



WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

The Holy City, arr. E. Smith¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts

Leader: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

People: We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk

Leader: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor, Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*²

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One. [Refrain]

2 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. [Refrain]

3 To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. [Refrain]

4 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

On this Sunday, O God, we remember how quickly we change. How fickle we are, how we pledge our devotion one moment and turn our backs the next. We go from shouting “Hosanna! Save Us!” to “Crucify Him.” We declare that we love our neighbors and then we turn our backs on the homeless and hungry in our communities. We speak up for change and justice in one breath, and then continue unjust practices in daily lives by what we consume and the needs we ignore. Forgive us, O God, for we are half-hearted believers. Forgive us, O God, for we are partial justice warriors. Forgive us, O God, for we tire easily, and we forget, and we grow weary. Forgive us, restore us, and renew us for the journey of faith, so that we might become whole people who live wholly into Your vision of new life. In the name of Christ, who lived into the fullness of humanity, and whom we follow (continue with silent confession...) Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION 577

Kyrie Eleison, Reindorf³

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty?

People: **Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. We are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! 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 he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 19:28-40, 45-48

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers." Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

SERMON

Spellbound

*HYMN 199

Filled with Excitement, Hosanna⁴

1 Filled with excitement All the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, there on a donkey comes the Savior Christ.

Refrain: From every corner a thousand voices sing praise to the One who comes in the name of God. Our acclamation breaks forth in shouts of praise, our triumphant song of joy: Hosanna hosanna to Christ! Hosanna hosanna to Christ!

2 As in that entrance to Jerusalem, hosannas we will sing to Jesus Christ, to our Redeemer who still calls today, asks us to follow with our love and faith. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*, Taize Ecumenical Community⁵
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kathy Kamp

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Ellacombe⁶

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hosanna!, T. DuBois⁷

WORSHIP NOTES:

Please stay in the sanctuary after worship for a brief congregational meeting. After, head downstairs for hot crossed buns and donuts - compliments of the fellowship committee!

Leaders Today:

Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Lucia Hayes

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Dorothy Blotz, piano



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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS April 10

Easter - Nursery

The nursery will be open for Easter service. Worship starts at 9:45am with an egg hunt for kids afterwards.

Chancel Choir Practice

The Chancel Choir returns to participate in worship leadership on Easter Sunday (April 17). Those interested in participating are invited to attend rehearsals from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. today in the sanctuary. For more information, please talk to Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music.

Member Help

Members, Rick and Connie Dettloff have 2 wooden steps that need modifications to make it easier for them to get from their house into their garage. After 2 professionals declined, they are hoping to find a handyman to help. If you're that person, or know someone handy around the house, please call Rick at 608-827-8269.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people face challenges to obtain food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing is a special collection throughout Lent to help improve the lives of people around the world in challenging situations. Mathew 25 encourages us to see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, and oppressed. This special collection is our opportunity to reach out and assist those in need. Please consider making a contribution anytime now through Easter. Checks can be made

to Westminster with “OGHS” in the memo or through our online portal listed in the announcements.

WPC Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars—It’s back! The fabulous Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m!

We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 20, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 21-22. We also could use willing hands to clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. We can take donations ONLY the week of the sale. Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Sweeden at ineedmycoffee2@aol.com or Sara Pope at rosegirl1991@yahoo.com You can also sign up in the narthex!

Sale profits go to local non-profits, and we often donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local charity groups. Everyone who volunteers is guaranteed a fun time!

Lenten Study

Pastor Scott finishes his 45-minute discussion session based on the devotional readings from the book *Living into Lent*. Today in person after the congregational meeting and via zoom this WEDNESDAY at 6:30pm (link will be sent that day)

Worship Help—Please sign up

As we continue to normalize (hopefully!) we are in need of ushers, greeters and liturgists. Since it’s been a while, we want to update our list. If you can help out in any or all of these rolls, please sign up on the coat rack table in the narthex. All info and training are provided, so this is an easy and important way to serve the church and your fellow attendees. Please consider helping!

Adult Forum April 24

Community organizer and activist Sheray Wallace will update the congregation about issues and advocacy re-garding public health and wellness on April 24th at 11 am. Sheray Wallace created the Meadowood Health Partnership, which focuses on health education at the Meadridge Library.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List: Sam Buffat, Lynn Chapman , Joel Jones, Jerry Donnell, Joyce Schultz, Judy Braucht

Members & Friends: Ken Kummerow (Lu’s nephew), the family of Jim Browning, Irene Oetzel (Karen Stephen’s mom), Pat Marshall, Joel Beally’s grandma