

April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

PRELUDE "All Through the Night" arr. Sorenson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 19:28-40 N.T. page 63
Entrance into the final days

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth,
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name.
Even though we profess to follow him,
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,
but only in the Prince of Peace.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone. *Ps. 118:22*
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE Debbie Markiewicz
One Great Hour of Sharing

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Palm Sunday Festival" arr. Helman
Sanctuary Bells

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

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*
(United States)

13. Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God's forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a O.T. page 518
The servant submits to suffering

PSALM Psalm 31:9-16
I commend my spirit

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
God takes on human form

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 "Day to Sing Hosanna" Choplin

SERMON "Blessed is the King!" 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 Christ Jesus. *Phil. 2:5*
Amen.

+ **BLESSING**
May you know the love of Christ,
the mercy of the Father,
and the fire of the Spirit
as you walk with the Lord.
Alleluia!

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Day to Sing Hosanna" (reprise) Choplin

POSTLUDE "The Road Home" Martin

**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
Greeters: Greg and Suzanne Lang
Next Week's Greeters: Vicki Drown and Sally Hughes
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Isaac Reyes

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#26: Commissioned:

The church in Antioch commissions Barnabas and Saul to teach far and wide. John Mark, a disciple from Jerusalem, accompanies them. (Acts 13:1-3) (c. AD 47)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 52. How should I treat non-Christians and people of other religions?

As much as I can, I should meet friendship with friendship, hostility with kindness, generosity with gratitude, persecution with forbearance, truth with agreement, and error with truth. I should express my faith with humility and devotion as the occasion requires, whether silently or openly, boldly or meekly, by word or by deed. I should avoid compromising the truth on the one hand and being narrow-minded on the other. In short, I should always welcome and accept these others in a way that honors and reflects the Lord's welcome and acceptance of me.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (Brené Brown)	11:30 am
	<i>The False White Gospel</i> Discussion	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00—6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Maundy Thursday	
	Maundy Thursday worship service	7:00 pm
Friday	Good Friday	
	Good Friday worship service	noon
	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Decorating the Sanctuary for Easter	10:00 am
	Yarners	10:00 am

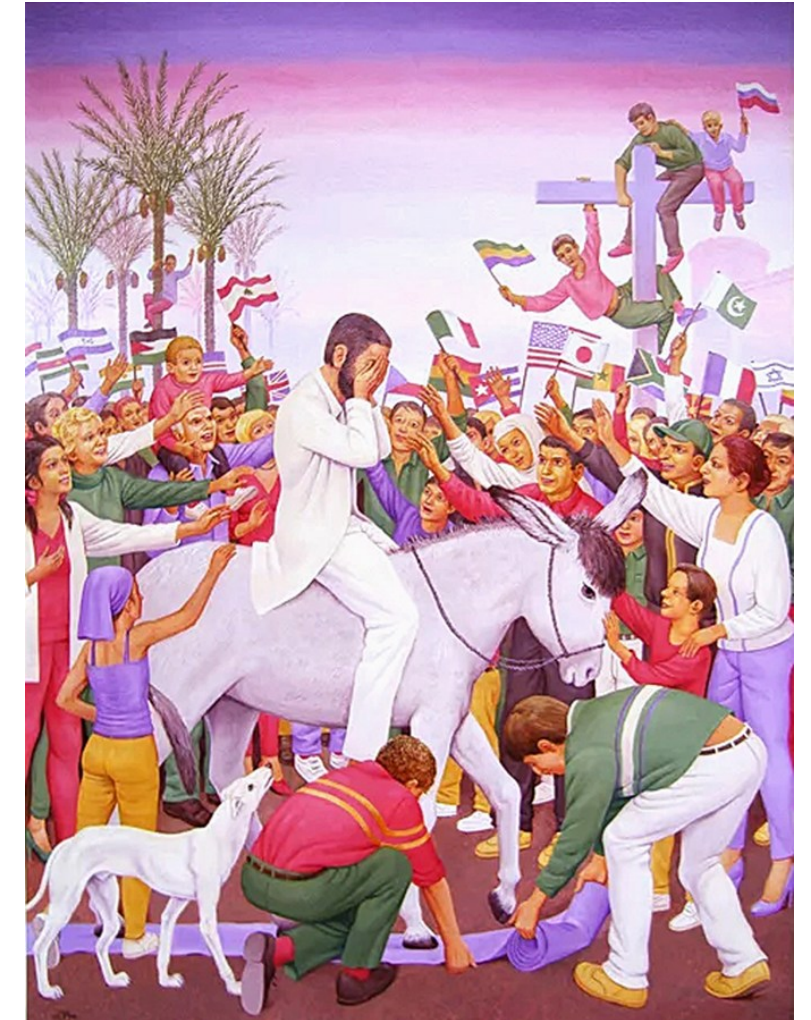
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr. 16: Andrew Pinches

Apr. 18: Sally Trout

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by Peter Koenig, 20th century

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God."
(Matthew 5:9)*