

Welcome to
St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

April 10th, 2022



GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S
JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio

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Nursery: Erin Anderson

Flower Delivery: Erin Anderson

Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

Please visit the church website at <http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org/> to sign up for Acolyte, Usher, Lector, Volunteer in the Nursery, Deliver the Altar Flowers, and/or Sponsor the Altar Flowers. You will find the individual signup sheets under the "Sign Up" menu heading. Thank you.



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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY

April 10th, 2022

*Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the announcements.
Please listen in silence as you prepare yourself for Worship. If you do not wish to appear in the
livestream, it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of the Sanctuary.*

*We will not be passing the microphone around.
Please write up any Prayer Requests ahead of time, leave them in the Red Bowl
or give them to the Head Usher. They will bring them forward.*

****Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.***

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE "Palm Sunday Glory"

The Hand Chimes

Rogers

CHORAL INTROIT

*THE HYMN No. 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Loving God, Your Presence emboldened Jesus to confront both religious and political authorities, who insisted on violently oppressing those who disagreed with them. Jesus however chose a witness of public peaceful protest, setting a standard for we who would follow him. Help us to do so also. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We enjoy the celebration of those who were with Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. We want to join the chorus and chanting. However, we do not always remember that Jesus knew the danger he was in, he chose to up the ante even further by his public procession and continued toward his likely torture and death. He did so with great love for all, the strength of God's Presence within him and recognizing he was serving God by demonstrating the gift of resurrection for all, that he was to make known. Let us join together in the time of Silent Prayers of Confession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us and continues to call us to confront the injustices in our communities and in our world, and promises to be with us as we do.

ALL: Let us too find the courage to follow God's calls, serving those who need our witness, our actions, and our love. Amen.

*Please note: we will not be shaking hands or hugging.
If you are able, please rise and greet one another with other signs of Peace.*

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

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.

Children are invited to the front at this time. They may sit on the chancel steps, they may sit in the front pews, or they may remain seated with their families. Remember, everyone who comes forward will be on camera.

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT Jesus Loves the Little Children
*Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world
Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright
They are precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS Jesus Loves Me
*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so*

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9

THE PSALM READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*THE HYMN No. 223 "What Wonderful Love Is This"

THE RESPONSE:

One: God is Still Speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING & MESSAGE:

Luke 19:28-40

“The Courage of Peaceful Protest”

THE 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.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

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.

Please note: you can leave your offerings in the plate in the Narthex on your way in or on your way out after Service. You may also place your pew pad sheets in that Offering Plate. Thank you.

THE ANTHEM “Hosanna, Hosanna We Sing”

Pethel

Youth Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

As we empty our pockets for the programs and causes our church supports, we seek the courage to empty ourselves of power and position, that we may be humble servants of Jesus Christ. We do not seek to be martyrs, but we want to be faithful. We do not want to be shamed, but we dare to witness to the truth of God. Bless us and our gifts to Your glory. Amen.

*THE HYMN No. 216 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION

* THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

Please note: the livestream continues until the end of the Postlude.

*Please know you are free to leave following the Three-fold Amen,
and exit to the Narthex to speak with one another.*

Do remember you may be visible and audible on the livestream as you exit early.

If you choose to remain, please be seated and listen quietly to the Postlude.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE “March Triumphant Into Jerusalem” Robert W. Thygeron

References:

The Prayer of Dedication is from “Refreshing Rains of the Living Word” by Lavon Bayler, 1988, United Church Press.

The World Peace Prayer is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine nuns.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Sara Weiser, “In memory of Thomas Bentley and Clifford Walter.”

Thursday, April 14 th	6:30PM	Maundy Thursday	Meal and Worship in the Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 15 th	7:30PM	Good Friday	Worship in the Sanctuary
Saturday, April 16 th	10:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt	For children in 5 th grade and younger, outside.
Sunday, April 17 th	6:30AM	Sunrise Service	Outside by the Pavilion, at St. Paul’s.
	9:00AM	Potluck Breakfast	In the Fellowship Hall
	10:30AM	Easter Worship	In the sanctuary with Holy Communion

#213 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely
anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had held them close folded to his
breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and
the best.

From Olivet they followed amid the cheering
crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear
and loud;
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly
state,
And glad to see the children, slowed down the
donkey's gait.

'Hosanna in the highest!' that ancient song is ours,
We hail our Redeemer and sing with all our
powers.

Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life
and voice,
Hosanna in your presence forever we'll rejoice!

#223 - What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that Christ shall come
in bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing
on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful
be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

#216 – All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas
ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned
your way;
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you
this day.

O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,
The one called "God's Beloved," of flesh and yet
divine,
To you, before you passion, they sang their hymns
of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

As you received their praises, received our prayers
today,
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty
hold sway.

All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas
ring.