

## \*Opening Litany

Chip Goldsberry

Leader: Where is he going?

**People: Isn't he from Nazareth?**

Leader: Can anything good come from Nazareth?

**People: Is he headed to Jerusalem?**

Leader: Do you think Jerusalem is safe?

**People: Does he know that Pilate is here?**

Leader: Where is he going?

**People: Does he know the city is dangerous?**

Leader: Does he see the Pharisees watching?

**People: Is this the one we've been waiting for?**

Leader: Could this be the Messiah?

**People: Where is he going?**

Leader: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"

**People: Should I lay down my cloak?**

Leader: Is this the beginning of the end?

**People: Should we follow?**

Leader: Should we watch?

**People: Should we sing, "Hosanna"?**

Leader: Stay awake!

**People: He's on the move.**

Leader: Where is he going?

**People: Listen.**

Leader: Where is he going?

**People: Watch.**

Leader: Where is he going?

**People: Stay close.**

Leader: Where is he going?

**People: Sing, "Hosanna."**

**All: Hosanna! Amen.**

\*Hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe. God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst. Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we**

**choose our self-image over our loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road. Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!" With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.**

## Sung Response

"Wait for the Lord"

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*Wait for the LORD, whose day is near.*

*Wait for the LORD; be strong; take heart!*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise. There will be days when we dare not follow. There will be days when we ignore God's call, when we choose comfort over courage, and ourselves over others. But even on those days, even on our worst days, we belong to God. Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.**

## \*Response

"Amazing Grace"

## \*Passing of the Peace

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

### Anthem

"Cry Out Hosanna, Hosanna!"

(G. Martin)

### Second Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

### Message

"Seeking: To be Stirred Up"

Rev. Wil Reinowski

### Hymn

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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## Lord's Supper

### The Invitation

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues, ending with "sing to the glory of your name..."*

**Response** "Holy, Holy, Holy" (back cover Hymnal)

*The prayer continues with an invitation to the Lord's Prayer. Please join in the language God has it on your heart.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Invitation to Offering**

*The offering basket is located at the back of the west aisle of the sanctuary. Feel free to make your offering at this time.*

**Offertory** "What the Lord Has Done In Me" (Reuben Morgan)

**\*Doxology** 606

**Prayer of Dedication (unison):**

**God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" 198

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Ashes" (Tom Conry)

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.*



*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*We welcome Kolya Sier, bagpipes, and thank him for sharing his music with us today.*

Pastor: Wil Reinowski  
Adult Music & Organist: Jeffery Stearns  
Adult Handbells: Janice Spitalniak  
Celebration Music: Paul Foster  
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# Central Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



**Welcome**

**Prelude** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (arr. Brenda Austin)

**\*Reading for Palm Sunday**

**\*Parade of Palms**

(Starting in Fitch Parlor)

# In Our Prayers

We pray for Hal Lafever and Linda Lorenz for health concerns, and all those affected by the tragedy at the Covenant School. We also pray for our Special Care friends Anna Baktay and Brad Blickenstaff.

## Central Happenings

### **SUNDAY – April 2**

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

### **WEDNESDAY – April 5**

12:00pm Charity Knitters (Discipleship)

1:00pm Circle 20/20 (Fitch Parlor)

5:30pm Central Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **THURSDAY – April 6**

7:00 Maundy Thursday Service (Large Fellowship Hall)

### **FRIDAY – April 7**

7:00pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

**Please sign the congregational letter** located in the back of the sanctuary. The letter this week goes to Hal and Kay Lafever.

**Maundy Thursday Service** will be in the Large Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm, use alley door for entry. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during this service.

**Circle 20/20 will meet** Wednesday, April 12 at 1:00pm in the Fitch Parlor. Sarah & Roy Johnson will be reviewing the Oberammergau Passion Play. All are most welcome to attend.

**Central is participating** in the Apostle Build this year for Habitat for Humanity. Construction has begun. Central is very close to meeting their commitment of \$5000. If you have questions or would like to contribute or participate in the construction, contact Lew Graham by [lewisgraham@comcast.net](mailto:lewisgraham@comcast.net) or 765-426-6759.

**The One Great Hour** of Sharing special offering will be received until Easter Sunday. See insert.

**Cover Art: "Power Play"** by Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Inspired by Matthew 21:1-11, A Sanctified Art LLC. There were actually two parades occurring simultaneously in Jerusalem on this day. From the east, Jesus entered on a donkey. From the west, the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, entered with an imperial guard. Jesus' procession proclaimed the kingdom of God; Pilate's proclaimed the power of empire. The two processions embody the central conflict of the week that led to Jesus' crucifixion.