

**\*\*PRAYER of DEDICATION (Unison)**

**Ever-present God, as we bring this offering we present ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of SENDING #101** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**\*\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**\*\*RESPONSE** "Go With Us, Lord" Tallis Canon Tune

**POSTLUDE** "Thine is the Glory" Handel

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**PASTOR:** Rev. Bob Thomson

**MUSIC DIRECTOR:** Wendy Dryden **ORGANIST:** Eleanor Lane

**CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR:** Ashley Braisted

**MUSIC:** Children's Choir

**CHANCEL CHOIR:** Kay Barnes, Ernie Brazzale,

Melinda Brazzale, Rose Burrows, Cadie Cooper, Cori Cooper,  
Becky Dougherty, Randy Fetzer, Al Hunter, Karla Light, Tony Ouradnik,  
Sarah Pettengill, MaryAnn Purtzer, Cassandra Raybuck, Mary Throne,  
Becky Tish, and Jeff Tish.



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**Church Mission Statement**

As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:

- ~ Glorifying and worshiping God
- ~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
- ~ Loving and serving all people



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*Vibrant Worship,  
Vibrant Discipleship,  
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**Palm Sunday**

April 13, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**"Entrance to Jerusalem"**

*Purple: Symbolizes the Season of  
Preparation and Penitence*

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**\*\*Those who are able are invited to stand.**

**PRELUDE** "Behold the King!" Smith

**TOLLING of the BELLS**

**GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE for MISSION**

*Kevin Boyce  
Becky Dougherty*

**GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD**

**PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST**

**\*\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #89** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Wendy Curran*

**Leader:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**People:** **Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

**Leader:** Lo, your king comes to you;

**People:** **Triumphant and victorious is he,**

**Leader:** Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**People:** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Leader:** Blessed is the King of Israel. Let us pray...

**PRAYER of PRAISE (Unison)**

**O Lord Christ, as you once entered Jerusalem, enter our hearts this day afresh. As you once set your face towards the cross, help us this day to walk with you to victory. As the children once cried "Hosanna" to bless you, enable us to confess you openly as Lord and Savior. Grant us your presence by the power of your Spirit, that our worship and our lives may truly honor you. Amen.**

**\*\*HYMN of PRAISE #88** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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**\*\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

The people who greeted Jesus with palm branches later cried out, "Crucify him." Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior. Praise God we have our savior in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

**\*\*PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Loving God, You came in peace, riding on a donkey, humbling yourself and giving yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna" and then on Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!" We confess our praise is often empty. We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify." As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.** (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**\*\*ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Hear the good news about our life in Christ. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and of death. Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**PASSING of the PEACE**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI #579**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***LISTENING for the WORD of GOD***

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

*Wendy Curran*

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 16:8-11 (pg. 430)

The Word of the Lord

*Wendy Curran*

**Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

"Let the Rocks Cry Out!"

Larson

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 823)

Children's Choir

"Hosanna We Sing"

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TIME for CHILDREN

*(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School.)*

*Ashley Braisted*

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

"Entrance to Jerusalem"

*Rev. Bob Thomson*

***RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD***

**\*\*HYMN of RESPONSE #344**

"Christ of the Upward Way"

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

**\*\*CONFESSION of FAITH - Apostles' Creed - Traditional Version**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 PEOPLE and the LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

RESPONSE

"Amen"

Dresden

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

The Psalmists writes, "What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people."

OFFERTORY

"Draw Nigh to Jerusalem"

Williams

**\*\*DOXOLOGY #592**

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