

2019 PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

04/14/2019

10:00 A.M

A warmed welcome to our first time guest (s)! Thank you for choosing to be in worship with us. If you do not have a church home and are searching, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other faith formation, spiritual growth activities and services being offered here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

**GATHERING
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

PRELUDE “Trumpet Tune in D Major” **Nancy Cook, Organist**

CELEBRATIONAL HYMN # 280 *All Glory, Laud and Honor (stanzas 1-2)*
(All May Stand and Wave Palm Branches As Signs of Joyful Welcome)

GREETING: **Pastor and people**
Welcome and Announcements **Pastor and Congregation**
(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
(Thank you for completing the yellow half sheet in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. We greet those around us with words of welcome and peace.)

CENTERING PRAYER: UNISON
Eternal Spirit, Creator of all things, places and peoples, we come together in the name of “The Christ.” In him you became one with us, that we might become one with one another in true love and in our worship of you. We’ve come! May you be present with and amongst us. Amen!

***CALL TO WORSHIP: BEHOLD THE KING -** Leader and People
L: Behold your king comes to you;
p. He comes with justice!
L: He brings salvation and eternal life,
P: He brings peace and joy!
L: Hosanna in the highest!
UNISON: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

***OPENING UM HYM # 280**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Stanzas 3-5)

INVOCATION:
An invitation to prayer: The Pastor
Brothers and Sisters in Christ; for the past several weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's suffering and death. Today, together with the church universal, we begin this holy week by welcoming our Messiah. So, like the people of long ago, let us Reignite our Faith in Jesus, “The Christ,” as we joyfully welcome and follow him to the cross.

Let us now pray together: Unison
Dear God, as we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise you every day, by living always in him. Merciful God, let those branches be for us signs of your victory, and grant that we who bear them in your Son’s name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME **Pastor**

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURES

Epistle lesson: *Philippians 2:5-11*
Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God,
Cong: Thanks be to God

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WITNESSING TO THE WORD

Theme: REIGNITING YOUR JOY FOR “THE CHRIST...”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Pastor**

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.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Words of Invitation & Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Prayer”

Nancy Cook, Organist

***The Doxology # 95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we gladly bring our offerings and tithes in recognition that all we have and all we are come from you. We give especially in appreciation of your gift of love through your Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus showed us your love for us by freely giving his life so that we might live life more meaningfully, and at the end spend eternal life with you and the Holy Spirit. May you bless these gifts to further extend your love and care toward our communities and the world to the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

A JOINT CELEBRATION OF 2019 PALM SUNDAY

BY: CHANCEL CHOIR AND PRAISE TEAM

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE/ BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.

Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!

RUMMAGE SALE IN THE WORKS

Mark your calendars and start collecting your rummage!
 The United Methodist Women will host the Rummage Sale Saturday April 27th, in the church social room. Books, toys, linens, household items, decorations, etc., will be appreciated (no clothing, please). We'll then need help in setting up on Thursday and Friday of that week. Watch for additional details in the weekly bulletins.
 **All donations must be received by Wednesday April 24th **



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING FOR APRIL will help send members to one of the Wisconsin United Methodist Camps. Simply place your loose change, or more, in the small brown envelopes found in the pew racks or on the sanctuary tables and place it in the offering plate.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The "Food Bank Item" for April will be jams and jellies. Bring your donation any time. Here is another fun donation to the food pantry: Donate birthday kits to local food pantries. Put a paper tablecloth, matching napkins and plates, candles, a box of cake mix, and canned frosting inside a disposable baking pan, which goes into an extra-large Ziploc bag. Choose a specific theme or just make it all-inclusive. Each kit is less than \$10. Give a needy person or child a happy birthday!

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD

Thoughts and prayers for Jeanne Whiteside and her family for strength and peace with the loss of her father Timothy G. Larsen.
 Love and prayers for Laurie Lewis to overcome the depression that's trying to keep her down. Prayers for health and healing mind, body and soul.
 Love and Prayers for Pat Held's daughter for health and healing.
 Prayers for health and healing for Doris LaBrasca.
 Prayers for Rose Pettus for health and healing.
 Prayers appreciated for Joe Sens.
 Thoughts and prayers for health and healing for Nancy Drott who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Welcome to our Palm Sunday Choir Program – April 14, 2019

Under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Cook
 (Kindly hold all applause until after the final number)

Opening Narration -	Ed Guckenberger
“Hosanna”	Sanctuary Choir
Story of Jesus’ Miracles	
“Just One Touch”	Sanctuary Choir
Roman Officials Become Angry	
“Broken For You”	Sanctuary Choir
Jesus Arrested	
“On Yonder Cross”	Sanctuary Choir
Jesus Crucified	
“The Lamb is Worthy”	Sanctuary Choir
God’s Prophecy Fulfilled	
“You Are the Christ”	Sanctuary Choir

(You may now show your appreciation to our wonderful choir)

Choir Members

MeriKate Bock Gene Bock Matt Burton Carol Feest Marcia Fernholz

Austin Merschorf Peggy Nejedly Ellen Spiering Morgan Taylor

Patti Walker Angela Yu

Narrator: Ed Guckenberger

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 14

Wave Palm Branches during the celebrational hymn and Choir Program During Worship

Tuesday April 15 thru Friday April 19 – 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Sanctuary Open for Personal Reflection

Maundy Thursday, April 18 – 6:00 pm

Supper and Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 19 – 12:00 pm

Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Morning, April 21

8:30 am – Sunrise Service in the Social Room

10:00 am – Morning Worship followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the social room

OUR RECORD LAST WEEK

Worship Attendance	10:00 am – 42
Plate/Pledges	\$1093.00
Missions	\$4.35
UMCOR	\$50.00

COMING THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 14

9:00 am – Faith To Life Bible Study

10:00 am – Morning Worship

5:00 pm – Casa de Dios Worship Service

Monday, April 15

4:30 pm – Hot Meal Program

6:30 pm – Casa de Dios Bible Study

Wednesday, April 17

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 20

Noon – Sack Lunch Program, Lutheran Chapel of the Cross, hosts

Announcements

BAKE SALE DURING RUMMAGE SALE

All proceeds will be donated to the “Playground Fund” at Lake Lucerne. Your help in providing bakery and purchasing some delicious goodies will be very much appreciated. As always, thanks for your support of our outreach projects.

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

First Church is responsible for the Hot Meal at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church on Monday, April 15th. If you can provide a casserole, please sign on the sheets located on the sanctuary tables. Please deliver your casserole to St. Luke’s by 4:30 pm on April 15th. Thank you for your help with this important outreach ministry.