

Sunday, April 13, 2014

**PALM SUNDAY**

8:30am

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As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.  
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.  
*"Be still and know that I am God."* Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Cross of Jesus"* - Callahan

RINGING OF THE BELL  
(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor)

CALL TO WORSHIP (sung)  
Children: Hosanna! Hosanna! All the people sing!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ the Lord is King (repeat)  
**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! All the people sing!**  
**Hosanna! Hosanna! For Christ the Lord is King (repeat)**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"* No. 88

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION  
**Eternal and Everlasting God, we celebrate Your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today You entered the holy city of Jerusalem; the crowd was in love with You. Anyone could say: "It doesn't get any better than this." But like the crowd we turn our eyes away from You, we think Your love is temporary, Your presence fleeting. Forgive us and inspire us to see greatness only in You. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE  
*[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]*

\*HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* No. 89  
(Children may come up front during the hymn for the Children's Message)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jean Pontz

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 117 (NT p565)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 21:1-11 (NT p23)*

SERMON *"It Doesn't Get Any Better Than This"* Rev. Robert Bronkema

\*HYMN *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* No. 447

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(pg. 16 in the hymnal)*

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY *"Sing Hosanna in the Highest"* – Butler Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*APOSTLES' CREED *(p.14 in the hymnal)*

"HYMN *"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"* No. 91

\*BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

**Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
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\*POSTLUDE: As a sign of our observance of Lent, no postludes will be played until Easter Sunday.

**NEXT WEEK**  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Luke 24:1-12  
*“What an Incredible Story”*

**“Come As You Are”**  
11:00am

\*Praise & Worship

*Hosanna*  
*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*  
*Come Thou Fount Come Thou King*

Prayer & Peace

Children’s Message: Jean Pontz

Scripture Reading:

*Psalm 117; Matthew 21:1-11*

Sermon           *“It Doesn’t Get Any Better Than This”*

\*Closing Song

*In Christ Alone*

\*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

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