



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
March 24, 2022***

PALM SUNDAY

*Please stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING SONG

"This is the Day"

UNISON WELCOME

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!

Cry out, people of faith, for your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

Hosanna! God saves!

Blessed is the One who comes in God's name!

Blessed is Jesus Christ, who did not turn back for fear of the cross. Let us praise the God who loves us, sharing Christ's sufferings, and facing with courage our path of faith.

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***PROCESSION OF THE PALMS & HYMN #175**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

We confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, ourselves, and the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal Companion C-4

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

The LORD God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The LORD God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Siblings, beyond the shadow of a doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and freed.

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

ANTHEM

"Crown the King with Praise"

Douglas Nolan

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29; John 12:12-16

RESPONSIVE READING

"Palm Sunday" by Malcolm Guite

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,

The seething holy city of my heart,

The savior comes. But will I welcome him?

Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;

They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,

And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find

The challenge, the reversal he is bringing

Changes their tune. I know what lies behind

The surface flourish that so quickly fades;

Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,

The hardness of the heart, its barricades,

And at the core, the dreadful emptiness

Of a perverted temple. Jesus come

Break my resistance and make me your home.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

HYMN #172

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS).

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Isaac Watts

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

from Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are unhoused. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN** (insert)

"Jesus Rode Into the City"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

Birthdays this week: 03/28 Richard Foerster and Hayley Tosten; 03/30 Muneath Ham; 03/31 Carolyn (Cookie) Miller

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Allen Frantz
Lector	Jill Miller
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns
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The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of Charles W. Karper and Hazel Karper Rumler by Sandy & Bob Lewis and Cookie Miller & families.



St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ
as a congregation that welcomes everyone,
and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

St. John's Mission

To grow in love of God and neighbor

Worship Resources:

Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

"Palm Sunday" by Malcolm Guite

<https://www.journeywithjesus.net/poemsandprayers/1701-palm-sunday>

NEWS IN THE PEWS March 24, 2024

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today: Palm Sunday

Monday, March 25

5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room 207

Tuesday, March 26

5:30 Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Practice – Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Crossover Ceremony - Sanctuary
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting – Room 116
7:00 pm Consistory Meeting – Room 116

Thursday, March 28

6:00 pm Girls Scouts – Room 116
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship – Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 29

12:00 pm Community Good Friday Service – Central Presbyterian Church
6:00 pm Spring Dance Class – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt – Outside/Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

Franklin Together is hosting a Reentry Simulation here at St. John's on April 16, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn what life is like for a citizen returning from incarceration in this unique, eye-opening experience. Participation is free; **register by April 5** at <https://forms.gle/KwwCqS263rBMAkw1A>

Outreach Ministry 2024 Lenten Projects are Peru Adopt a school program, African Mission Healthcare and The Women Healthcare Initiative Foundation. The proceeds of these offerings by the congregation will be evenly divided between these three programs. Our collection will be during Lent and will end on March 24th, Palm Sunday. We are very happy to offer this opportunity for global outreach in the life of St. John's UCC.

NETwork Ministries' 26th annual fundraising banquet is on Thursday, April 4th, 6:00 PM, at World Harvest Outreach. Doors open at 5 PM, and the evening includes a catered dinner, artwork, testimonies, and performances from NETwork's youth, and guest speaker Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah, professor at Fuller Seminary. The cost is \$25. Please contact NETwork at networkchambersburg@gmail.com or 717-264-4640 by March 25th to make reservations. Don't miss this year's celebration!

Spring Afternoon Tea will be Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. Make sure to purchase your ticket(s) now as limited tickets are available! Tickets can be purchased in the church office.

Easter Egg Hunt Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at 9:15 am here at St. John's on the playground or in Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather.

Poverty Simulation: Saturday, June 1; More information coming soon!

Save the Date: The American Red Cross is having a blood drive here at St. John's on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan copies are available at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, and by request from the Church Office. Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

Online Giving Made Easy! Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

Thank you to everyone that helped with our spring clean-up!

Church office will be closed April 1 for Easter Monday!

Prayer Chain For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you'd like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can be emailed to Pastor Caroline, Loretta or Heather to be shared with the prayer chain.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing Thee on high;
 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 to Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore Thee went;
 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the praise we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
 who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

WORDS: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1854, alt.
 (Matt. 21:8-9; Mark 11:8-10; Luke 19:36-38)

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615

ST. THEODULPH
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Higher key, No. 225

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

WORDS: Anonymous, 4th cent.
MUSIC: Christoph Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE
Irregular

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mong the joy - ful crowd;
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing;

through pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, with sing - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.
 and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

WORDS: Jennette Threlfall, 1873 (Matt. 21:8-9; Mark 11:8-10; John 12:12-13)

MUSIC: Wittenburg Gesangbuch, 1784; adapt. William Henry Monk, 1868

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Jesus Rode into the City

In honor of Gloria Crum's many years of service at St. John's United Church of Christ in Chambersburg, PA

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2023

Beedier

John Zundel, 1870

1. Je - sus rode in - to the ci - ty, know-ing all that was to come:
2. Je - sus rode in - to the ci - ty, know-ing all that was in store.
3. Je - sus rode in - to the ci - ty, know-ing con-flict would in - crease,
4. Je - sus rode in - to the ci - ty where he cared for those in need.
5. Je - sus, at this ce - le - bra-tion, we re - call your sa - cri - fice,

He was faith-ful, prayer-ful, stea-dy, when he reached Je - ru - sa - lem.
Ru - lers of - ten came with ar-mies; Christ rode in, our hum - ble Lord.
Peo - ple want-ed some - one migh - ty— not the hum-ble Prince of Peace.
He took is - sue with the migh - ty and he chal-lenged hu - mangreed.
You were faith-ful to your mis-sion; for the world, you gave your life.

Crowds were cheer-ing, shout-ing, sing - ing, for they'd seen what he could do:
Those who con-quer-ed sought to fright - en, rid - ing hor - ses to im - press;
At a time when much was chang - ing, Je - sus kept his fo - cus strong;
There he gave us all in - struc - tion—how to be a lov - ing church.
Now you call your church to fol - low— serv-ing, lov-ing, eyes on you.

He came bring-ing hope and heal-ing and the gift of life made new.
Je - sus rode a beast of bur-den—low - ly beast of gen - tle - ness.
Je - sus kept on lov - ing, serv-ing, show-ing mer - cy, press - ing on.
There he taught us to give wel-come, to seek jus - tice, here on earth.
Now you lead your peo - ple on-ward; in these times, there's work to do.

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