

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736* J. S. Bach

The Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 118:1, 24-29)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever.

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

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 made his light shine on us.

With branches in hand, start the festival and march around the altar.

You are our God, and we will give you thanks! We will proclaim your greatness!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever.

*The Hymn of Praise *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, verses 1-3 88

*The Call to Confession

Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but to save the world. Let us, therefore, confess our sins to God, knowing that through Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, on this day you received the praise of those who would later reject you. We confess that we have also been rebellious. We confess those times when we have turned away from you. We confess that often our faith is more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

[Silent Confession.]

Merciful Savior, help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praise, and to receive us as your own. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon(Based on Psalm 118:5, 21)

The psalmist said, "Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. I praise you, Lord, because you heard me. You have become my salvation." In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response *Glory Be to the Father* 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

The Anthem *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading John 12:1-16 page 142 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*, verses 1-3 91/90

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...

...We worship and adore your glorious name, saying together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Most righteous God...

...Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit...

...We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us

our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For

thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together,
symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served,
symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Response of Praise and Prayer

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Anthem

Christ Is With Us

Chancel Choir

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* 92

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

Postlude *Herzliebster Jesu* Helmut Walcha

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Kitty Myers

Ushers: Ted Easlick, Lenny Fowler, Scott Peters

Greeter: Edda Schmidt

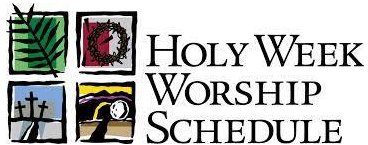
Fellowship Hour: Ruth Anderson

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir

Communion Servers: Diane Kemerer, Larry Long, Brian McNalley, and Pam Moran

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**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**
**Maundy Thursday Service – March 28 @
7:00p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**
**Good Friday – March 29 @ 12:00p.m. &
12:30p.m. at First United Methodist
Saginaw**

Easter Sunday – March 31 @ 9:00a.m. SPC

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you

For the month of March, our mission focus will be the Old Town Baby Pantry.

The crib is set up in the Mission Corner to accept any items that would be useful to new babies. Some suggested items include sleepers, onesies, outfits, snowsuits/jackets (all size 12 months), crib sheets, receiving blankets, hooded towels, wash cloths bibs, bottles, newborn diapers, wipes, diaper bags, shampoo/baby wash, baby powder, lotions, bassinets, pack-n-plays, highchairs, bouncy seats. We will be collecting items through March 31st.



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We need members to join our Green Team. Joining the team would mean mowing, trimming, blowing the grass off the sidewalks all using the equipment we have at the Church. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area or call the church office @ 792-1023.

Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigerink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by April 14th.



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Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God,
Quiet within us every voice but your own.
Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may grow in our love and devotion to you.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

John 12:1-16 New International Version

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2** Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. **3** Then Mary took about a pint^a of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, **5** "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."^b **6** He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. **8** You will always have the poor among you,^c but you will not always have me."

9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **10** So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, **11** for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. **13** They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!^d"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"^e

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

15 "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt."^f

16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.