



April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Carl G. Gläser, Arr. by Lani Smith*
"Fanfare for All Seasons" *Linda Spevacek*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "Filled with Excitement"
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

The stone that the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Come, let us worship God!

❖ **HYMN** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **#196**
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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. (a time for silent confession) Loving God, transform us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read these words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

1st SCRIPTUREPsalm 118:1-2 and 19-29, pg. 876
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

2nd SCRIPTURELuke 19:29-40, pg. 1497
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM....."Ain't No Rock Gonna Shout for Me"
(Words by J. Paul Williams (based on Luke 19:38-40) music by Lloyd Larson)

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖ **HYMN** "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd" **#200**
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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*based on Philippians 2:5-11*)

We trust in God, the source of all hope, even as we call on God to meet us in places of hopelessness. We commit to be disciples of 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 and was born in human likeness. 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(p. 35 in the hymnal)*

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖ **HYMN** "What Wondrous Love Is This" **#215**

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❖ **SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE..... "Poured Out for You" *Austin North*

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Charles Fortney

Greeter: Sue Cory

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

Offering Counters: Nancy Olson and Darly Doyle

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