

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday—April 2, 2023

9:30am

Theme: Living the 'Good Enough' Life

Prelude

Welcome

*Processional Song "Lord, What A Parade" Words on Screen
(Sing to the tune of "O Worship the King" Hymnal #79)

Children's Message

*Greeting

Leader: This is the day which God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Blessed be the One who enters in the name of God! We bless you and worship you!

Leader: O Give thanks to God, for God is good; Our Creator's steadfast love endures forever.

ALL: OPEN TO US THE GATES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT WE MAY ENTER AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

Prayer of Confession and Reflection

Leader: Jesus orchestrated a low-budget parade into a city where he knew his days were numbered. "Get me a colt," he said. Not a steed. Not a float. A young, green donkey (not the color, that's horse-speak for not-riden-a lot-yet). And folks gathered and his friends started some liturgical shouting that ticked off the local priests. Life is hard and we all need friends and sometimes big, loud, praying that will not be messed with. We are created for interdependence. So all our hiding and pretending that we are "perfectly fine" all on our own just won't work. Get on the donkey when you need to and let people lay down their cloaks for you and make some noise for you. 'Cause you know you'll do it for them too when the chips are down. What keeps you from connectedness with others? Let us take a moment of silent reflection...

Silent Reflection

Leader: Hear this compassionate word from the Letter to the Philippians: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..." Know that already, God is offering us freedom from isolation as we are called into the kind of community Christ had in mind for all. We are invited to the audacity of interdependence so that we might recognize love in its giving and receiving. And know, that despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN!

Palm Sunday Anthem "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Chancel Choir

Prayer Song "Come To Me" W&S #3094

Prayers of the People/Our Lord's Prayer

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Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-40

*Hymn "Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna" TFWS #2154

Sermon "Created For Interdependence" Pastor Chad Gilbertson

*Hymn "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" (vs 1-4) TFWS #2111

Offering/Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings – no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives – we offer our gifts and ourselves, and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.

Announcements

Passion Anthem "Hallelujah, What a Savior" Chancel Choir

*Benediction (unison)

"Blessed are we who cry out, 'God, I need a friend to share the simple unaffected joys that come, the troubles unbidden, those too heavy to sustain...' Blessed are we, opening our hands in readiness, to risk intimacy, to receive the gift of friendship, and give it in return."

Postlude

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This Week:

Monday, Apr. 3	9:30am 7:00pm	AA (Parsonage) Al-Anon (Parsonage)
Tuesday, Apr. 4	1:00pm 7:00pm	Lakefront Bible Study Co-Dependents Anonymous (Parsonage)
Wednesday, Apr. 5	8:30am 7:00pm	Moment of Prayer for Holy Trinity Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Apr. 6	6:00pm 7:00pm	Veterans AA (Parsonage) Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, Apr. 7	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship/Chancel Choir Cantata
Sunday, Apr. 9	9:30am	Worship/Live-Stream (Easter Sunday)

Prayer Requests:

Maia Short—prayers for strength for Sara, Phillip, and Missy as they are struggling and need support

Becky Brown—joy and thankfulness to be (back) at Holy Trinity

The Guenthers—prayers for family health issues and complete healing

Joe Mestnik—having surgery on his back on Thursday, March 30

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