Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 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

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736

Bach

The Call to Worship

Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! Hosanna!

With joyfully hearts, let us wave our palm branches in praise to God.

With loud voices, we shout and sing our hosannas.

May all glory, honor, and praise be given to God.

*The Hymn of Praise

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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*The Call to Confession

Let us remember that we are all sinners in need of a Savior. Praise God, for Jesus Christ came to be our Savior. With this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, only you are worthy of all our praise. Our mouths speak and sing these words of praise, yet at times, these same mouths also deny you and defy you. In our hands, we wave these branches in praise, yet how often have these hands also done harm or failed to do what is good and right. Our hearts are filled with joy and thanksgiving, yet all too often they are also filled with selfishness, greed, pride, or resentment. Forgive us, we pray. [Silent confession.] Lord, we trust in you to cleanse us of all that is sinful, to welcome our praise, and to receive us as your own. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God did not send Jesus into this world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. All who believe in him receive the forgiveness of their sins. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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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

Shout to the King Hosanna!

Patterson

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

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The Sermon

If we keep quiet...

Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

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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 Author of Life Divine McDowall

*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 What Wondrous Love Is This 85

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response Go with Us, Lord

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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 What Wondrous Love is This Phillips

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

Liturgist: JoAnn Hunt Ushers: Larry Smith Greeter: Karen Kalina

Fellowship Hour: Mary Smith

Musical Talents: Director of Music Ministries Thomas Heidenreich and the

Chancel Choir

Communion Servers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Cheryl Kelley, and Karen Kalina

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for fellowship hour.

2nd @ Second will meet in the library following worship. Grab some coffee and a treat and join us.*

• The schedules for the Green Teams are on the table in the gathering area. If you signed up, please make sure you take one.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Maundy Thursday – April 17 @ 7:00p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Good Friday – April 18 @ 12:00p.m. & 12:30p.m. at First United Methodist Saginaw and 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church Midland Easter Sunday – April 20 @ 9:00a.m. at SPC



Our April mission focus is the Presbyterian Giving

Catalog. We're aiming in a slightly different direction this year, focusing on water, which is a critical & scarce commodity in many parts of the world! The catalog gives many options, from garden wells to jerry cans for hauling water, on pp 10, 11 & 15. Our goal in mind is the \$1,500 garden well. But there are many smaller options along the way. This congregation has been wonderfully generous the past two years with our livestock efforts. We hope you'll feel similar about the life-saving gift of water.



We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering **NEXT Sunday, April 20.** Millions of

Christians join together in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. There are special offering envelopes in the pews, however if you just mark One Great Hour of Sharing on your check or donation, that will also work.

Confirmation

Please join us Easter Sunday April 20 as we celebrate our confirmands Piper Sova and Brady Mulvaney. We will welcome them into our church family as they make profession of their faith.





Scholarship Information

Applications for the Muriel Lakey Scholarship and the Mary Ann Rigterink-Geiersbach Scholarship are available in the top bin on the cart by the office. Applications need to be turned in by April 16.

Luke 19:28-40 New International Version

- ²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"
- ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
- 34 They replied, "The Lord needs it."
- ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.
- ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:
- ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" a
- "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
- ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"
- ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."