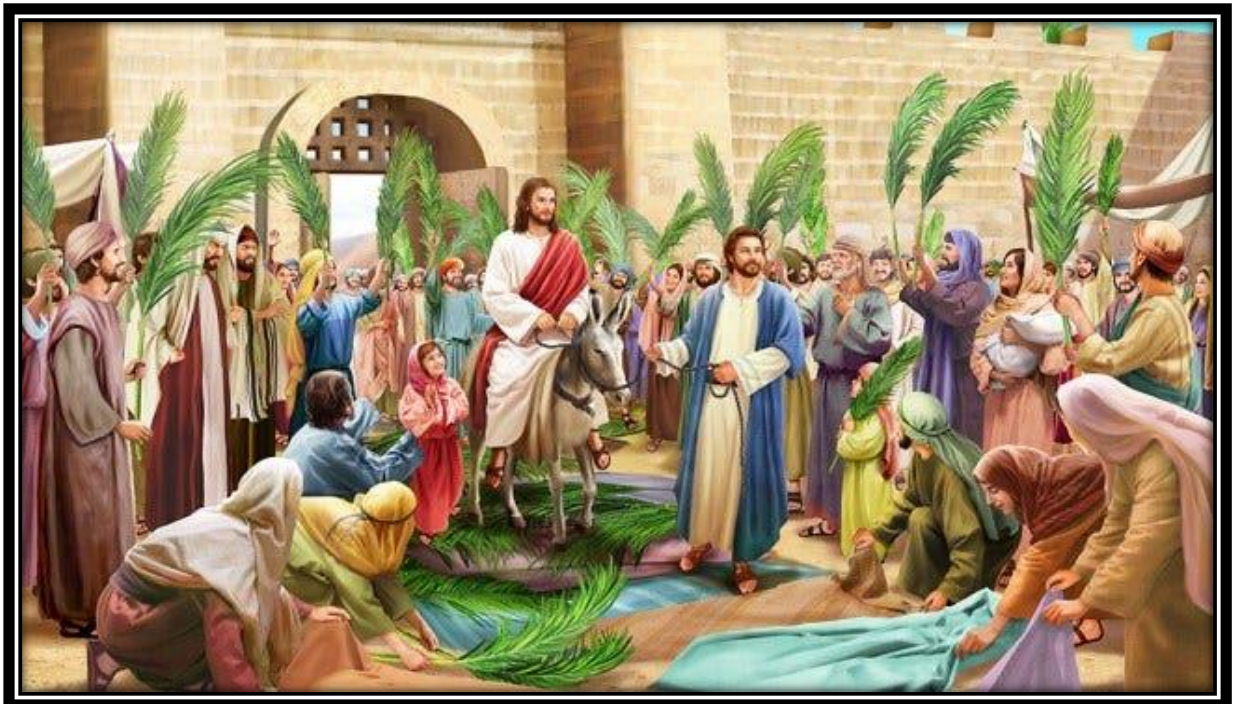


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PALM SUNDAY

April 2, 2023 11:00am

"Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of The Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"



WHAT MAKES THIS WEEK HOLY?



Our Mission Statement

To share the gospel of Christ in such a way that we find God, grow our faith, discover our purpose, and make a difference.

Palm Sunday

What Makes This Week Holy?

April 2, 2023 ☞ 11:00 A.M.

Meditation of the Week: "Love interrupts the consequences of your actions, which is very good news."
~ Bono ~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

**All who are able may stand*

Gathering Music "Praeludium in E flat major" J. S. Bach

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude "Royal Procession on All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Melchoir Teschner

Words of Welcome

Blessing of the Palms

*Call to Community *inspired by Psalm 118*

Praise the Lord, for Christ is our salvation!

Christ provides the foundation for our hope!

God has created this moment – let us give thanks and rejoice!

The steadfast love of God is never-ending! Together, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn "The Palms" (see insert) J. Faure

Prayer of Brokenness *inspired by Psalm 118*

Blessed One, you invite us to enter a new life with joy, but we are slow to let go of our old ways. Too often, we reject you by our actions. We hoard your gift of love, and we fail to offer that gift to others. Save us from ourselves, O Lord. Forgive us and guide us to follow your Way.

~you are invited to come forward and lay your palms in the manger~

Words of Blessing

God's mercy makes wholeness possible and our wholeness is rooted in becoming who we are meant to be – living sanctuaries.

With thanksgiving, may we always be living sanctuaries for you. Amen.

*Hymn

"Sanctuary"

John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.
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Children's Time

Palm Parade

Anthem

"Outside the Holy City"

Zion Reformed Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, '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.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!'

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

Choral Response

"Jesus Remember Me"

**Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom**

The Message

From the Manger to the Cross

*Hymn of Praise

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

Red #133

Invitation to Give

Offertory

"The Holy City"

Stephen Adams

Choral Response

We Praise Thee O God"

Red #19 verse 1

**We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.**

Blessing Our Gifts

**Divine Sustainer, receive these gifts that we gladly give. May they be used to revive
and restore those in need. Amen.**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

*Hymn of Preparation

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Black #216

The Story

The Meal

Prayer of Our Savior

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Stripping of Sanctuary while singing the Closing Hymn

“Were You There”

Black #229

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE TO HONOR THE MOMENT



GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Lector for this week is Calvin Livingston, next week is Carol Mooers.
 Ushers for this week are William Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons.
 Next week ushers are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly.



Happy Birthday

Aaron Kelly	04/04
Tess Summers	04/05
Betsy Roulette	04/07

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Holy Week!

Maundy Thursday April 6th

6:00pm Seder Dinner and Service

Good Friday April 7th

9:00am-Noon Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation

1:00pm HARC Cross Walk at City Park

Saturday April 8th

4:00 pm Decorate Flower Cross - Bring your clippers and be to wrap flowers.

6:30pm Dinner at Western Sizzler (or whenever we are finished decorating the cross.)

Easter Sunday April 9th

6:30am Sunrise Service at Christ Reformed - Aspiring to Serve Building 5th floor

No Sunday School classes

10:45am Service outside at Zion's Cross

11:00am Easter Sunday Service

Remember to invite your Family, Friends, and Neighbors



ready

OTHER HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK:

4/3 Consistory 7:00pm

4/4 Tuesday Supper and 1 Stop Shop 5:00-6:30pm downstairs in Fellowship Hall

4/6 Choir Practice 4:00pm

No 4-H meeting this week



Service Credits April 2

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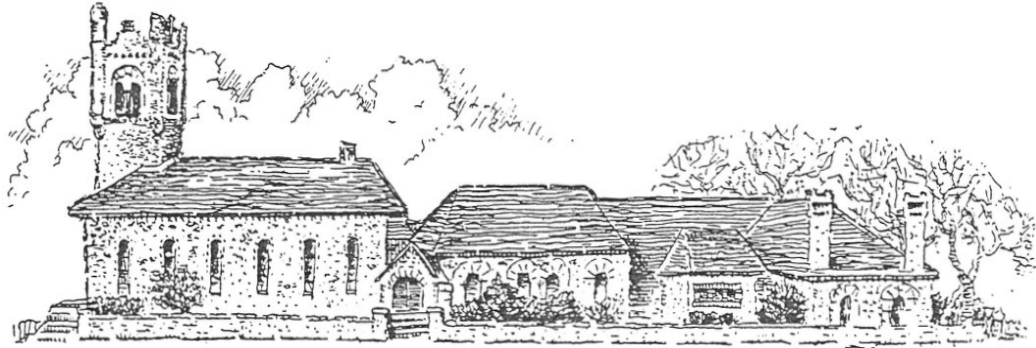
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