



Palm Sunday

Westminster Presbyterian Church

MARCH 24, 2024 AT 11AM



We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Gathering Music

* Processional Hymn *Hosanna*

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
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Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

Life of the Church

* Call to Worship Bryce Babcock, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who went ahead were waving palms,
and those who followed were shouting,*

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the coming commonwealth of our ancestor David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Much of today's liturgy comes from Roger Gench of “Presbyterian Outlook” magazine.

* Hymn #197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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Call to Confession

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come waving palms and shouting “Hosanna” for the one who we assume is the Messiah, but the Messiah we get is not the Messiah we expect. The Messiah we get calls us to acknowledge and name the violence in our world and in our lives, but we accept this violence as the normal way of the world. We have learned to live with injustice and view it as normal. And when we fail to see and name the evils of our world, we allow them to flourish. Open our eyes, O God, to see crucifixions in our midst, and help us to participate in the places where you are bringing liberation and life. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of God's Presence and Promise

Jesus, our Savior and friend, has borne the weight of sin and broken its power. By His mighty name, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.

We continue this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Anthem

Draw Nigh to Jerusalem

by David H. Williams

Westminster Choir

Draw nigh to Thy Jerusalem, O Lord,
Thy faithful people cry with one accord:
Ride on in triumph; Lord, behold we lay
Our passions, lust, and proud wills in Thy way!

Thy road is ready; and Thy paths, made straight,
With longing expectations seem to wait
The consecration of Thy beauteous feet,
And silently Thy promised advent greet!

Hosanna! Welcome to our hearts!
For here Thou hast a temple, too as Zion dear;
O enter in, dear Lord, unbar the door
And in that temple dwell for evermore.

Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Second Reading of the Word **Mark 11:1-11**

Sermon

A Living Procession

Rev. Renee Roederer

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of the People and The 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #711 *Lord of All Good* TOULON

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction

Postlude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. Barbara Kinyon

Alleluia Ringers

Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Our preacher today is Rev. Renee Roederer. She is a PC(USA) minister who lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is the Community Care Director at the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, where she connects with individuals and families and provides educational information, resources, referrals, companionship, and support. Renee enjoys choral singing, hiking, photography, and traveling, and she's an avid writer. One of her greatest joys in life is the large, chosen family she has built over time, with whom she enjoys keeping in touch, laughing hard, and reflecting on life.

This Week's News

Holy Week Service: Thursday, March 28th, from 6-8pm. This special service will combine the liturgy and traditions of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the same day and include a simple meal together. If you are able to help with food, setup, or cleanup, please sign up on the bulletin board near the library.

**The Worship Ministry team is also in need of 6 chalices for serving communion during this service. If you have a chalice or large wine goblet that could be used for this purpose, please contact Lynda Berg (lrwberg@sbcglobal.net).

Easter Party! For kids, grandkids, and kids at heart. Saturday, March 30 from 10-11am. Come for an egg hunt, small-animal petting farm, balloon animals, crafts, and a story time. All are welcome!

Easter Brunch: Join us for brunch 9:30-11am before our Easter worship service on March 31. All are welcome to come, share some food, and have fellowship together as we celebrate the resurrection!

One Great Hour of Sharing: From now until Easter, we have the opportunity to support PC(USA)'s annual special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Contributions can be made online at westpresa2.org/online-giving or by check to Westminster with "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line.

Another opportunity to support Hickory Way: Back in 2021, Westminster members helped furnish an apartment at Hickory Way for a formerly homeless person who was just getting a new start. We have been contacted by Lilly Crankshaw, Bruce and Molly's daughter, to reach out to this community once again. Lilly's peer internship class at EMU is partnering with the community to obtain donations of household and personal hygiene items to support tenants in need.

The Mission Team will be collecting donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaners), paper towels, & toilet paper until Easter. Donation boxes are at the front entrance and outside the library.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am. Please contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more info.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am. For the season of Lent, we are reading *Hard and Holy Work* by Tyler D. Mayfield & Mary Alice Birdwhistell.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetratech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. The current book is *Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas. Please contact Sue Flynn for more information. (cafelapeninsula@comcast.net).

We pray for our Westminster family

Current needs: Richard LeSueur, Margaret Klammer

Ongoing needs: Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer, Betty Reed

Condolences to Glen & Marcia Anderson and family on the 3/11 death of Glen's brother, Danny Anderson.

Please email prayer requests to Gail Arnold (garnold@umich.edu) for listing here and in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email; or contact Jill Fairchild, prayer chain coordinator (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at bit.ly/westpres_online.

For deacon care, please contact Gail Arnold (garnold@umich.edu).

Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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