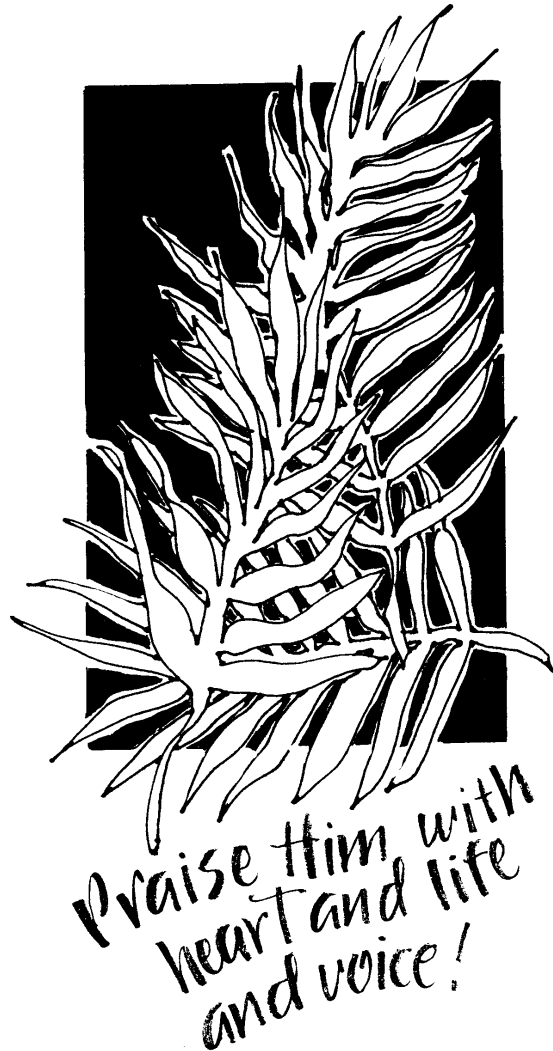


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**PALM SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 24, 2024**

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**Palm Sunday**

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: **Call upon God while God is near.**

P: Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: **Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!**

P: Come back to God.

C: **Return to the Lord!**

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P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*(Isaiah 55:6-7; Joel 2:13)*

## **BLESSING OF PALMS** *(please hold high your palm branches for this blessing!)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,

for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city in triumph

and was proclaimed messiah and king

by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

Bless these branches and those who carry them.

Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,


so that, joined to his death and resurrection,

we enter into life with you;

through the same Jesus Christ,

**\*GATHERING HYMN *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (ELW 344)**

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One,  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**      *Ride On to Die* by Michael Card

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I<sup>l</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat<sup>l</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my<sup>l</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones<sup>l</sup> are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to <sup>1</sup> my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street <sup>1</sup> they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>1</sup> out of mind;**

**I am as useless as a <sup>1</sup> broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>1</sup> all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>1</sup> take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>1</sup> you, O LORD.**

**I have said, “You <sup>1</sup> are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;**

**save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.”**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

A reading from Philippians.

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts* (ACS 1078)**

*Refrain – All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -  
veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our  
hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

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**GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON *I Love a Parade!***

\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

## HYMN OF THE DAY *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!* (ELW 346)



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the  
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -  
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring  
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.  
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912–1993

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## \*CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** *(Please respond.)*

*P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY** *All That We Have (W&P 5)*

*Refrain*



The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the melody for the words 'All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a'. The second line continues with 'heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and'. The third line concludes with 'give what we need, all done in your name.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a  
heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and  
give what we need, all done in your name.

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Holy, Holy, Holy (Argentine): Santo, santo, santo (W&P 62)*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.*  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come to the meal!

## COMMUNION

*Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.*

## COMMUNION SONG *Jesus, Lamb of God (Jernigan)* (W&P 76)



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"  
Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

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## COMMUNION HYMN *Oh, Love, How Deep* (ELW 322)



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.  
Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.  
**Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG *Were You There* (ELW 353)



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Refrain*



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the bread of Life!

**Thanks be to God.**

## EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in memory of Gertie Reichard given by The Reichard Family.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Bernie Harris, Lilly Chiado, Linda Russ, Bonnie Hudson, Jane and Bill Brindle, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Bob Estep, Karen, Phil Johnson, Tim Tweedy, Missy Moreui, Becky Ensinger, Bobby Seilhamer, Sam Mull, Bonnie Hudson, Virginia Detwiler, Callie Mummert, Matthew, Lexi, and Booklyn Bowen, Nancy Marshall, Carol Rau and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

### **Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

March 24 - Easter Choir Practice following worship  
28 - Maundy Thursday Service 7PM  
29 - Good Friday Service 7PM  
30 - Easter Egg Hunt 11AM Picnic Woods

### **Holy Week Services:**

*Palm Sunday 10:15AM* - Blessing of the Palms.  
*Maundy Thursday 7:00PM* - Stripping of the Altar,  
*Good Friday 7:00PM* - Reading of the Passion  
*Easter Sunrise 7:00AM* - New Franklin Ruritan  
*Easter Service 10:15AM* - Returning of Alleluia.

**Bowling & Pizza, Saturday, April 13 at Nellie Fox Bowling.** Shoe sizing 2:30pm, bowling 3:00-5:00pm, followed by Pizza at Vinnie's along Route 11 in Marion. If interested, you must sign up on the sign-up sheet.

**Solomon's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 30 at 11:00AM at Solomon's Picnic Woods. All children 12 and under are invited.

**The April/May/June edition of the Our Daily Bread** is available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule.

**If you are in need of pastoral care,** please notify Pastor Mike Allwein at 717-357-3814.

**Pastor Mike's Sunday Bible Study** - Pastor Mike has been asked to use some of his Bible Study time to talk about symbolism in the Bible. In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, there is a lot of symbolism, much of it coming from the Jewish traditions and culture of that day, and some of it (I think) from the creative mind of Jesus! Therefore, On April 7 and April 14, the theme of the Sunday Bible Study will be "*Symbolism in the Bible.*" Come join us for this opportunity to get a look "behind the curtain" of some of the language and symbols used in the Bible!

**Please consider signing up for altar flowers for the 2024 calendar year.** There are a lot of available Sundays.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space.** Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

**The 2024 Chart for Altar flowers is in the office to the left when entering the front door of the sanctuary.** The cost of the two vases will be \$50.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information.

**Power Pack Meals:** The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need. Please consider donating individual serving size fruit and vegetable cups, individual packages of mac-n-cheese, Chef Boyardee, 8 oz bottles of water, juice boxes, and yahoo chocolate drink. Monetary donations are accepted as well, please write “power pack meals” in the memo of your check.

**Bulletin Announcement Forms** are in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.