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

2 Cor. 5:18-19
All of this is from God,
who entrusts us with the message of reconciliation.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Hosanna in the Streets" Choplin

SERMON "Then He Entered Jerusalem..." Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" ST. DROSTANE

+CHARGE

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ,
Go forth in peace to love and serve the world. Phil. 2:5

Amen.

+BLESSING

May the blessing of God,
who surmounts evil,
bears our pain,
and lives in us forever,
fill you with a zeal for justice
and passion for peace,
this day and always.

Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Agnus Dei" Lange

Translation: Lamb of God,
you who take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

POSTLUDE "Op. 15-7" Schumann

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Kelli Green

Greeters: Ginnie Gibson and Will Ozee

Next Week's Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Tami Chapman

Security: Eva Schlenner

Today's flowers are given by

Debbie Shellenbarger

in memory of

loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#77. *Fire!*

Between July 18-24 in the year 64, a massive fire destroyed 71% of Rome. Emperor Nero blamed the Christians, who were unpopular and disliked. Hundreds were executed.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 132. What is meant by the final petition, “Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil”?

We ask God to protect us from our own worst impulses and from all external powers of destruction in the world. We ask that we might not yield to despair in the face of seemingly hopeless circumstances. We pray for the grace to remember and believe, despite our unbelief, that no matter how bleak the world may sometimes seem, there is nonetheless a depth of love which is deeper than our despair, and that this love — which delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt and raised our Lord Jesus from the dead — will finally swallow up forever all that would now seem to defeat it.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
	NO Wonderful Wednesday this week	
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
	Maundy Thursday	
Friday	Maundy Thursday worship service	7:00 pm
	Good Friday	
	Good Friday worship service	12:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Torrey Mar. 26

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*