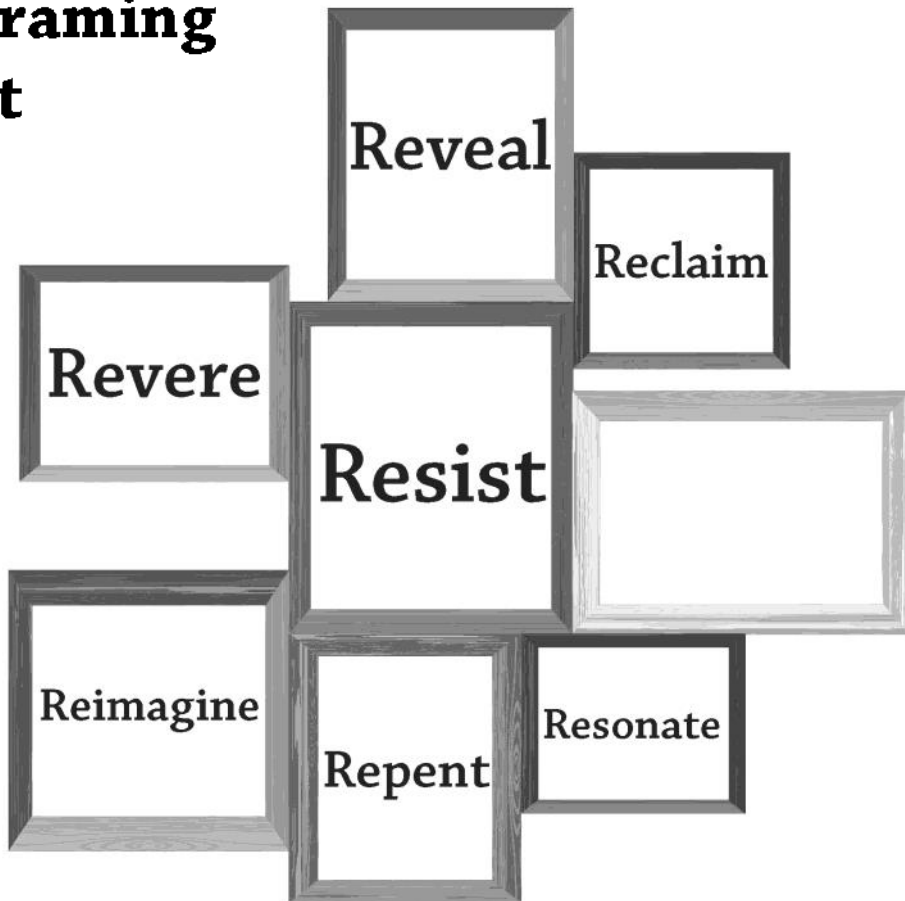


**The Service for the Lord's Day
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**ReFraming
Lent**



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Today is a Family Sunday. Children will stay in the sanctuary for worship.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

9:00

“Majesty”

arr. Fred Bock

10:30

“Prelude on *Winchester New*”

A.D. Miller

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good! God’s steadfast love endures forever.

All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross, and then the empty tomb.

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

All: Blessed are all who come in the name of the Lord. Blessed are those who revere the one who comes humbly and riding on a donkey. Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN #265**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 760-821); Music: Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)

CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON

One: Let us move into this day of palms that leads toward Jesus’ death with honesty, confessing our sin before God and one another. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, you were faithful even when you faced the worst that humanity had to offer. We ask for your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for simple favors, when you have given us everything. We have withheld from our loved ones and neighbors the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent in Jesus. Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken. Nurture what we have neglected and lead us to your vision, so that we may know the peace of wholeness in you.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: Through Christ our Lord, we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has come to us humbly, as a servant, to free us from the weight of sin and death.
Jesus' obedience has released us. In the name of the one who was exalted beyond what we can comprehend,

All: our sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: In the midst of discord and worry, we need the peace of Christ. When relationships fracture, we are drawn to the peace of Christ. In this holy week, we seek the peace Christ offers. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(9:00)

BLESSING FOR A DEPARTING MEMBER (see insert)

(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Loving God, let your Word break open our hearts this day through the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may enter into the coming Holy Week with the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 118”

Please join in singing the refrain at the Cantor's cue

Hal H. Hopson

The musical notation is set in 3/4 time. The first staff is for the Choir (or cantor) and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Fling wide the gates! Fling wide the gates!". The second staff is also for the Choir (or cantor) and the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Wel - come the king! Wel - come the king!".

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Pew Bible, NT pg. 23

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“Celebrate the King!”

Cindy Berry

~Sunburst Singers and Chancel Choir

“Celebrate! Celebrate the King! Lift your voice, let loud hosannas ring. Sing hosanna, praise His name. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Who is this king who rides on a donkey, entering Jerusalem today? See the crowds before Him. Lay the palms before Him as joyful crowds line the way.”

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SERMON

“Revere: The Dance of Palm Sunday”

Rev. Emma Nickel

*HYMN #118

“Lord of the Dance”

Text: Sydney Carter; Music: Shaker melody, 19thc., adapt. Sydney Carter © 1963 Stainer & Bell, (Admin. Hope Publishing)

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

9:00

“For My Transgressions”

Johann Daniel Grimm

~Olivia Donnel

“For my transgressions, I see my savior sorrowful, shuddering, for my transgressions, I see my Savior agonizing! Was ever love like Thine!”

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10:30

“Fanfare for Palm Sunday”

Katherine K. Davis

~Chancel Choir

“Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna, hosanna unto the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

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*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Holy, holy, holy Lord,...Therefore, we cry to you, Hosanna! Lord, save us!:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One: Holy, holy, holy Lord...Therefore, we cry to you: Hosanna! Lord save us by the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

One: Holy, holy, holy Lord...And we pray together saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

9:00 – The bread and cup will be served to you in the pews. Please hold each element until all are served. The pastor will invite the whole congregation to eat and drink together.

10:30 - Adults and children are invited to come forward to the servers at the front of the church to receive the bread and cup. Please open your hands and the server will place the bread into them. Eat the bread when you receive it. A gluten free bread option is available in the center of the plate; please let the server know and you're invited to take the GF bread from the plate yourself. Take a cup and drink from it, then place the cup in the trashcan nearby. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain there and a server will come to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Gracious God, we give you thanks that through Christ you have taught us to give without thought of reward, to be sincere in fasting and prayer, and to store up treasures in heaven. Thank you for nourishing us at this table. Walk with us through this holy week, keeping our eyes open to the sorrow and our hearts infused with hope. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #268**

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

***BENEDICTION¹**

One: Blessed is the one
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.

**All: Blessed is the one
who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.**

One: Blessed is the one
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

J. S. Bach
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

The Liturgist at 10:30 today is Marnie Cain.

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm: An accessible, family friendly service, to explore the love commandment, foot washing, the last supper, and Jesus’ time in prayer in the garden.

Good Friday, April 7 at 7pm: A service of reflections on the cross through the Passion chorales of J.S. Bach, featuring choir, organ, scriptures, and poetry.

Join us for worship **Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9am and 11am in the Sanctuary:** A service of rejoicing to celebrate the empty tomb and Christ’s resurrection, with choir and brass.

1 Jan Richardson, *Beloved is Where We Begin*, p. 96.

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Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Ken & Linda Noble with thanks for the greening and flowering of spring.

Join us for **Coffee Hour after the 10:30am service** today in Kirkman Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to Sunburst Singers parents for hosting.

Book Discussion: Feeling Seen

Join Melissa Ross for a book discussion series on ***Feeling Seen: Reconnecting in a Disconnected World***, by Jody Carrington. Order from Amazon (<https://tinyurl.com/3h6kecy2>) or a local bookseller. Meetings will be **in-person at church on Mondays at 7pm, April 10 through May 8**. The book discusses the feeling of disconnection and will help you lean in and learn to reconnect while helping you gain an understanding of how we all got so disconnected in the first place. We'll discuss our own experiences of disconnection and share how we can connect with each other as a congregation. The relationship between our faith and the book will be a focus throughout.

Mark Your Calendars for a STELLAR VBS • Volunteer for STELLAR VBS!

Our 2023 STELLAR VBS is June 26-30 from 9 am-12 noon. Registration begins March 1! Be sure to mark your calendars for a week of finding Jesus' light! This is a wonderful week of sharing God's word with our church children and the children of our community. We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Not only do we need helpers during the event, but also helpers for planning and designing sets and props. Please visit our sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/ycka7hwhf> to join in on the fun!

Communion Preparation

The Worship & Music Committee is seeking help in prepping communion for 9am or 10:30am worship services and/or cleanup after the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of each month. Join the team and work on a rotating basis. Questions? Please call the church office, or contact Worship & Music committee chair **Julie Matthews** at 248-647-3796. Thank you for participating in this important ministry!

S.T.A.G.E. Flower Sale

The annual S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry Flower Sale is back! Order beautiful flowers to plant in your garden, as well as hanging baskets and tomato pots with cages. This is S.T.A.G.E.'s largest and last fundraiser of the season and the youth are counting on your support. All proceeds go directly to supporting the summer mission trip. This summer the group is going to Chicago, Illinois where they will work with *Be the Neighbor*, and will explore the relationship between modern life and the degradation of vital ecological systems. Orders are accepted online and must be placed by **Tuesday, April 18**. You may pay by credit card, Venmo, PayPal, cash, or check. <https://forms.gle/8bdiefY9KbJcSkQC6> Flower order **pick up** will be **Saturday, May 20** between **12 noon and 2pm** at **Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2312 Greenfield Road, Berkley.**

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