

**Palm Sunday - April 13, 2025**

**Congregational responses are in bold.**

(\*) Indicates Standing

*We the people of this continent are not afraid of foreigners  
because many of us were once foreigners.  
- Pope Francis*

**We Come Together**

**Prelude...** (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music  
and prepare our hearts for worship*)

**\*Introit** "Throughout These Lenten Days..." v.1 **VU#108**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna **VU#123**

**Opening Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Delivering God,**

**we enter into your story, await your coming.**

**You appear in a most surprising way – unrehearsed,  
without ceremony, on a young donkey.**

**Receive each prayer**

**which we have offered, O Christ,**

**and touch our lives as you pass by.**

**Amen.**

**Personal Prayer** And When You Call for Me x2 **MV#96**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Hymn:** Tell me the Stories of Jesus vs. 1&2 **VU#357**  
(*children come forward during the singing*)

**Children's Learning Time**

**Children's Prayer:**

**Parades are fun. We like to wave the palm branches and  
to run**

**Through the sanctuary...**

**We like it when it is fun.  
But sometimes things can get really hard.  
This week will be like that. It will be very hard.  
Be with us God so that we can live through the hard things  
filled with your grace.  
Amen.**

**Children's Hymn:** Tell me the Stories of Jesus vs. 3-5 **VU#357**  
*(children to Kids Korner program)*

**We Listen to the Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Introduction to Scripture**

**Scripture Lesson:** **Reader:** Trudy C.

**Psalm:** Psalm 118 (parts 1, 3, 4) **VU p. 837**  
*(The stone which the builders rejected.)*

**Gospel:** Luke 19:28–40  
*(Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds.)*

**Response** (*seated*): "May God's Sheltering Wings" x2 **MV#214**

**Sermon:** Practicing Justice

**Anthem:** Hosanna The People Cried

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn:** He Came Riding on a Donkey **VU#124**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**\*Sung Dedication:**  
"In Gratitude and Humble Trust" **VU#544**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*)

**Blessed are you, sovereign of all!**

**Inspire us to kindle the light of a good day for all of your  
children that they will know**

**help not hurt,  
 healing not harm,  
 here and around the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

**VU#127**

**\*Blessing:**

The Lenten way has become the way of the cross  
 and we must journey forward, watching our step.  
 Let us walk into this week, into the unfolding story,  
 confident in God's steadfast love  
 which endures forever. **Amen**

**\*Extinguishing our Lenten light:**

*"Today you will be with me in paradise."*

**\*Choral Benediction** "God, as We Rise to Leave" v.1 **VU#417**

**Postlude**

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**Volunteer Schedule:**

<b>Ushers:</b> April 13 Ellen & David	<b>April 20</b> Marlene & John B.
<b>Screens:</b> April 13 Tracy	<b>April 20</b> Kevin <b>April 27</b> Erik

<b>This Week's Calendar</b>			
<b>Tues</b>	10:00am	<b>Craft Group</b>	Kitchen
<b>Wed</b>	7:00pm	<b>Choir Practice</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Thurs</b>	12:00pm	<b>Lunch with Friends</b>	Church Hall
<b>Fri</b>	10:30am	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Sun</b>	10:30am	<b>Easter Sunday Service</b>	Sanctuary

\*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri \*

**Lunch with Friends: Thurs., April 17th @ noon.** Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until *April 14th* at 12pm. Cost is \$7.00

**Menu:** pizza, plus dessert, tea and coffee. \*please indicate Gluten free when you sign up if needed\* **Program:** boardgames & conversation