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Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Why Jesus? The Cross

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* by Neale

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Hosanna, Hosanna!* by Althouse

"...we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal and foolishness to some. But to those who are called, Christ is God's power and God's wisdom."

~ 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: He comes! He comes! In the name of the Lord, he comes!

P: With palms, with cheers, with brimming hearts, we come to see.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

L: He's here! Here in our city, here in our midst!

P: Poor and glorious, ragged and majestic.

L: Despised by the powerful, Beloved of God.

P: Surprising grace, glorious, seemingly foolish, vision of God on a colt.

L: We come! We come! In the name of the Lord, we come!

P: With palms, with cheers, with brimming hearts, we come to see.

Glorious, seemingly foolish, ragged and majestic, we gather to worship the God in our midst.

L: Let us pray:

P: Gracious God, we seek to know and to worship you among the palm-bearing crowds today. We have been the Maundy Thursday crowds, the Good Friday crowds. We will be again. And we ask forgiveness for that. But today, today, we welcome your coming with joy, with shouts, with palms and elation. Come to us, God, for we will worship you today! In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

***HYMN NO. 213** (black hymnal)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

TIME OF OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Wonderful Cross

arr. Tornquist

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 216** (black hymnal, v. 3)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ALL SING: As you received their praises, receive our prayers today, whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway. All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR**

The Old Rugged Cross

by Bennard

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN NO. 198 (black hymnal)

Lift High the Cross

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

L: Scripture tells us: *Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses....Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live!* (Deuteronomy 30: 19)

God has set before us life and death. The choice is ours. Let us acknowledge our misuse of the liberty of choice. Let us pray.

—*silent prayer*—

L: Let us ask to be forgiven for the times when we have chosen badly, opting for the easy way of habit and social convention, rather than the higher and harder ways of Jesus.

ALL: Let us confess that sometimes our choices have been made from selfishness, with scant concern for those around us, even for those who love us dearly.

L: Let us ask to be forgiven for putting off decisions, for dithering and avoiding choice until opportunity has gone by. Let us confess that we have at times made outwardly good decisions for the wrong reasons, driven by selfish motives.

ALL: Holy God, Savior and Friend, we thank you that long before we face up to ourselves and frame our confessions, your mercy in Jesus is here waiting for us. We rest our mortal lives in your immortal Life, allowing your grace, mercy and peace to cleanse, refresh and straighten us.

L: Breathe into our humanity, loving God, that we may fully live.

Please breathe your Spirit in our brains,
that our decision making may be pure and wise.

Breathe your Spirit on our lips,
that our speech may witness to life and light and holy joy.

Breathe your Spirit on our hands,
that in their busyness they may serve you before all else.

Breathe your Spirit on our feet,
that we may tread this earth with gentleness and respect.

Through Christ Jesus, our liberator.

ALL: Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL SING: I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem*
by Beall/Carter

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

The Cross

ALL SING: *Jesus, Remember Me* (see below)



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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD’S PRAYER, & SENDING
FORTH**

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ALL SING: *Jesus, Remember Me* (see above)

Time of Silence

POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

by Hassler

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Lamb of God

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I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your

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side, to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of

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God. O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of

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God O wash me in his pre - cious blood my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of

17

God.

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Neil Everhart by Lina & Tori Everhart.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our first child, Adam M., by Dennis & Phyllis Hartman.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of Elizabeth Betty Shiffer's 100th birthday on April 15th by Bonnie (Shiffer) Owings and William & Jim Shiffer.

The bulletins are presented for the glory of God by the Strine family.

Thank you to the Worship Choir and the Children's Bell Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to the Lenten Worship Team for planning today's service. The team members are Dani Kardisco, JJ Rhinehart, Tori Everhart, Suzanne Skennonto, & Pastor Danielle.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8 AM Welcome Team: Jack & Deb Herlocker; Barry & Nancy Schwartz

8 AM Sound Tech: Coordinated by Denny Daugherty

8 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

8 AM Hall Monitor: Mary Jane Snyder

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Alan Neff

10:30 AM Welcome Team: Heather, Andrew, & Christian Maletz; Suzanne Skennonto

10:30 AM Sound Tech: Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: George DeMers

10:30 AM Camera Tech: John Kollasch

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Katelyn & Corey McCarthy

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney

¹http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/13857/Lent-Worship-Resources-09.pdf?1418440724.

²from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide**, posted on the website of **Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba**. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

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