



Welcome!

Because we believe that the risen Christ is in our midst, we also believe that we should never place a period where God has placed a comma.

Order of Worship

April 13, 2025 | 10:30 am

Palm Sunday

We Gather

Welcome

Choir Prelude

The Palms

arr. Faure

*Hymn #27 (Chalice)

Come, Thou Almighty King

Psalm of Celebration (based on Psalm 118)

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

Hosanna! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say,

"God's steadfast love endures forever."

Swing wide the city gates—the righteous gates! Let us walk right in and praise God!

This Temple Gate belongs to God, so the victors can enter and praise.

I will give you thanks, for you have heard my prayer, you've truly become my salvation!

The stone the masons discarded as flawed is now the cornerstone!

This is God's work, and it is amazing to behold!

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

You are invited to use the time before service to prepare your heart and mind for worship through prayer and reflection. We kindly ask that all cell phones and media devices be silenced.

Worship Liturgy

Throughout the worship liturgy, you are invited to respond with all of the words in bold.

***Asterisk indicates** please rise in body or spirit

Hymns

are chosen from the "black" *New Century Hymnal* or "blue" *Chalice Hymnal* located in the back of your pew.

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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, the One who has given us light.

With branches in hand, let's join the festal procession, up to the very horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will celebrate you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn #192 (Chalice) All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Opening Prayer for Holy Week

Let us Pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for all people you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Hear

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40 (page 83)

***Gospel Response**

***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!***

Sermon: What We Need Is Here: The Choice Before the Church

We Respond

***Hymn #191 (Chalice) Ride On, Ride On In Majesty**

Pastoral Prayer

King of Glory,
Receive our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Thanks to the following people for helping with service today:

Reader:

Rose Miller

In-Person Greeters:

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Roy and Shirley
Lewis

Online Greeter:

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Tech Team:

Rob Brown, Ryan
Brown, Doug White

Acolyte:

Madison Matthias

Consistory Person of the Month:

Doug White

Back up:

Angela Bonarrigo

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Kent Kreamer's 75th birthday from his family.

Tech Sponsorship is provided by Brett, Andrea, and Riley Haines.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Special Music

Hosanna

Gregor/arr. Trusler

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Offertory Prayer**

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures and lay them on the road to the cross. We come seeking your treasure—treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.

Epistle Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11

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***Hymn: #214 (Chalice)**

Rock of Ages

We Are Sent

***Benediction**

***Three-Fold Amen**

***Postlude**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Andrew's/Gawthrop

Sunday Mornings

9:15 am – Adult Sunday School

9:15 am – Children's Sunday School

10:30am – Hybrid In-Person and Online Worship

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Offering

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