

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

## WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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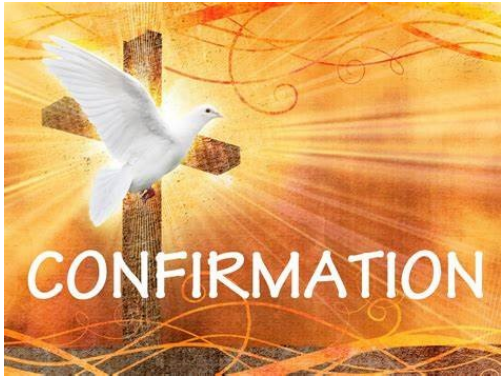
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Good Morning  
and Welcome!

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit today! Thank you for being here!

The Altar flowers are placed in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Bud and Phyllis Huntley By Gary, Kim, Kari and Hali Iliff.

The Chancel flowers are placed in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ramsey and Phyllis Huntley by Cynthia Snyder.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Sherry Winner, Vanessa Saylor and Debbie Woodworth.

Serving Communion are Sherry Winner, Debbie Frerotte, Dan Douthett, Gary Hittle and Linda Henry.

Children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is welcome to the Anderson Lounge after the service for a reception where you may greet the Confirmands.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** and children's activity books are available in the back of the sanctuary.



**Tuesday, April 4**

- Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group at St. Paul's, Wallace Commons at 2:00.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 6:30
- Good Shepherd Center Full Board Meeting at 7:00.

**Wednesday, April 5**

- Dinner and a Movie at 5:30. Please bring a food item beginning with the letter "N".

**Thursday, April 6**

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 in the sanctuary led by Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison. Chancel Choir will rehearse at 6:00.

**Friday, April 7**

- Good Friday Community Service at Thiel College chapel led by members of the Greenville Area Christian Ministerial Association starting at 1:00.

**Sunday, April 9**

- EASTER SUNDAY! Communion Service at 10:30 led by Rev. Glenn Sadler. Chancel Choir will meet at 9:30.

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory "There Is a Fountain" John E. Coates

\*The Doxology, #780

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**Today we honor you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Amen.**

Distribution of Elements

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this Holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 216 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*THE POSTLUDE "Praise the King" Matt Schinske

**ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison**

**Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries**

\*If you are able, please stand

**PALM SUNDAY**

**CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

April 2, 2023

10:30

*Where the past and the future with Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly*

Meditation: "Open for me the gates of righteousness:  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord."  
--Psalm 118:19

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Allison, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Sydney Powell, Acolyte

*~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~*

THE PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy, Hosanna" Scholtes/Smith

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

\*SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN "Wave Your Palms" J. Owens

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hosanna, child of David! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: **The Savior has come!**

Leader: Jesus is the One who saves us and teaches us how to live.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

*~you may be seated~*

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION - RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: During this final week of Lent we look to the cross and contemplate death.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

Leader: We see death and are reminded that life is frail and fleeting.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

Leader: We rejoice that because of the cross, death has forever lost its power.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

Leader: For it is through death that we enter into eternal life.

People: **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, it is through pain and death that you provided the path for us to joy and life. You plunged yourself into darkness so that we may live in the light. Be with us as we journey through the darkness of Good Friday in order to arrive at the light of Easter. All glory, honor, and thanks be to God who gives us victory over death through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

Leader: Rejoice, the Lord has come into our presence.

People: **We are beloved ones of God.**

Leader: Know that God walks with us through this parade and time of celebration.

People: **We know that God walks with us in all the times ahead.**

*~please greet each other ~*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION *Liam Adams and Kelsi Russell*

Address to the Confirmands

Unison Statement of Faith

**We covenant with the Lord and with one another and bind ourselves in the presence of God to live together in all God's ways as God reveals them to us through God's word of truth.**

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

WELCOME/HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

*Sherry Winner and Debbie Frerotte, Mentors*

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Confetti and Palm Fronds"

ANTHEM "Entry Into Jerusalem" Don Besig and Nancy Price

SCRIPTURES (back of bulletin)

Hebrew Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

THE SERMON "Where Will You Be.....?"