

The
**Church of the
Covenant**

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day



WELCOME

Convinced of God's grace, the Church of the Covenant seeks to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world.

The Cragin Peal

The McGaffin Carillon

George Leggiero, *Carillonneur*

Organ Prelude

Mark Edwards, Organist

O Mensch beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

J.S. Bach

Welcome

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

Statement of Opportunity

Matthew Garrett

* Celebration of Community

Introit

Handbell & Chancel Choir Members

Hosanna filio David

Chant

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna to the Son of David:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis!

King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest !

* Call to Worship

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum

Associate Pastor

One: As we gather to worship, may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in with us

All: May our eyes be open to see Him

May our hearts be ready to be seen by Jesus

May our worship be worthy of His presence

May we be transformed

That we might see the world through His eyes

* Hymn 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* Call to Confession

Harriet Wadsworth, *Lay Worship Leader*

GATHER

We gather to worship God on the Lord's Day (Sunday) because the Gospels testify that Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week.

* Please stand as you are able.

OUR LAY WORSHIP

LEADER Harriet

Wadsworth has been a devoted member of Church of the Covenant since she joined in 1984. She has served continuously on Session or Trustees for twenty years. She is currently a Trustee and Trustee representative to the Personnel Committee. She also serves as chair of the Organ Committee and the Ministries Review Task Force.

MUSIC NOTES

For centuries, Christians have been gathering on Palm Sunday to celebrate the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Greeted like a king, He will soon be condemned as an insurgent, and crucified next to a common thief as well as a revolutionary. With this week's introit, we commemorate this jubilant, regal entrance with a brief

* Corporate Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of this church community and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we become ensnared in a self-righteousness which confirms our own points of view, while discrediting the truths of others. Bless us with the mindfulness which can restore wholeness. We ask your forgiveness as we silently confess our sins.

* Silent Confession of Sin

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, forgiving and transforming our lives.

Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Corporate Response

God is so good

SO GOOD



God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, Oh so good to me.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David

Chancel Choir

Daniel Moe

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is He the cometh in the name of the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Statement on Baptism

Melanie Marsh Baum

Congregational Commitment

Catherine Jarjisian, Elder

One: Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned us to teach those who are baptized. Are you, speaking for the whole church, willing to make a commitment to Amelia?

All: We promise to do our part to tell Amelia the good news of the gospel, to help her to know all that Christ commands, to surround her with our love, and by our fellowship to strengthen her ties with the household of God.

Questions of Children

Kevin J. Lowry

shout for joy, marked by large leaps reminiscent of trumpets or horns calling the listener to attention.

American composer Daniel Moe sets this same text in a questioning manner, as if not everyone gathered in Jerusalem that day knew who this person was. The offertory is a joyful rendition of the hymn whose associated texts include "I sing the mighty power of God!" as well as (as the bell choir rendition is entitled), "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!" "Hosanna" is a biblical term that might simply be defined as an expression of adoration, praise, or joy.

This week, we take a moment to thank Covenant member Fred Mailey for his tremendous volunteer work with our audio systems. In addition, we welcome Ken Wendt as our new manager of audio-visual services. Please congratulate them during the reception, following our worship service.

ENCOUNTER

We receive the good news of God's love, mercy, and justice revealed to us through the Bible.

RESPOND

Having heard God's word proclaimed, we offer music, prayers, and a portion of the financial resources we have received. Thank you for your generous response to God's gracious love!

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer over the Water

Baptism

HYMN 492 (verses 1 & 3)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Children preschool–fifth grade are invited to a time of storytelling, discovery, and joyful play in the Creche, now located on the third floor in Beckwith Hall. Youth sixth–twelfth grade are invited to stay in the service and participate by responding to this week's Wonder Sheet.

Second Lesson

Luke 19:28–40

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Everyday Revolutionary

Melanie Marsh Baum

* Hymn 497

With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

ST. CLEMENT

Joys and Concerns

Kevin J. Lowry

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Petition

Includes the tolling of the bell for those impacted by gun violence.

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.

SEND

Having been nurtured and nourished through worship, we are sent from this place to glorify God in the service of our daily lives. Please be mindful of those who wish to stay and listen to the postlude.

Stephen Minister will be in Christ Chapel after worship to talk or pray.

TODAY

8:00 Music Rehearsals, Sanctuary

9:30 Nursery, Beckwith Hall

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary

10:15 Music and Ministry, Beckwith Hall

11:00 Coffee & Fellowship, Reception Room

11:30 Living the Way, Dowd Commons

12:30 Science of Spirituality, Sonia Golden Room

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Congregational Amen

All are invited to sing.



Offertory

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Handbell Choir

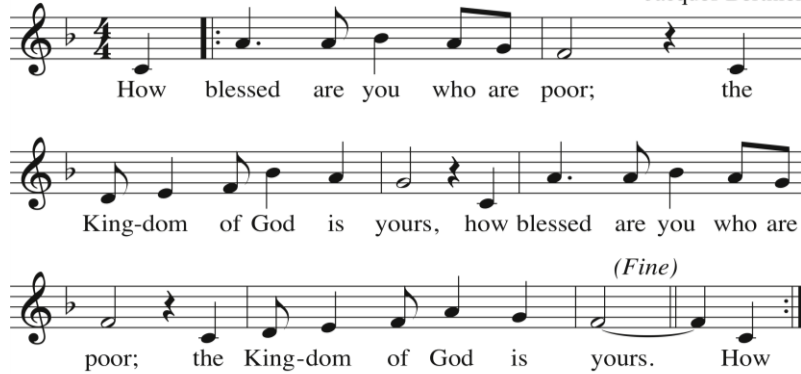
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* Offertory Response

How Blessed Are You

Taizé Chant

Jacques Berthier



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* Prayer of Dedication

Includes receipt of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering

* Hymn

For Forty Days

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

(see next page)

* Charge & Benediction

Choral Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This

Walker's Southern Harmony

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 caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse 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!

Carillon Postlude

Aria and Variations

Dietrich Buxtehude

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