

April 1, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Palm Sunday

Liturgical Color: Purple

Today's service begins on the front lawn. Please join us there as you are able, palm in hand, and join in the processional into the Sanctuary as we remember our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As you enter the Sanctuary, please process to the chancel area and place your palm branch on or near the chancel rail before being seated.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Larry Moore

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

Amy Young

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

People: the just shall enter through it.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;

People: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: Save us, we beg you, O Lord.

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

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

People: Praise God on the way to the altar with branches.

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: People of God, gathered in Jesus' name, on this day we recall the festive entry of our Lord into Jerusalem. Like the Hebrews of old, we join now in bringing our praise to the Lord.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

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.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

***HYMN NO. 280 OR SEE INSERT** *All Glory Laud and Honor*

St. Theodulph

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Triumphant God, who comes to us as one who seeks and serves,
lead us through the events of this Holy Week,
that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives,
and embody Christ's spirit into the world.**

**With little children and the childlike, O God, we say,
Hosanna to the Son of David,
the Son of Mary, the Son of God.**

**In this house, sanctified by your Spirit, we praise your holy name
and ask you to hear our prayers for the sake of your
humble and royal Son, Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.**

- ANTHEM** *Wave Your Branches* Thomas Pavlechko
 Combined Children's Choirs
 Rhonda McGinnis, flute, Joyce Nickles, piano
- EPISTLE READING** Philippians 2:5-11 Page 240 (NT) in pew Bibles
- *GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 11:1-11 Page 57 (NT) in pew Bibles
 Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.
- ANTHEM** *Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me* Lloyd Larson
 Chancel Choir
- PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** The Reverend Terry C. Martin
- OFFERING**
- OFFERTORY** *Hosanna!* Craig Courtney
 Chancel Choir
- *DOXOLOGY** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Nettleton
***God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;
 Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
 Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***
- *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** The Reverend Terry C. Martin
- CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Myra Shaffer
As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.
- *HYMN NO. 277** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* Stories of Jesus
- SERMON** "Hosanna on Sunday, Crucified on Friday"
- *HYMN NO. 278** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* Ellacombe

***BLESSING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go forth in celebration,

asserting the Presence among us.

Christ is here as promised.

Go forth in reflectiveness,

remembering how quickly we change.

We may deny tomorrow the one whom we embrace today.

Go forth in joy,

knowing that God is with us.

The suffering is not in vain.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand if you are able*

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The rosebud in the chancel area is given in honor of the birth of **Mayson Elizabeth Munnerlyn**, daughter of Mark and Kacy Munnerlyn, born on March 13, 2012. Proud grandparents are Ed and Brenda Munnerlyn and Lloyd and Susan Culbertson.

Music Notes**Wave Your Branches**

Thomas Pavlechko

*Wave your branches,
Wave them high,
Jesus now is riding by.
Wave your branches,
Shout and sing
Loud hosannas to your King.*

*Wave your branches,
Wave them now
With Jerusalem's cheering crowd.
Wave your branches,
Shout and sing
Loud hosannas to your King.*

*Wave your branches,
Wave them high,
Jesus now is riding by.
Wave your branches,
Shout and sing
Loud hosannas to your King.
Wave your branches high!*

Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me

Lloyd Larson

*Here comes the Lord ridin' on a donkey
with people waving branches and callin' him "King."
Here comes the Lord ridin' through Jerusalem.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!*

*Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.*

*Here comes the Lord as thousands throng to see him.
Children stand on tip-toe to see the King.
Here comes the Lord; excitement in the air.
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry!
Oh, yes, the rocks will cry out!*

*Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.*

*Here comes the Lord; hosannas fill the air.
The people bow and worship the promised King!
Here comes the Lord. "Hosanna in the highest!"
If the people don't shout, the rocks will cry out!*

*Rocks, keep silent! Jesus comes to set me free.
Rocks, keep silent! I'm gonna' shout in victory!
Rocks, keep silent! Jesus reigns in majesty.
Ain't no rock gonna shout for me.*

Hosanna!

Craig Courtney

*Hosanna to the royal son of David's ancient line!
His natures two, his person one,
Mysterious and divine.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing;
Hosanna, hosanna, to Jesus Christ the King.*

*The root of David, here we find, and offspring are the same;
Eternity and time are joined
In our Immanuel's name.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing;
Hosanna, hosanna, to Jesus Christ the King.*

*Blessed he that comes to sinful man with peaceful news from Heaven!
Hosanna of the highest strain,
To Christ the Lord be given.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing;
Hosanna, hosanna, to Jesus Christ the King.*

*Let mortals ne'er refuse to take Hosanna on their tongues,
Lest rocks and stones should rise and break
their silence into songs.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna we sing;
Hosanna, hosanna, to Jesus Christ the King.*

**CHILDREN'S
EASTER CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 8
10:00 am
UPSTAIRS ASBURY BUILDING
CRAFTS, GAMES, MUSIC
For children preschool and older
SPONSORED BY OUR YOUTH**

Holy Week

Wednesday, April 4
Lenten Service

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
12:35 pm

A light lunch is served at 12:00 pm. A second seating for lunch is at 1:00 pm.

Thursday, April 5
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm

We remember our Lord's final evening on earth with a service of foot washing, Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Chancel.

A nursery is provided.

Friday, April 6
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7:00 pm

A service of shadows recalls the betrayal, arrest, trial, execution, and burial of Jesus.

A nursery is provided.

Sunday, April 8
Easter Sunday
8:45 & 11:00 am

Join the resurrection celebration!

All are invited to bring flowers and/or greenery from their yards to place on the cross located in the front yard of the Sanctuary on Easter morning. This tradition is a wonderful way to watch the flower cross transform into a beautiful symbol of resurrection.

*The Sanctuary will be decorated with Easter Lilies given in honor or memory of loved ones. Each lily costs **\$12.00**. Lily order forms are available in the church office or pew racks of the Sanctuary. Orders must be in no later than today.*

We invite you to walk our Prayer Labyrinth during Holy Week. The Labyrinth will be located in the Asbury Gym Wednesday, April 4 through Friday, April 6 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. For those of you unfamiliar with a labyrinth, it is not a maze, but a walking meditation device with a single winding path from the edge to the center. It is a tool which can clear the mind, calm our anxieties, guide healing, deepen self-knowledge, and lead to personal and spiritual growth. For many walkers, the labyrinth becomes a metaphor for the journey of life: although full of twists and turns, each of us is on a single path through his or her life. It can represent the journey inward to our own true selves and back out into the everyday world.