



A Service for the Lord's Day
March 28, 2021 ~ 10:00 am
Palm Sunday

To listen to the service on your phone, call 720-647-9623 between 10 am this Sunday and 10 am next Sunday..

Prayer for the Day ~ “It is ourselves that we must spread under Christ’s feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ’s grace, with the whole Christ – for as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ – so let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet.”

~ Andrew of Crete (c. 650-712)

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.

Gathering Music

Dr. Jonathan Morris

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Sheri Fry

Call to Worship

Liturgist Mary McCarron

One: The story of faith is a story of courage.

All: It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

One: It took courage for Mary to say, “Here I am. Use me.”

All: It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

One: It took courage for the paralyzed man’s friends to lower him through the roof.

All: It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

One: It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

All: It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

One: Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

All: Again and again, God show us the way. Let us worship a brave and courageous God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (unison)

We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable.

We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid.

We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable.

We give thanks for the light of love—hot and holy.

Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

Amen

Hymn 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

(next page)

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

God, I turn into ashes all my preconceptions about this scripture, all my safe, familiar interpretations. Burn me with its newness. Let it rise like the phoenix with bright wide-winged words. Amen

(continued)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

Lesson for the Day

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon

The Ministry of Colt Fetching

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Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

I refuse to believe that I am powerless. I refuse to believe that injustice and hatred are simply the way it has to be. I refuse to believe that I am better or more deserving than my neighbor. I refuse to believe that my self-worth is rooted in my accomplishments or appearance. I refuse to believe that the Church is dying, because I see God all around me. I refuse to believe that the traditions of old are the only path for moving forward. I refuse to believe that I cannot make a difference. So with hope in my heart, I will strive to live a life of courage, conviction, and compassion, just as Jesus taught us. Amen



Anthem

Blessed is He

Sara Tyburczy

by John Neale, Jeannette Threlfall and Jay Althouse

Prayer 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.

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love is This

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Charge and Benediction

One: When you leave this on-line and sanctuary space, sing hosannas. Carry their glad cry into this new week.

All: However popular or unpopular the cause, we wish to follow Christ.

One: God overlooks our past and sends us into the world as ambassadors of the Good News.

All: God in Christ is bringing wholeness to our lives and giving us opportunities to minister to others.

One: We have been commissioned and empowered to make a difference in the life around us.

All: Hosanna! Blessed are all who go forth to serve. Glory to God in the highest!

Postlude

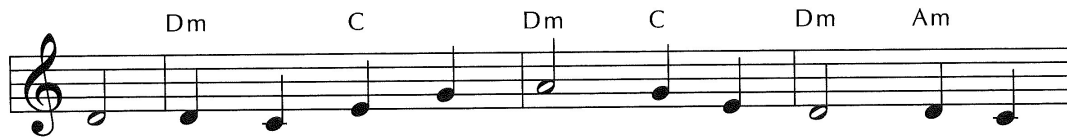
Dr. Jonathan Morris

Good Shepherd Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sheri Fry
Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell
Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



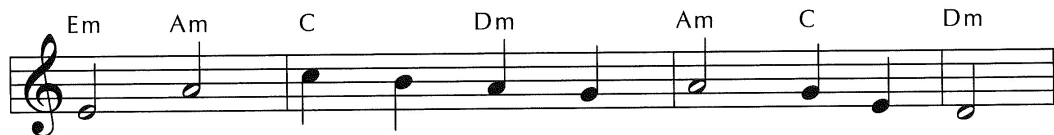
soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."



Sermon Musings

Mark 11:1-11

Lately I have found myself thinking about procession and pilgrimage: how we move with mindfulness across a landscape that transforms us along the way; what propels us to set off down paths made sacred by those who have traveled before us; which roads draw us closer to God, and which ones draw us farther away from being aware of God's presence.

In Mark 11 Jesus arrives at Bethpage and Bethany, outside of Jerusalem, for the city is crowded for Passover. Jesus sends the disciples ahead of him to find a colt, and they find one exactly as he said they would, to borrow for a short time. The disciples threw their cloaks on the colt, and Jesus rode on it into Jerusalem. People spread their cloaks on the

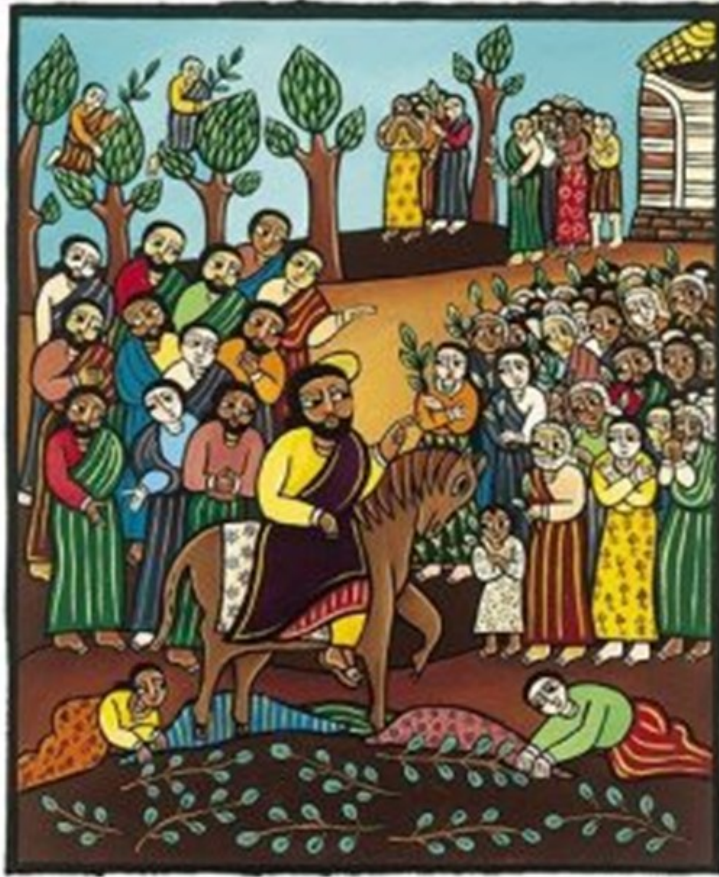
road like a red carpet rolled out, and cut leafy branches to wave, and shouted "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!" Jesus went to the temple and then returned with the disciples to Bethany to stay for the night.

There are times for venturing down a holy path, giving ourselves to traveling a real road that will alter us in ways we cannot predict. And then there are times for committing ourselves to a way that will not take us far in terms of physical distance but will draw us down interior pathways we have not explored before.

The road Jesus traveled to Jerusalem in order to make his entrance that we celebrate on Palm Sunday was not very long in terms of physical distance. Yet it was miles deep, marked by years of preparation and prayer, discernment and courage as Jesus traveled farther into the fullness of who he was meant to become.

What road do we travel to meet the Christ who comes toward us and what journey do we need to take in order to welcome him?

- Pastor Sheri



HOLY WEEK ~ March 28 -April 4

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday

We invite you to join us in the sanctuary to watch the following services:

Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday at 5:00 p.m. - Communion will be available at the church

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.

We will watch the services on the sanctuary screen and be sitting in the pews with appropriate distance between us and with our masks on.

In-person live worship will begin
Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m.



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

**2ND SHOT COVID VACCINATION CLINIC WILL BE HELD AT GOOD SHEPHERD ON MONDAY,
APRIL 5th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

The Food Bank needs donations of pet food and toilet paper the most, then hand soap and other toiletry items, laundry detergent, and large-size diapers.



Happy Birthday!

April Birthday List

14th - Sidney Schneider
15th - Sue Coleman
17th - Kristina Watson
19th - Linda Jaramillo
20th - Ruth Vazquez
24th - Diana Rau
29th - Maxine Killion



Member Judy Mesnard has been hard at work using her knitting talents to create hats and matching mittens to keep people warm. They're available in the Food Bank for free to anyone who needs one. Thanks, Judy!



ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP

March is traditionally the time when we receive donations to pay school fees for children at the HEATHER CHIMHOGA CARE CENTER in Zimbabwe. This year, since schools are closed, again, due to the increased cases of COVID 19, the Mission Committee has decided to take a year off from that specific offering. Instead, we will focus on the In-Person, Elephant Rock Ride, scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 6 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Good Shepherd already has 3 excited bike riders ready to ride for Team GSPC, which will be a part of



the larger Team Zimbabwe. As always, donations may be made on-line by going to the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership website and following their directions OR by making your check out to GSPC, noting Team GSPC and the rider's name in the memo space and mailing or delivering to the church (hopefully into the offering plate in the near future!!) Please watch for more information, including names of our riders. If you, or a friend or family member would like to join the Team please contact Mary McCarron or

Jan Myers, long-time member of Good Shepherd, passed away on February 4th. Jan was also a Ghost Ranch friend and instructor and an accomplished pastel artist. Her landscapes captured the vibrant colors and the endless space of the Southwest. Jan was truly one of the sweetest, kindest people we have known. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Ghost Ranch Education & Retreat Center, Abiquiu, NM, 87510



We invite you to give to the PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing – this offering is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This offering helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. We hope you can give generously...as we each do a little...it adds up to A Lot! Thank you for your generosity!

The cenotaph in the memorial garden has name plates on it for those of us who wish to be remembered in a special way.. Olinger Mortuary is giving a discount on the purchase of name plates to our members during March.. The cost is \$362 plus taxes and fees (so about \$400 per name plate). Or if a payment plan is preferred, with \$40 down, the 12-month payments would be \$33.33 each month The prices will go up in April to \$500 per plate. Call Denise at 303-451-6674. Any questions, call Robin Kelly at 303-460-7621.



Pastor Sheri.

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for Art and his family, grieving the loss of Jan; for the Bennett family who are grieving the loss of Diana's parents; for Wava V. is home now and on hospice care; the family of Barb W., who is now living with her daughter due to severe Alzheimer's disease; for the family of Burton K., who is in memory care and hospice care; Pee Wee and the family of Sue H.; Norm R.'s family, for Bill and Gayle, H.; for Jim S. and Michelle W; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area.