



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Morning Worship | 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Delighting in God's Glory | Demonstrating His Grace | Declaring His Gospel

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Were You There?"
Wyeth Duncan, organ

African American spiritual,
setting by Uzee Brown, Jr.

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"Lift Up Your Heads"

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.
Psalm 24

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Triune God calls his church to worship him

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Asking God to attend and bless the worship of his people

*CHILDREN'S PROCESSION

Ring Forth! and Bells of the Trinity handbell choirs, Mary Clark, director

*HYMN NO. 173

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

St. Theodulph

11:00 ANTHEM

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
Covenant Choir; handbells;
Wyeth Duncan, organ; Ted Bickish, director
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, to the King of kings!

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang,
Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed among the joyful crowd;
The victory palm branch waving, with praises clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

The congregation is invited to stand and sing:

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Thomas Myrick

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

Children PreK–3rd grade will be dismissed and escorted to Room 212 for Children’s Church; please pick up your children in Room 212. The 4th & 5th graders will go to the coat rack alcove in the back of the Upper Room to be picked up by their parents as soon as possible. If your child does not have a name tag, please go to the back to be assisted by a Children’s Ministry volunteer before your child leaves.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But O Lord, have mercy on us. Spare those who confess their faults, restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord, and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Acknowledging our sins before our Holy God and seeking his forgiveness in Christ

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord’s declaration of our freedom from the guilt of sin and punishment of God’s law

HYMN OF THANKS

“Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness”

Germany

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
‘Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

8:00

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*; 11:00 *Rev. David Frerichs*

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. Amen.

*HYMN

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

Winchester New

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o’er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond’ring eyes to see th’approaching Sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9–13

page 797, pew Bible

8:00 *Joseph Engbert*; 11:00 *Hannah Thompson*

8:00 ANTHEM

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. Bernie Herms

Dave Klemm, tenor; Traci Klemm, piano

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love thee because thou has first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, “if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.”

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11:00 ANTHEM

“When I Survey”

Gilbert Martin

Sanctuary Choir; Wyeth Duncan, organ; Ted Bickish, director

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 21:1–11

page 826, pew Bible

SERMON

“Behold, Your King Is Coming”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

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11:00 OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*BENEDICTION

Pronouncing God's blessing on his people

POSTLUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735
Ted Bickish, organ

J.S. Bach

**Congregation standing as able*

Ruling Elders | Class of 2026

Michael Klitsch
Michael Looney
Adam Szabo
Kent Talbert
Richard Tucker
Eric Vendt
Steve White
Jeremy Williams

Deacons | Class of 2026

Elizabeth Dicus
Jo Ann Dubose
Sandra Fischer
Kato Gilbert
Elizabeth Hartnett
Carol Jackson
Melissa Labutta
Laurie Rankin
Todd Switzer
Ira Vaughn

TONIGHT'S EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m.

"The Lord's Doing"

Psalm 118

Rev. Corey Gray

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6 | 7:30 p.m.

"Jesus Loses None"

John 18:1-11

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

GOOD FRIDAY

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

April 7 | 7:30 p.m.

"The Awful Yet Wonderful Exchange"

Matthew 24:1-2, 11-31

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EASTER SUNRISE

6:00 a.m.

"Christ the Firstfruits"

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

A continental breakfast follows.

*(In the event of inclement weather,
service will be moved to Upper Room.)*

EASTER MORNING

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

"Behold, Jesus"

Matthew 28:1-15

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EASTER EVENING

6:00 p.m.

"The Funeral and the Feast"

Isaiah 25:6-12

Rev. David Frerichs

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

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