

March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday

PRELUDE "Prélude au Kyrie" Langlais

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8
slow to anger and abounding in love.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ps. 118:26
Hosanna in the highest!

INTROIT "Hosanna! Chimes" Holländer
Sanctuary Bells

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:1-11 N.T. page 17
Jesus enters Jerusalem

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CALL TO CONFESSION Isa. 55:1

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

RESPONSE "Come and See (Kyrie)" MH KYRIE
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.
Interlude
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

*Translation: Lord, Lord, Lord have mercy. Christ, Christ, Christ have mercy.
Christ, Christ, we adore you. Alleluia, Lord have mercy.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Isa. 55:3

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Have mercy, O God;
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE BUILDERS FOR RACIAL ATONEMENT

Safe Space Discussions Monte Shuck

INVITATION TO OFFERING Phil. 3:7-8

OFFERTORY "Ah, Holy Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)*
We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

PSALM Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
The Passover praise psalm

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

**"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."**

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna! O LORD, save us!

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

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 "Behold the King" Martin

SERMON "Your King Is Coming!" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ HYMN: GTG #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" ST. DROSTANE
(verses 1-3)

+ CHARGE
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

+ BLESSING Phil. 4:7

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. **Alleluia!**

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" ST. DROSTANE
(verse 4)

POSTLUDE "Toccatina in E Minor" Pachelbel

**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

Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown

Liturgist: Jane Hamelink

Youth Acolyte: Ben Pinches

Greeters: Greg and Suzanne Lang

Next Week's Greeters: Melissa Baker and Lori Filka

Sound: Marty Subject + **Livestream:** Tami Chapman

Security: Dan Baker and Mike Buchman

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#71: Thomas

Early Christian legends say that the apostle Thomas brought the Gospel to Persia (modern Iran) and then to India, and was martyred in the city of Chennai (in southern India).

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 109. What is the seventh commandment?

“You shall not commit adultery” (Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18).

Question 110. What do you learn from this commandment?

God requires fidelity and purity in sexual relations. Since love is God’s great gift, God expects me not to corrupt it, or confuse it with momentary desire or the selfish fulfillment of my own pleasures. God forbids all sexual immorality, whether in married or in single life.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Today | Adult Sunday School | 11:30 am |
| Wednesday | Lunch packing for Advent House | 10:15 am |
| | Midweek Prayer Service | 12:00 pm |
| | <i>No Wonderful Wednesday (K-12) (Spring Break)</i> <i>No Wednesday Night Dinner (Spring Break)</i> | |
| Thursday | Maundy Thursday | |
| | Maundy Thursday worship service | 7:00 pm |
| Friday | Good Friday | |
| | Good Friday worship service | 12:00 pm |
| | Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath | |
| Saturday | Holy Saturday | |
| | Yarners | 10:00 am |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Apr. 1: Paul Blonshine

Apr. 2: Shirley Herrick

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Apr. 3: Tonya Seely

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Entry of Christ into Jerusalem
by Wilhelm Morgner, 1912

“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.” (Matthew 21:5)