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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Palm Sunday ✠

April 13, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

A MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

Gwen Yeo

CENTERING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GtG # 829 (v. 1)



* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We gather to seek God, to praise the Creator
to adore the Son, to abide in the Spirit.
To give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever

We gather on this last Sunday of Lent
to share in the praise of Palm Sunday
to anticipate the events of Holy Week
to journey towards the cross and tomb.
To give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever

We gather together
bringing all the worries and wonders of the world
bringing all that is heavy in our hearts or light in our souls
bringing all the joys and challenges of life
whatever our circumstances.
To give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen

*PRAYER

*HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

GtG #196

Refrain:

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

Time for silent reflection. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsive*)

Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness:

Christ has come to save us! Hosanna!

**We will give our thanks to God,
who comes to bring us grace, hope, life.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen!**

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer "O Lord, Hear Our Prayers " (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

*HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

GtG # 197

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.

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.

"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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*responsive*)

O Lord of light and salvation, let these words of Scripture live not only in our mouths, but in our hearts, that we will embody your truth and confess with our lives that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

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Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

After he 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."

SERMON

Palm Sunday Peace

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Credo for Peace (*unison*)

We believe in God:

a communion of three Persons,

a communion of Life

a communion of Love

a communion of Peace

We believe in Jesus:

God and human

Prince of Peace

We believe in his Gospel, the Good News,

God's message of peace.

We believe Jesus died, rose, and sent us the Holy Spirit,

so we can live in his peace.

We believe in Baptism

that makes us one family in Jesus,

crucified and risen from the dead

to lead us to eternal peace.

He is our hope.

Through him, we pray for peace;

with him, we work for peace.
In him, we live for peace:
the peace of God's children to the glory of God.
Amen

OFFERING

Doxology (*unison*)

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.

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment,
we enter this holy week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them
here in the hope you will send them to make the world a more loving and
compassionate place. We pray in the name of the one who comes not just for the
parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

GtG # 753

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LITURGIST: Eileen Mihm

GREETER: Pam Arnsberger

COFFEE HOST: Pam Arnsberger

OFFERING COUNTER: David Allshouse



Holy Week is here! A time we recall the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to give us the freedom we find in our faith. As we anticipate that gift we will gather on Maundy Thursday (April 17) at 6:30 pm for a service of love as we recall Jesus' last meal with his disciples as we partake in communion. We will gather around Christ's table and break bread in small groups, and wash each other's hands remembering Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Coty Catlin will be playing harp and lyre along with Manuel Florendo, Native American flutes. I pray you will join us for this sacred service, the darkness before the joy of Easter. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday

Done your Easter bonnets, get out your best jacket, or simply come as you are, as we join to celebrate the Joy of Easter - our new life in Christ! Death could not hold him, God had the last word, and we are washed in the abundant grace and love of the divine. Easter Service starts at 10:30 on April 20th followed by a courtyard gathering. Invite a neighbor and be ready to sing as we lift our voices in praise for the precious gift of the Resurrection.



Unity Candle

Today we pray for Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church, Pastor Deb Troester. This congregation is about 1/3 Cameroonian. One of their many ministries is to make and ship layettes to the Buea Maternity Clinic in Cameroon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 14 th	Operations Mtg @ 10:30 am Bible Study @ 1 pm, read Ch. 6 Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Tuesday, April 15 th	Session Mtg @ 4:30 pm Zoom
Wednesday, April 16 th	Deacon's Mtg @ 10 am
Thursday, April 17 th	Choir Rehearsal @ 2 pm Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm

NEW Book Study! Starting May 12th we will discuss Richard Rohr's newest book, *The Tears of Things*. From Penguin Random House website: *How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a crucial path forward today.* **Join us Mondays at 1 pm via Zoom.**

