



April 10, 2022

St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

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Palm Sunday

Meditation

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118:24

Chimes

Prelude

*A Festive Intrada - Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell Choir*

Welcome and Announcements

✝ Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

1 All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.

2 All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

3 All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;

to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

He comes with joy and hope.

He comes to set us free from fear.

Hosanna!

Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, who on this day entered the city that later rejected you, we confess that, like the people who lined the road that day, our faith is often more show than substance, and that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness (*read responsively*)

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us. This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!

Amen.

(the congregation may be seated)

Palm Sunday Gospel Reading *Luke 19:28-40* *Stephanie Pacovsky*

Children's Message and Blessing of the Palms

✝ Hymn

The Palms
Gale Sterner, Percussion

1. O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay,
are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus came to wipe our tears away,
e'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

Chorus

Join all and sing, his name declare!
Let every voice resound with acclamation!
Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!
Bless Him that cometh to bring us salvation.

2. Sing and rejoice, O blessed Jerusalem.
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation!
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

Chorus

Join all and sing, his name declare!
Let every voice resound with acclamation!
Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!
Bless Him that cometh to bring us salvation.

Choir Cantata

We Remember Calvary - Joel Raney

Here I am to Worship
We Remember
Bread of Life
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Change My Heart, O God
Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*The Old Rugged Cross
Lord, Remember Me
The Crucifixion
Near the Cross
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus / Amazing Grace*

✠ Giving our Gifts to God

✠ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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**

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Closing Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

✝ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - arr. Diane Bish

Acolyte: Sophia Spolski



*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In memory of loved ones.
Presented by Ricci & Sue Hartman*

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson