

9:00 A.M.

SERVICE OF COMMUNITY AND SACRAMENT

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sexual orientations and gender identity.*

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
March 28, 2010

Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.

GATHERING MUSIC

Ride on, King Jesus

arr. DeCormier

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is the Messiah who comes in humble success.

Blessed is the Savior who rides through hope-songs and stone weeping.

Blessed is the Messiah who entered the dangerous streets of Jerusalem long ago.

Blessed is the Redeemer who enters the uncertain terrain of our lives today.

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 216

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

A TIME FOR CENTERING *Silence...*

READINGS

Traditional Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Bill Prindle

Contemporary: "*Silver Star*" by William Stafford

and a reflection by Dianna Chapman Walsh, former President, Wellesley College

Silver Star

To be a mountain you have to climb alone

And accept all the rain and snow. You have to look
far away when evening comes.

If a forest grows, you care; you stand there leaning against the wind,
waiting for someone with faith enough to ask you to move.

Great stones will tumble against each other and gouge your sides.

A storm will live somewhere in your canyons hoarding its lightning.

If you are lucky, people will give you a dignified
name and bring crowds to admire how sturdy you are,
how long you can hold still for the camera. And some time,
they say, if you last long enough you will hear God;
a voice will roll down from the sky and all your patience
will be rewarded. The whole world will hear it: "Well done."

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

1. *What do you let God borrow—just let go because "God needs it"?*
2. *When has there been a time when all the miracles of your
life have made you burst out in song?*
3. *What statement was Jesus making by this strange procession?*

NOURISHED BY THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Realizing that we are not perfect, we come to this table asking you to shape us and mold us. Guide us and help us choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. We accept the invitation to your supper. Though we may be broken or imperfect, we come seeking to be new creations in Christ.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

**The Lenten way has become the way of the cross.
May God walk with us this week.**

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH # 290**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

10:30 A.M.
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL CHANT (back of bulletin) Pearson, arr. Max Scribner
Hosanna! Blessed is the One Who Comes!

INTROIT Tomas Luis da Victoria
Hosanna Filio David
The Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The journey has been long; sometimes challenging and sometimes joyous.

It has been a time filled with mysteries and miracles.

We rejoice! For Jesus Christ is in our midst.

Jesus comes to us with joy and hope.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 216** ST. THEODULPH
All Glory, Laud and Honor

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Joyous God, we enter into the story, awaiting your coming in a most surprising way—unrehearsed, without ceremony, on an unriden donkey. Receive each prayer which we have offered and touch our lives as you pass by. As Jesus prayed together we say...

Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Russell Nagy
Do You See That Man?
The Chapel Choir

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kristen Curlee
Rev. Susan A. Henderson

MISSION MOMENT Olen Stephens

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess how much we are like the Jerusalem people of long ago.

PRAYER OF CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

Holy and gentle God,

**We confess that we want you to meet our expectations
rather than changing our lives to meet yours.**

**We confess that we are often changeable and self-centered
like the Jerusalem crowd shouting “Hosanna”
one day and “Crucify” the next.**

**We confess that we prefer this festivity of Palm Sunday
to the quiet sadness of Holy Week.**

**Forgive us all our transgressions and help us take up
our own crosses and follow you. *silent reflection...***

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

When we cry “Hosanna,” God enters our lives with forgiveness.

God turns us around, opens our eyes and renews our faith.

We are truly blessed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Holy City
Nathan Hill, saxophone

Maybrick/Weatherly

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

Tom Ault

MEDITATION

“Jesus”

Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us pray,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amy Lewis

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Ride On, King Jesus
The Chancel Choir

spiritual, arr. Robert DeCormier

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

sung to the tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, we lay gifts before you, as palms were placed before Jesus so long ago. We offer them with thanksgiving, and joy. Receive them from our hands that they may become a greater blessing in yours. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

Portions of Luke 22:14-49 *paraphrased*

The Lenten way has become the way of the cross
and we must journey forward watching every step.

**We walk into this week, into the unfolding story,
confident in God's steadfast love which endures forever.**

POSTLUDE

Sanctus

Charles Gounod

The Chancel Choir; Rachel Green, soprano
The CCC String Ensemble; Sam Brush, conducting

Please turn off cell phones during the worship service.

Sign Language Interpreter

Emily Shaw

Flowers

Flowers are given by Audrey and Claudia Tornblom in memory of
Grandparents/parents Nadine Tornblom and Ron Tornblom

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*You are welcome to join the electronic **prayer chain** by contacting the church office.*

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR APRIL 4

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

What is Happening With Christian Education Today?

During the 9:00 service

Adult Education *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
 Childcare for infants through two-year olds in the nursery - Room 106

During the 10:30 service

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106
 Childcare for toddler/two year olds - Room 003
 Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) - Room 006

CCC Calendar for the Week

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Service of Community and Sacrament - Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Adult Education – *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room
 10:30 AM Service of Worship – Sanctuary
 10:45 AM Church School
 11:45 AM Chapel Choir – Choir Room
 11:45 AM Lenten Series – *Faithfully Facing Dying* – Conference Room
Topic: Looking Back and Moving Forward

Monday, March 29

12:00 PM Staff Meeting – Room 107
 7:30 PM “Staring at Spaghetti” – Tim White – Room 206

Tuesday, March 30

9:30 AM Senior Adults Water Color Painting – Social Hall
 7:30 PM Transition Committee – Conference Room

Wednesday, March 31

12:00 PM *Days of Simplicity* Concert – Sanctuary
 Rose Mary Sims, soprano, with Marjorie Jovanovic, piano
 12:45 PM *Days of Simplicity* Luncheon – Conference Room

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

12:00 – 3:00 PM Good Friday Vigil - Sanctuary

Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, April 4 – Easter

9:00 AM Service of Worship – Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Service of Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, April 5 – Easter Monday

The church office will be closed

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting

On April 11, immediately after the 10:30 service, the congregation will convene for a special meeting to consider several amendments to the CCC Constitution. The amendments, sponsored by the Executive Council as part of our interim activities, are intended to update our Constitution and make it more transparent in several important areas.

To summarize, the proposed amendments would fall largely in two areas. In the personnel area, amendments would make explicit the provisions under which the church may hire interim ministers; clarify in general terms the roles and duties of ministers; delineate the respective roles of the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees in appointing and hiring non-called ministers and other staff members; and provide an explicit avenue, in the unlikely event it might prove necessary, for discharge of a called minister.

In the financial management area, the amendments would update the description of the duties of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to reflect our current practices and make more transparent the relationship of the Board of Trustees to these officers and their assistants. The amendments would also clarify the section relating to memorial funds and reduce the membership of the Nominating Committee from 13 to 11.

The proposed amendments and explanatory material will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office in advance of the meeting.

Tom Gustafson, Clerk

PROCESSIONAL CHANT

Hosanna! Blessed is the One Who Comes!

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Blessed is the one who
 5 comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord!

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