

*Remember, I am
with you always.
~Mt. 28:20*



PALM SUNDAY
March 29, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this week, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus self-giving love, and by your Holy Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRELUDE *Hosanna to the Son of David, T.L. da Victoria¹*

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

*PROCESSION HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor, Valet Will Ich Dir Geben²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you entered the rebellious city that later rejected you. We confess that our motivations are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. We confess that our faith is often more show than substance and that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Lord have mercy on us. Help us lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to guide us as your own. We choose to turn from sin, and to travel with you forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CELEBRATION SONG 411 *God Is Here Today, Dios Esta Aqui³*

WHERE I FOUND FAITHFULNESS - Lynnette Berkhimer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Holy God, as we come now to the reading of your word, we ask you to illuminate our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit. May the light of your word brighten the Holy Week path ahead of us as we journey in the steps of Christ towards the cross. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-17

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

*HYMN 197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, Ellacombe*⁴

SERMON

What an Entrance

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

OFFERTORY

*A Hosanna for Our Time, K. Marroli*⁵

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Old Hundredth*⁶
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 157 vs 1-4

*I Danced in the Morning, Lord of the Dance*⁷

CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hosanna!, T. Dubois*⁸

The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.

Leaders Today:



Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

Chancel Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Abe & Carrie Aberle, Judy Graham, Doug Rouse (Deacon)

Liturgist: Karen Hansen

AV/Tech: John Tarr

Erin DeMuth, violin

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flower Order Forms Due Today

If you would like to order flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter while honoring/ remembering loved ones, please turn in your form in the collection plate or office today. Extra forms (purple) are in the narthex area. Thanks!

Sunday Forum with Lynnette Berkheimer

After worship today, head to the MJB Lounge where Lynnette Berkheimer will discuss the important work being done at the Salvation Army Women's Emergency Shelter.

Easter Board Book Drive

This Easter season, help us share the joy of reading with our youngest learners by donating new infant and toddler board books for Thoreau Elementary School's Summer Reading Project. These books will be given to children to enjoy and keep over the summer. Please bring your donation to the Easter Service and place it in the collection area. Thank you for supporting children and families in our community.

Coins For a Cause April

The next "Coins for a Cause" collection will be happening this April beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through April 26. So, bring your spare change and drop it in the collection plate on those 4 Sundays. Once again, our children will be using the funds to select items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog (with Amy's guidance).

It's a Beautiful Sunday in the Neighborhood- Sunday April 19, 11:00-1:00

Come relax, shed the fast pace of a mean-spirited world and join us in safety as we play together and create memories of kindness. Join the fun! All ages welcome.

- Wear a cardigan.
- Make a puppet.
- Laugh and sing and use our puppets to do a Mr. Rogers neighborhood storytelling together.
- Eat some food - hot off the grill.
- Prepare teacher-appreciation bags for Thoreau/Waldorf schools.
- Play in our "Neighborhood" with blocks, and trains and tracks.
- Learn how the words, energy, and kindness of Fred Rogers can help us navigate the neighborhoods that we live in today.

SAVE THE DATES

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

When: August 3-6; 9am-noon at Christ Presbyterian Church

For : Children grades K and up! (youth and adult volunteers)

All are welcome to this free and engaging camp. More details to come!

Women's Retreat

Save the date for the 5th Annual Women's Retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery. This year Jessica Salt will be leading the retreat on Saturday, September 26.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Barbara Vogelsang, Bob Klassy, Bill & Sue Bridson

Members & Friends: Ledger Dalton, Bob Goller, Alice Appen, the family of Dale Rohde

HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Maundy Thursday - April 2 at 7:00PM

Good Friday Tenebrae - April 3 at 7:00PM

Easter Sunday - April 5 at 9:45AM

Join the no-rehearsal choir for the *Hallelujah Chorus*, and enjoy a children's egg hunt & coffee fellowship.

