

Palm Sunday April 10, 2022



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Gathering Song – "Pave the Way with Branches"

Pave the Way with Branches



- *Additional verses:
- 1 Release for the captives...
- 2 Hope for the down trod...
- 3 Land for the landless...
- 4 Debts are forgiven...

Feel free to create your own additional verses as needed.

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Dear Jesus, We are afraid of strangers and more often than not act to separate ourselves, creating "us" and "them." We forget that we too are strangers. You connect us to each other. Give us courage to see you in the stranger, because that is where you always are. Amen.

Greet Someone New Music to Bring Us Back Together

Children's Time

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, on the first Palm Sunday you entered the rebellious city where you were to die. Enter our hearts, we pray, and overwhelm them to yourself. And as your disciples blessed your coming and spread garments and branches in your way, make us ready to lay at your feet all that we have and are, that we too may bless your coming In the name of the Lord. Amen.

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel according to Luke chapter 19, verses 28-40.

(Reader): After he had said this, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

(Side 1): "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden.

(Side 2): Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

(Reader): So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

(Side 1): "Why are you untying the colt?"

(Reader): They said,

(Side 2): "The Lord needs it."

(Reader): Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

(Side 1): "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

(Reader): Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

(Side 2): "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

(Reader): He answered,

(ALL): "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Voices of Hope Choir – "Hosanna"

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day: "Even the Stones Will Cry Out"

Even the Stones Will Cry Out





Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition will close with the words: God of Life And you are invited to respond: **Hear our Prayer**

Offering

Worship Leader: Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.

Offering Song – "Hosanna"

Hosanna

Words and Music by Carl Tuttle



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The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we pray together:

O Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. All Praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Let us pray, God of all good gifts who gives freely to us,

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen

Thanksgiving at the Table - Sung?

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship the saints alive and the saints resurrected.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship the poor, marginalized, and rejected of this world.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship those known to us and those not known who need Jesus now.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship Jesus, our incarnated, broken and risen Lord. Amen.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Good Courage Let us pray,

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES!

It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Benediction for Lent

Leader: God be the love to search and keep me;

God, bet the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me

All: (sung) O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me.

Leader:

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to:

walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God

walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.

All: (sung) O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me.

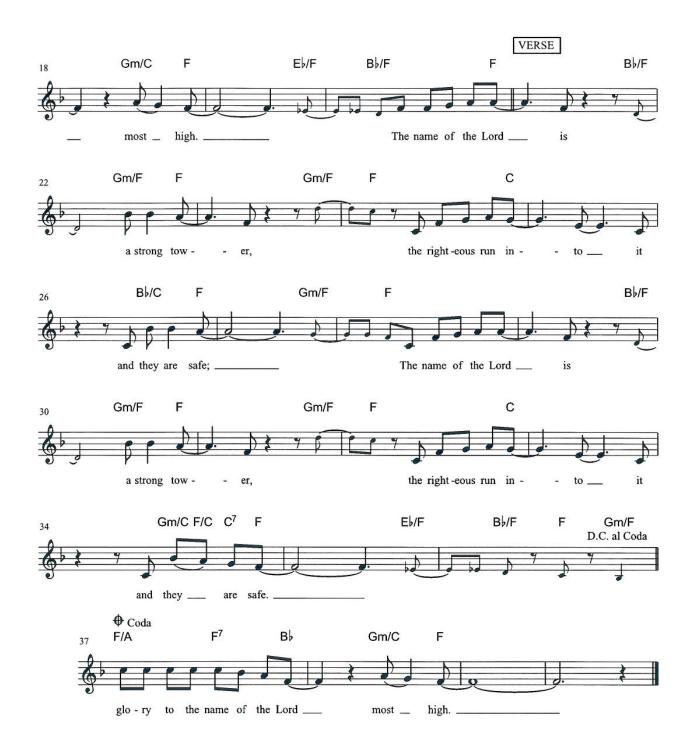
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O Christ, Surround Me



The Name Of The Lord





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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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