# **April 2, 2023**

Palm Sunday



# Come Worship the Living



#### **PRELUDE**

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN** All Glory, Laud and Honor UMH 280

#### Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. (Refrain)
- 2. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. (Refrain)

- 3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present. (Refrain)
- 4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (Refrain)
- 5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We do.

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround
these persons
with a community of love
and forgiveness,
that they may grow in
their trust of God,
and be found faithful in
their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and will come again to
judge the living and the dead.

Do you 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.

I believe in

the Holy Spirit,

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ

The God of all grace,
who has called us to
eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

# SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

NRSV

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had di-

rected them; 7 they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

### **NLT**

As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. 2 "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them."4 This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

5 "Tell the people of Jerusalem,
'Look, your King is coming to you.
He is humble, riding on a donkey—
riding on a donkey's colt."6 The two disciples
did as Jesus commanded.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.8 Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God in highest heaven!"

10 The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. "Who is this?" they asked.11 And the crowds replied, "It's Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

SERMON

Facing the Cross: Honor & Glory

Pastor Claudia Stallings

## **PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven, as we forgive those

hallowed be thy Name. who trespass against us.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be And lead us not into temptation,

done on earth, as it is in heaven. but deliver us from evil.

Give us this day our daily bread. For thine is the kingdom,

And forgive us our trespasses, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### HOLY COMMUNION

CANTATA

Jesus, the Cornerstone

arr. Craig Adams

Cornerstone Medley

All Glory, Laud and Honor

O Praise the Name

My Worth is Not in What I Own

Cornerstone Finale

# **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Virginia Abbott Cicero Gainer Alice Alford Jackie Gray Matt Amason Sibyle Harmon Elnora Holmes Betty Lou Brame Peggy Burch Nancy Hulon Mabel Campbell Brittany Johnson Melinda Campbell Judy McDaniel Justin Chamberlain **Andrew Miles** Mitzie Conner Joe Miller Sr. Debbie Mullins Ralph Conner Lois Crafton Frances Owen **Dot Davis** David Pittman Mitch Early Sara Katherine Reid Jimy Edwards Vance Richardson Sherry Fox Sheri Ruggles

Tim Ruggles
Amy Salley
Janet Sheek
Nell Simmons
Fred Snyder
Darlene Thomas
Helen Wallace
Curtis Walsh
Jeff Walsh
Iris Ward
Sally Wheat

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

April 6	Prayer Group	11:00am
April 6	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm, Sanctuary
April 9	Easter Sunrise	7:00am, Front Lawn
April 9	Easter Sunday	10:00am, Sanctuary
April 13	Prayer Group	11:00am
April 16	2nd Sunday of Easter	10:00am, Sanctuary
April 19	Leadership Board	7:00pm, CLC Lobby

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our online giving resource!



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

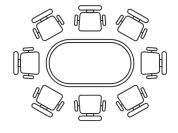


Our 2023 Lenten Offering will run through Easter Sunday, April 9. We have set a goal of \$6,000 to assess our church security, update the Tower for our youth, and paint parking spaces closest to the church. Whether you give online through Vanco or in the offering plate, please include the designation "Lenten Offering" in the note or memo section.

We welcome Eddie Boswell into the Ramsey Church Family today through reaffirmation of his faith. We are so glad to have you as a part of the Ramsey Family!



#### **LEADERSHIP BOARD**



Ramsey Church's new governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting in-person on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00pm in the CLC lobby.

All are invited to attend. Please contact the church office if you would like the link to attend via ZOOM.

Ramsey Church and J.L. Francis Elementary School partner together to help support our neighborhood children. On Friday, April 28th from 8:00am-1:00pm volunteers will assist with the Book Tasting Event in the School Library.

To volunteer contact Sally Wheat:

assist with the Book Tasting
I Library.
Sally Wheat:

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