

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

APRIL 14, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

CENTERING Before GOD

BELL TOLL

The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.

PRELUDE

Terry Byars

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS

I Will Enter His Gates

FWS 2270

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

✠ SONG of PRAISE

The King of Glory Comes

FWS 2091

REFRAIN:
**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.
Who is the King of glory; how shall we call?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.**

REFRAIN

**In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness.**

REFRAIN

**Sing then of David’s son, our Savior and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.**

REFRAIN

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Kathy King

Our Lenten journey has invited us to trust and go deep.
Along the way we have heard God’s invitation to “Be still.”
Today, Jesus rides into Jerusalem among shouts of praise!
If all shouting stopped, the rocks would cry out.
Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst!
Hosanna! Save us!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Please Enter My Heart Hosanna

FWS 2154

**Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,
won’t you enter my heart today?
O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one, won’t you stay?
O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna!
O come, Jesus, come today.**

**Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,
won’t you enter my heart today?**

**O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.
Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one, won’t you stay?
O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna!
O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna!
O come, Jesus, come today, come to stay.**

ENGAGING GOD’S WORD

✠ THE PROCESSION into JERUSALEM

Luke 19:29-40

Kathy King

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Sarah Prevot

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children’s Moment. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

✠ THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Luke 22:39-46

Pastor Lane

SERMON

“Can’t We Just Skip to Easter?”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING to GOD’S GRACE

HYMN of FAITH

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292, vs. 1 & 2

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Latrice Mallard

When the parade is over, do we pick up our lives, brush them off,
and live in the old way?
Do we toss our palm branches aside, so we can grasp the seductions
of the world?
As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let us speak
the truth, as we confess to our God, praying together...

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Suffering Servant,
mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the
kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads
of temptation.
You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we
seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness.
You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along to
the chorus that death plays in the background of our lives.**

Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness.

**As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness,
peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds.
May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from
following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more,
from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

(A time for silent prayers of confession.)

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Laying aside judgment, Christ offers us redemption;
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love; letting go of grief,
the Holy Spirit pours living water upon us.
This is the good news, my friends: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!
Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

Jesus Be Praised / Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Mary Hannah Prevot

✠ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

UMH 95

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*During Lent, our communion responses will be from
The United Methodist Hymnal, page 19-20, Musical Setting B.*

UMH 18

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise
your name and join their unending hymn:

SUNG RESPONSE:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,**
God of power and might, **God of power and might,**
Heaven & earth are full of your glory. **Heaven & earth are full of your glory.**
Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna **Hosanna**
in the highest. **in the highest.**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union
with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; **Christ has died;**
Christ is risen; **Christ is risen;**
Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
Amen. Amen. **Amen. Amen.**
Amen. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the LORD’S SUPPER

- ♦ All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.
- ♦ Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station on the right.
- ♦ You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

by John Winn

**Dear Lord,
I, too, can feel the excitement in the long-awaited coming of One,
who can change shadows into sunlight,
despair into hope, and even death into life.
With all inhibitions down I could join in the parades,
processionals, and testimonials for such a One.
When I am asked, though, to join with such a person
on a march that might lead to rejection, negation,
and maybe even death, I am not so sure.
If it is possible, let that cup pass from me,
but if not...
Amen.**

DEPARTING to SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John’s
and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

UMH 277, vs. 1 & 3

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments.

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

Thank you for being here.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Our Taize-style service remembering the Last Supper will include footwashing/handwashing, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday Tenebrae - Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m. Our choir will present "It Is Finished" - a service of shadows; and the Alleluia Ringers will provide special music.

Easter Sunday - April 21 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Our services will include a celebration of Christ's resurrection through word, proclamation, and Holy Communion. Music will be led by our Chancel Choir, Alleluia Bell Choir, and Praise Team. Children and Youth are invited to arrive early for the Flower Procession at the beginning of the service.

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO CHURCH

We have designed an easy and eye-catching way to invite your neighbors and friends to celebrate Holy Week and Easter at St. John's - our Easter door hanger. Take some home today and give them to your friends and neighbors or walk around your neighborhood and hang them on the front doors. They are available in the narthex and in the hallway of the Admin. Building.

RESURRECTION STORIES & SONGS

On **Sunday, April 28**, we will share in a Service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which are popular around Advent and Christmas. We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship. (We will not share in Holy Communion this day, but it will be celebrated at both services Sunday, May 5, which is also Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition.)

GIFT CARDS FOR WILDWOOD

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10 and we are collecting gift cards to be given to the teachers at Wildwood Elementary. If you have a gift card, in any amount or from any merchant, that you haven't used or if you would be willing to purchase one (any amount) that you could donate, please bring it by the church office by Sunday May 5. The goal is for every teacher to receive a gift card.

PARKING FOR EASTER

As we move toward the celebration of Easter, we hope to have many guests visiting St. John's! Therefore, on Easter Sunday, for both services, we are asking that you consider leaving the main parking lots for our guests, those of us who are mobility challenged, and our older members. We encourage you to park in the grass lot on Highland Road. You can enter the property by the driveway on Highland near the traffic light. Many thanks for your help in alleviating what could be a tight squeeze!

RAINBOW DOORS PROJECT FROM LOVE IS LOVE

The Love is Love Sunday school class is preparing an art installation with the Trustees' overwhelming support. Six full-size doors painted red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple with the words "God's Doors Are Open to All" will be displayed along Highland Road. Stay tuned for an announcement about the date and time we install the doors -- you are invited to sign them to show your support. Contact Zach Isenhower (zachisenhower@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (silvermari@gmail.com) with questions.

YOUNG WOMEN'S UMW GROUP FORMING

St. John's United Methodist Women is creating a new circle for younger women dedicated to learning about our community's needs and finding ways to serve God's people. We will focus on UMW's current issue priorities: maternal health, climate justice, economic inequality, and mass incarceration. If you are interested, contact Kristine Isenhower at skisenhower@gmail.com or see her in person by April 14. The first meeting will be held in late April or early May.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, April 14**
8:00 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
- Monday, April 15**
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- Tuesday, April 16**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library
- Wednesday, April 17**
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
- Thursday, April 18**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC
- Friday, April 19**
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
- Saturday, April 20**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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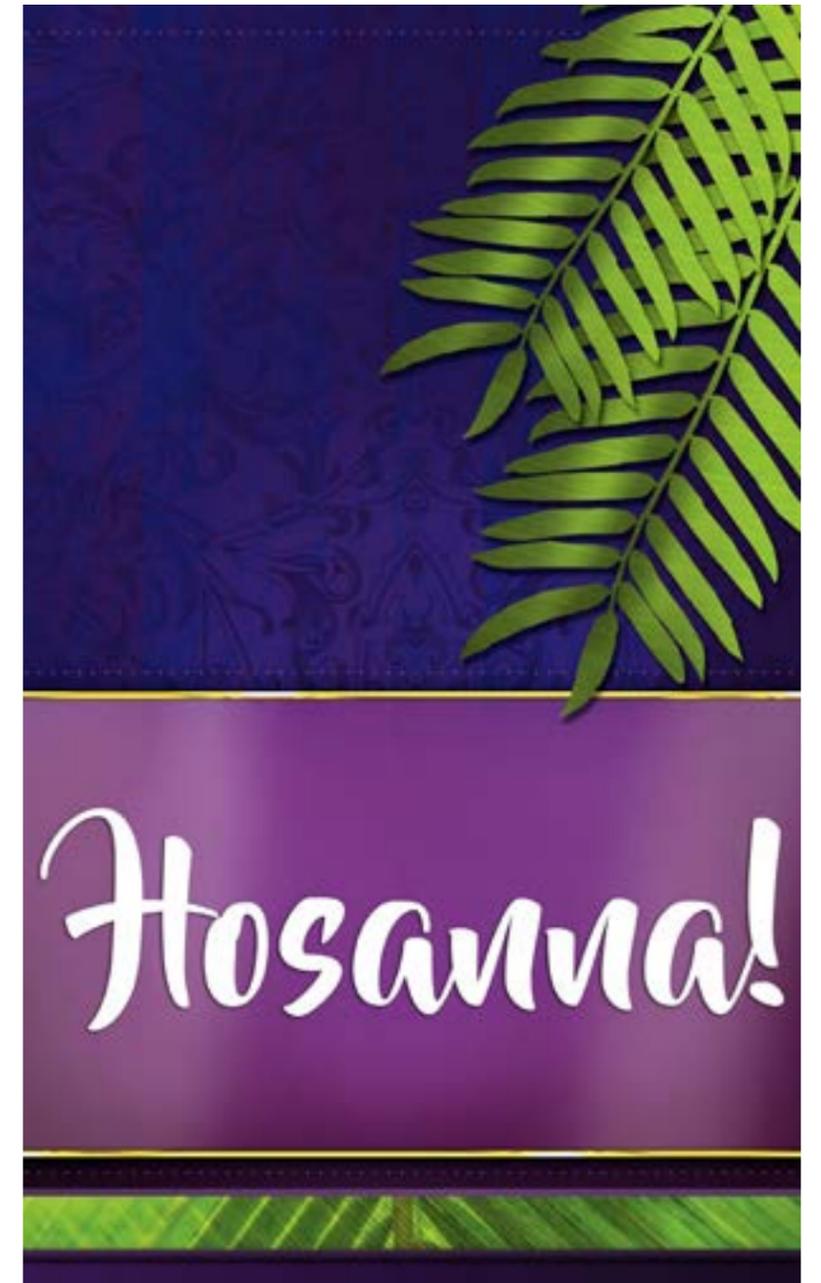
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Palm and Passion Sunday

April 14, 2019

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.