

Follow Me

Palm Sunday

Today is the day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem...
a moment of great excitement, hope, and expectation.
On that day a multitude had assembled to welcome Jesus with a flood of
cheers and shouts, everyone seeming to join this "joyful" chaos!
"Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"!

March 24, 2024
10:15 am

Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
10:15 am—March 24, 2024—Palm Sunday

You are invited to stand when indicated by an asterisk and speak the words in bold if able.

PRELUDE: Cornet Processional.....David P. Dahl

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK

Finish the sentence: "God, give me the courage to....."

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

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

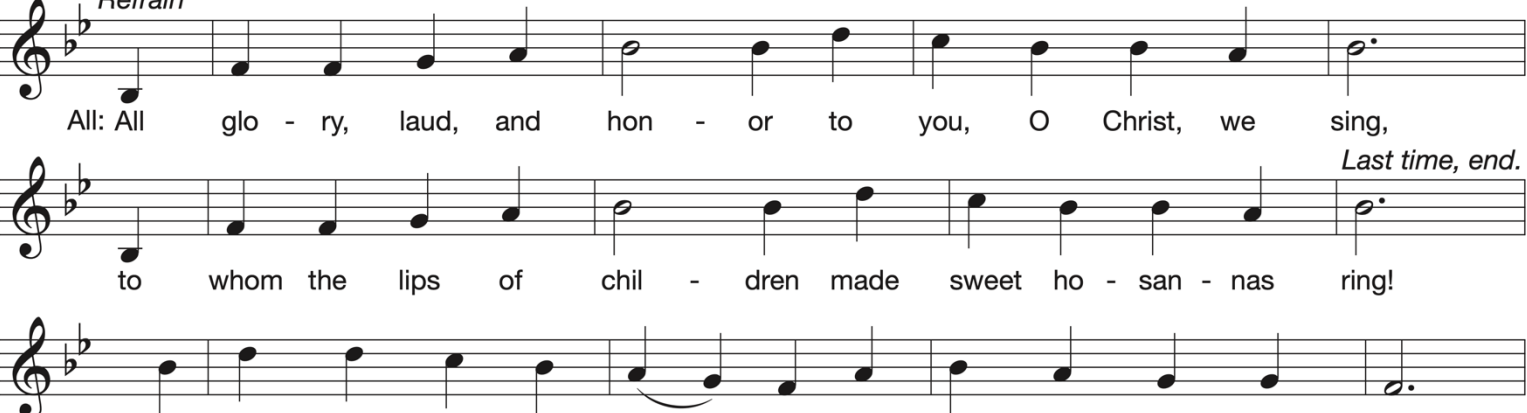
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

You are invited to wave your palm while singing the refrain.

Refrain



All: All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

All: 1. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
Higher Voices: 2. O Prom - ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
Lower Voices: 3. To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All: 4. As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day, *To refrain.*

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

***CONFESSION**

Patient God, we love a parade. We are happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. It is easy for us to jump from this celebration to the festivities of Easter morning without regard for what takes place in between those moments. We ask for your forgiveness and guidance when we equate acts of humility with weakness, when we minimize your presence to a commodity rather than the source of strength and life, and when we find ourselves fitting spiritual activities into our schedule rather than faithfulness setting our agenda. Lead us through the hosannas into the suffering of this world that Your presence may be made known. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

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. God's steadfast love endures forever. This is good news! We are forgiven and renewed. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

ANTHEM: Ride on King Jesus.....African American Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can hinder thee.

I was but young when I begun. No man can hinder thee.

But now my race is almost done. No man can hinder thee.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can hinder thee.

King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man can hinder thee.

The river of Jordan he did cross. No man can hinder thee.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can hinder thee.

He's the King and the Lord of all. No man can hinder thee.

Jesus is the first and he's the last. Jesus is the Lord of Lords.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. No man can hinder thee.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on Jesus.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can hinder thee.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on Jesus.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, just ride on Jesus.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, ride, on.

Ride on, Jesus. Ride on, Jesus!

SERMON: "Going In"Rev. Dale Davis

*HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me



1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.



Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot - steps show.



Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
 Will you let Me an - swer pray'r in you and you in Me?
 And ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in Me?
 Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/SUNG RESPONSE: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Largo on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"Setting by Michael Burkhardt

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during the Offertory music. The plates will then be dedicated during the Offertory Sung Response. You may also donate by scanning the QR code found in the bulletin and on laminated cards in the pews.

*SUNG RESPONSE: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pres - ent far too small;
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING JESUS INTO HOLY WEEK

When I am insulted and ridiculed, when my friends betray me, when I am falsely accused:

Let the same mind be in me that was in Christ Jesus.

When I am is denied by others, when I am about to face a trial, when I am being judged unjustly:

Let the same mind be in me that was in Christ Jesus.

When I explain myself and am misunderstood, when I meet others who are suffering even as I suffer:

Let the same mind be in me that was in Christ Jesus.

When I am about to be vilified, when I am pressured to act in ways that are against my values:

Let the same mind be in me that was in Christ Jesus. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown

Solo: 1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me,
Organ: 2. He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow;
All: 3. Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es sing;
Lower Voices: 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
Higher Voices: 5. They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way;
All: 6. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine!
Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be.
But all made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would know.
Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
A mur - der - er they save, The Price of Life they slay.
Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frial flesh and die?
But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these Them-selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.
Yet cheer-ful He to suff - 'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

***Following worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship in Assembly Hall.
Be sure to return at 4pm for the St. John's Artist Series Palm Sunday Concert,
Illuminare: The Music of Elaine Hagenberg.***

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dale Davis, Interim Senior Pastor
Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Rev. Addie Stong, Associate Pastor
Chancel Choir

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- The Nursery will be open for you to use mindfully, if your little one needs a break. No volunteers will be on duty, so a parent, grandparent, or responsible adult must stay with their child.
- Today's worship available later online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or YouTube Channel: youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa
- Please ask a Hospitality Team member for an audio device if you are having difficulty hearing the service.
- CD's of this morning's service are available by contacting the church office.
- Reminder: The wheelchairs and first aid kit are stored in the "First Aid Closet" in the narthex (the door is clearly labeled). The automatic external defibrillator (AED) is located in the church Library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary.

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Mark Methlie, Team leader; Jen Gilbert, Sarah Hogan, Bonnie & Walt Weber

Elder of the Morning: Chriss Bodde

CD Technician: Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flower Ministry: Pete Probst

Driver: Gale Linderman

Greeters: Betty Elliott, Judy Koenig

Chancel Flowers

In memory of parents, Gerald and Edith Linderman, on their March 26th wedding anniversary, and in memory of his brother, Mark, from Gerry & Grace Linderman

In loving memory of Louise (Grammie) Snyder's March 30th birthday from her family

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of March 10, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, March 10	105
Attendance: 5:30 pm, March 13	22
Offering For Current Income	\$10,219.58
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$2,189.50
A Look at the Week of March 17, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, March 17	153
Attendance: 5:30 pm, March 13	20
Offering For Current Income	\$5,346.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$564.50

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 Lisa Delp, Church Admin. Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
 Mark Bruen, Council President

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Illuminare

The Music of Elaine Hagenberg
4pm, Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Let the St. John's Chancel Choir and Friends
 accompany you on your Holy Week journey!

This year's Palm Sunday concert will feature
 Hagenberg's music exclusively – from her
 well-known compositions *All Things New* and
The Music of Stillness to her newest piece,
Illuminare. Choir, piano, and orchestra will
 make for an inspirational afternoon.



If you wish to make a donation toward Easter lilies in
 honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out this
 donation form and place it in the offering plate, or
 contact the church office at 215-855-5489 or
office@st-johns-ucc.org by **Sunday, March 24, 2024**



2024 Lily Donation Form

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

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A prayer vigil will be held starting at noontime
 on Maundy Thursday, March 28, and ending at
 noontime on Good Friday, March 29. Pray
 from home, work, during a walk or in the
 Sanctuary. The signup sheet for half-hour time
 slots is located in the Elevator Lobby. The
 Sanctuary will be open for prayer on
 Maundy Thursday from noon to 6pm and on
 Good Friday from 7:30am to noon.



A new member interest meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 11:30am in the Library. If you are interested in learning more about St. John's and possibly becoming a member of this faith community, please join us!

The Personnel Committee is searching for candidates to fill the Church Office Manager position with Lisa's retirement. If you, a friend or a family member is interested in this employment opportunity, visit St. John's website: <https://st-johns-ucc.org/leaders-and-staff/staff-job-openings>, speak with a personnel committee member, or call Margie Jewell, Personnel Chair, at 215-272-1599.

This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information, please contact the church office 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

Mar	24	Sun	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am 4:00 pm	Palm Sunday Connect 3, Activity Room Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall Artist Series Concert: Illuminare
Mar	26	Tue	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scouts AA
Mar	27	Wed	5:00-6:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live Community Meal, Assembly Hall NO Evening Worship NO Lenten Book Study Children's Music, Music Room United Ringers Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Mar	28	Thu	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship, Assembly Hall An intimate, interactive worship experience around tables with Holy Communion & Handwashing
Mar	29	Fri	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chess Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary A moving Tenebrae worship including a dramatic reading of the passion story
Mar	31	Sun	7:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, Holy Communion @ White's Road Park bandshell Egg hunt for children following worship NO Connect 3 Morning Worship, Holy Communion in St. John's Sanctuary Chancel choir, United Ringers & Festive Brass Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Apr	1	Mon		Church Office Closed

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024 AT ST. JOHN'S ~ "FOLLOW ME"

Join us as we follow Jesus through the passion of Holy Week and to the glory of Easter!



Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

4:00pm – Illuminare: The Music of Elaine Hagenberg

Continue your Holy Week journey with the St. John's Artist Series Palm Sunday concert - a powerful afternoon with the St. John's Chancel Choir and Friends, pianist Vince Ryan, and full orchestra presenting music of this incredible living composer. A reception follows this inspirational afternoon.

Wednesday, March 27

No 5:30pm Wednesday Night Live Worship.

No 6pm Lenten Book Study

(Dinner will still be served from 5pm-6:45pm)

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

7pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for an intimate, interactive worship experience around tables in Assembly Hall with Holy Communion and Hand Washing.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

7pm – Good Friday Service

Join us for a moving Tenebrae worship service that includes a dramatic reading of the Passion story from the Gospel of Mark.

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday

7am – Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship

Join us for outdoor sunrise worship with Holy Communion at the bandshell at White's Road Park. An Easter Egg Hunt for children follows the service.

10:15am – Easter Sunday Sanctuary Worship

Join us for worship at St. John's with Holy Communion. Festive brass accompanies this service that concludes with the famous Widor Toccata organ postlude.

Music Ensembles on Good Friday and Easter

Good Friday: Chancel Choir

Easter Sunrise: Children's Choir, United Ringers

Easter Sanctuary: Chancel Choir, United Ringers, Brass