

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**March 28, 2021**



*"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – All Glory, Laud, and Honor...setting by A.W. Leupold  
Chantry Music Press

**Processional Gospel Mark 11:1-10**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us Pray:

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Palms**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Guide our steps through this holiest of weeks as we cry out together

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!**

(Youth will parade Palms to the worshipers.)

**Hymn - All Glory, Laud, and Honor (ELW No. 344, vss. 1,2,3,4,5)  
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## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## **Confession & Forgiveness**

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,

Ever constant Love, 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 with the chorus 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.

*Silent prayers may be offered.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;

setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;

letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.

Hear the good news: "Jesus, though he was in the form of God... emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." (*Philippians 2:6-8*)

Through his obedience Jesus frees you from whatever sin enslaves you.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Reading-** Psalm 118:19-23 (*virtual worship*)

**Children's Sermon** (*virtual worship*)

**Sermon**

## Prayers

Caught between joy and despair, we yearn for the fulfillment of God's desire beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life. We offer thanksgiving for God's presence with us and petitions for the transformation of the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, open the eyes of your church to see you coming to us, again and again, in new and surprising ways. Open our lips that we may praise you and proclaim your glory. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all places, you reveal your glory in creation and call us to steward what you have made. Make us better caretakers of flora and fauna, all that lives and with whom we share this planet. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all peoples, unite us all in the understanding that no matter what divides us, we can find unity in your love for creation. Give us leaders with hearts for cooperation and mutual upbuilding. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, shower the world with your grace and love. Grant us your eyes of compassion and mercy that we reach out to all in any need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, be with the sick and the suffering, *especially*,.... Use your power to bring them healing, comfort, and peace according to your will. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great God, inspire us through our worship of you and move us to do your will and to proclaim your word in our lives and in our communities. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, make us firm in our faith in you as you made firm the faith of the saints before us. Unite the saints of all times and places in praise and worship of you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker, day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt; give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. **Amen.**

**Special Music** – A Joyful Hosanna...Brian Buda

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Union Chorale

*Hosanna to the King. Hosanna, the hills and valleys ring. Lift your heads, ye ancient doors, see the coming of the Lord. Hosanna to the king. Sing Hosanna, palms are lifted high. Sing Hosanna, the King is passing by. See the long awaited One. He is royal David's Son. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. This is the One who comes with glory crowned. The streets ring out with joyful sound! Hosanna, rejoice this day of days. Hosanna, our voices now we raise. Prepare the way with joyful song. Shout to God with voices strong. Hosanna, praise to the King!*

**Communion**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you. We disobeyed, we didn't listen, we thought we knew best and we wandered far away.

And yet as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.

Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
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.

### **Praise Song - Lift High the Cross (ELW No. 660 vss. 1,2,3,4,5)**

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Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947. Text & Music ©1974

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# Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## **Benediction**

P: Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

**C: The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**

P: Because of our sins, he was handed over to die; and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

**C: The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!**

May the God of peace,  
who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
provide us with every good thing we need  
in order to do his will;  
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - Agincourt Hymn...John Dunstable

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## **Week of March 28, 2021**

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday worship (4/1) will be held in the parking lot beginning at 7 PM

Good Friday (4/2): Remembering the day Jesus gave his life for us. 7 PM worship in parking lot

Easter Sunday (4/4) 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM – Celebrate the glorious day of Jesus' resurrection

**There will be an outdoor seating area available, so bring your chairs or stay in your cars.**

*Virtual Worship Service Links will be available for all Holy Week Services at [www.ulclv.org](http://www.ulclv.org).*

**Parking Lot Worship** – Please turn station to **97.3 FM** to hear the worship service from your car.

**Drive Thru Communion** –April 4 (10:00 – 10:30 AM) and April 25 (11:00 AM to noon) Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime during those times. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the Communion station. There Pastor will offer prayers, communion and a blessing. Communion will be served using individual sealed cups which include both the wafer and grape juice.

**Hoagie Sale** – Thanks so much for placing your orders for the Youth Group hoagie sale. Please remember that pick up is Wed., 3/31 at 6 PM - rear entrance of the Family Life Center.

**Worship Décor** - As part of our Lenten-Easter observance, the Decorating Committee placed a Lenten cross, covered with sticks, outside our worship window. The “dryness, brokenness, and death” of the sticks and branches placed on the cross, presents a compelling imagery of giving up “our sin, our burdens, and our suffering” to Christ. As we move to Easter, watch our cross make a remarkable transformation into an Easter cross.

**Lil Pantry** – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

**You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family** - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have you join our ministries.* Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org). Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

**SOCKS SOCKS SOCKS** –Thanks for paving the path of Jesus on Palm Sunday with your socks!

**Book Club's** next book [The Book of Longings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd.“I am Ana. I was the wife of Jesus.” Ana was raised in a wealthy family in Sepphoris with ties to the ruler of Galilee. She is rebellious and ambitious, a persistent seeker with a brilliant, curious mind and an audacious spirit. Defying the expectations placed on women, she engages in secretive scholarly pursuits and writes narratives about neglected and silenced women. She meets the eighteen-year-old Jesus, and each is drawn to and enriched by the other’s spiritual and philosophical ideas. He becomes a floodgate for her intellect, but also the awakener of her heart. Grounded in meticulous historical research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus’s life that focuses on his humanity, [The Book of Longings](#) is an inspiring account of one woman’s bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place, and culture devised to silence her. We will meet to discuss this book on Monday, April 26 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Email Barb Mahoney at [bjism2@ptd.net](mailto:bjism2@ptd.net) or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.

<b>Today's Worship Participants</b>	
<b>Online Worship Readings</b>	David Geiger
<b>Greeters for Outdoor Parking Lot Worship</b>	Youth Group
<b>Special Music Offerings - Musicians</b>	Union Chorale (Special Music)

**Paper Prayers Card Ministry is celebrating a 10 year Anniversary** - I started out sending homemade cards to the shut-ins and folks on the prayer list, averaging about 10-15 cards a month. Presently I am sending an average of 70 cards a month including family and friends of members at ULC and folks in the community. If you know of someone who would enjoy a card notify me at [pattiahoffman@gmail.com](mailto:pattiahoffman@gmail.com) or call the office. The cards are made from recycled cards and other paper, drawings and decorations. I still need used or new cards of any kind and envelopes. You can give them to the greeters on a Sunday morning or drop them off at the church. Thank you for your kind feedback over the years. Hearing your stories has made me very happy, humbled and grateful that the Paper Prayers Card Ministry makes a difference in your lives. It is a mission that I love and enjoy doing. – Patti Hoffman



Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Alyson Bucks, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeier, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Dottie Bealer, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig.

- ✝ *Dan Adams, Director of Jerusalem House, suffered a stroke*
- ✝ *Cindy Pugh, recovering at home from Covid-19*
- ✝ *We pray for the church Holy Trinity – Slatedale*
- ✝ *We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.*

**Please contact Pastor Camp to share prayer concerns.**

<b>Report of March 21, 2021</b>	
<b>Weekly Offering</b>	\$2052.00
<b>Future Building Maintenance Offering</b>	\$5.00
<b>9am Outdoor Worship Attendance</b>	106
<b>Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance</b>	76
<b>Virtual Lenten Wednesday Worship Attendance</b>	49
<b>Drive Thru Communion Attendance</b>	0
<b>Total Weekly Attendance</b>	231

<b>This Week's Calendar of Events</b>		
<b>Sun. 3/28</b>	<b>Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	<b>Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>Zoom 10:30 am</b>
	<b>Drive Thru Communion/Palms</b>	<b>11:00 am - Noon</b>
<b>Tues. 3/30</b>	<b>Glory Ringers Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Weds. 3/31</b>	<b>Hoagie Fundraiser pick up (FLC)</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
	<b>Union Chorale Rehearsal</b>	<b>7:45 pm</b>
<b>Thurs. 4/1</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 3:00 pm</b>
	<b>Maundy Thursday Parking Lot</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Fri. 4/2</b>	<b>Good Friday Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 3:00 pm</b>
	<b>Good Friday Worship Parking Lot</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Sat. 4/3</b>	<b>Praise Band Rehearsal</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
<b>Sun. 4/4</b>	<b>Easter Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	<b>Virtual Worship</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	<b>Online Link 9:00 am</b>
	<b>Drive Thru Communion</b>	<b>10:00 - 10:30 am</b>
	<b>Easter Parking Lot Worship</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>

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