

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

Communion Sunday

April 2, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God...

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

PRELUDE *The Palms* Jean Baptiste Faure

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* No. 278

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Jesus is coming!

People: From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich and the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick,

Liturgist: Jesus is coming!

People: Along dusty roads, with a ragged band of travelers.

Liturgist: Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus comes to worship.

People: Let us greet him with Hosannas!

COGS KIDS SING *We Shout Hosanna*

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: We have come to meet you today, Jesus, but we don't quite know what to expect. We think we know what we need, and how you can meet our needs, but we come humbly, laying our coats before you. It's your call. Reveal to us who you are, and how you can be our Savior in each of our lives, and a Savior in our world today. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 21:1-9*

Liturgist: *The Word of God for God's People.*

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM *And the People Cried "Hosanna!"* Robert Lau

GOSPEL READING *Luke 4:1-2a, 13-14a*

MESSAGE

"Be and Overcomer"

Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (vs. 1-3) No. 452

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I Come, O Savior, To Your Table* Paul Kretzschmar

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: We sing, we wave our branches, we shout 'Hosanna.' Then, we turn away, to go back to our old ways, our old lives, our old sins. But God is in the business of granting forgiveness and filling us with new life. Let us confess to the One who comes to fill us with grace.

Confession and Pardon

Unison: With eager hearts and open hands, Holy One, we welcome Jesus. But we confess we often welcome him on our terms, seeking to be our own Lord, and asserting our own will. We find it difficult to surrender our pride, and live as obedient servants, even as our Lord chose not to be served, but to serve.

Hosanna, steadfast God, save us! Help us to release our fears and doubts, and our need to be in control, that we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, and in glory, to save us by your amazing grace.

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Tell the daughters of despair, proclaim it to the sons of sadness: Christ has come to save us!

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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The Lord's Prayer

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew. Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table.

(Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Unison: Almighty God, we thank you for the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As we remember that Jesus first suffered pain before entering into glory, mercifully grant that we might walk in the way of the cross. May the strength you have given us through the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, enable us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor* No. 280

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: "Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem."

People: Our Lord is on a journey, and the way leads through opposition and misunderstanding.

Pastor: Jesus invites us to follow him.

People: Our Lord is on a journey. May we have the grace to follow Christ, and to give to him our very lives. For in giving away our lives, we find them, and in dying we live.

All: Amen!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *King of Kings*

*POSTLUDE *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

* All Standing...A position of adoration and praise
+ All Kneeling or Sitting...A position of humility and petition

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Patti Olson



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



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“Be an Overcomer”

Luke 4:1-2a,13-14a

Pastor Janet Saddle

Jesus would face his enemy again in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was prepared for this extreme time of trial by knowing his scriptures, taking time away from the people and the battles to spend time in prayer alone with God and resting.

Praising God makes all the difference in our battles. Worship helps us win those battles.

We need to celebrate the victories over our battles. We need to remind ourselves that we are overcomers. We need to remind ourselves of all our victories, great and small.

Thankfulness opens us to be seeing God’s gifts even in the midst of the struggles of life. Thankfulness strengthens us.

When Jesus came out from his 40 days of struggle, he emerged “in the power of the Spirit.” The power comes from building our faith, and we gain resilience through testing.

Our trials are not in vain. We emerge victorious because we have the gift of the Holy Spirit and the love of God poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. We are not a people without hope, because we know that Jesus has already given his life for us. Because of his victory on the cross, we are overcomers.

Each battle makes us stronger; each struggle refines our faith so that we become more and more like Jesus.

When we walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, like Jesus, we can conquer sin.

We still have battles to face, and we will face more. But we know that the war has been won by Jesus. The entire book of Revelation can be summed up in two words, “God wins.”

*Scriptures to memorize:

1 Thessalonians 5:18;

Romans 5:3-5; 1 John 5:4-5

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SUNDAY

8:15 - COGS Kids breakfast

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 - CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:00 - Private [Sanctuary]

7:00 - Staff Parish Relations [Lounge]

TUESDAY

11:00 - Free Noon Meal [LCCM]

7:00 - Board of Trustees [Hall]

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal [Sanctuary]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

6:30 - Life Healing Choices [room 21]

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

SUNDAY *Easter*

6:30 - Easter Sunrise [Chapel upper lot]

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Youth Group -

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