

Palm Sunday 05 April 09

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 8:30am

Introit 11:00am

"Bring Palm Branches"
Children's Choir

Cindy Berry

Invocation

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two 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 God! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Silence—Gong sounded once

Jesus dared to live God's way
in the midst of all the 'ups' and 'downs' of life.
We too are called to proclaim our faith faithfully
by the way we live, and treat one another.

Silence—Gong sounded a second time

Jesus wanted his disciples to live passionate,
justice seeking, God centred lives.

Silence—Gong sounded a third time

Jesus, as human face of God, shared his life
that others might sense the new signs of hope
in their everyday lives.

Silence

Opening movement from <http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/>

We need to break camp.

Too long have we
been trapped by fear
living cramped in its walled camp.
It's time to make the break
from fear's illusions
to open to receive the love
that has come to help us move
to where Love
dares to pitch Her tent
on the unprotected
and vulnerable
reaches of our hearts' wilds.

Noel Davis, *Campfire of the Heart*



It's Our Time...

EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Welcome!

A word about diversity:

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

A word about children:

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.

A word about special needs:

Signing our 11:00am service this morning is Kristine Pudlowski. Special seating is available as needed. We are happy to provide transportation to worship and special activities. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.



Welcome Center

New to our community? Please stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) to learn more about our community, our facility, and our programs.

*Hymn 216

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

St. Theodulph

All glory, laud and honor,
To you, O Christ, we sing,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews
With palms adorned your way;
Our prayer and praise and anthems
We offer you this day.

As you received their praises;
Receive our prayers today,
Whose justice and whose mercy
And sovereignty holds sway.

All glory, laud and honor,
To you, O Christ, we sing,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Chancel Steps

The Easter Chick

Geraldine Elschner and Alexandra Junge

Children are invited to come to the Chancel Steps to share a story.

Following the story, young children may choose to go to the nursery (both services) or to Shepherds (11:00am—a play time in the Red Room downstairs).

Anthem 8:30am
11:00am

Sara Klosterboer, soloist

"Sing Hosanna"
Chancel Choir

Larson

Sermon

It's our time... to Return from Exile Katherine Hawker

*Hymn

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" tune: St. Drostane
words: John Bell, Graham Maule

Ride on, ride on, the time is right:
Ride on, ride on, while well a - ware
Ride on, ride on, God's love de mands,
The road - side crowds scream with de - light;
that those who shout and wave and stare
Jus - tice and peace lie in your hands.
Palm branch - es mark the pil - grim way
are mor - tals who, with com - mon breath,
E - vil and an - gel voic - es rhyme:
where beg - gars squat and child - ren play.
can crave for life and lust for death.
This is the man, and this the time.

Moment for Mission

Bea Stoner,
Capital Campaign Consultant

*Hymn

"Summons"

tune/words: John Bell

1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but
call your name? ___ Will you go where you don't
know and nev - er be the same? ___ Will you
let my love be shown, ___ will you let my
name be known, ___ will you let my life be
grown in you and you in me? ___

2. Will you leave yourself behind—If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind—And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer—In you and you in me?
3. Will you love the 'you' you hide—If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside—And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound—In you and you in me?

Joys and Concerns

*Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer,
After each expression, the worship leader will say: Lord in your Mercy.
And the people may respond: Hear our prayer.*

"If you see that the Holy Spirit is not present in your church, first make the effort to bring the Holy Spirit in by living deeply the teachings of Jesus. To be a real help to your church...you must first light your own fire of understanding, love, solidity, and stillness. Then you will be able to inspire others...If the church practices well the teachings of Jesus, the [Spirit] will always be present and the church will have a healing power to transform all that it touches.

--Thich Nhat Hanh



Sharing our Gifts

During our Procession to the Table (8:30am) and Celebration of Giving (11:00am), we are invited to consider our offerings. The easiest way to make a financial offering is to drop check or money, marked clearly for EUCC or for special offerings, in the basket during worship. You can also set up electronic giving, which saves paper—and you never need your checkbook. See Leslie in the office for details.

Special Offering

In celebration of our congregation's outreach in the community, the Servant Team invites you to make a generous contribution to EUCC during this holy Easter season.

Table Fellowship

Invitation

Remembrance and Blessing

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking

that our eyes might be opened;

that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst

indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...
partaking of the bread and cup,
placing an offering in the plates beside the table,
lighting a prayer candle on the altar...*

*Our Lord's Prayer

setting: David Haas

REFRAIN

Our Fa-ther who art in heav-en, oh hal-low-ed be thy
name. Our Moth-er who art in heav-en, oh
hal-low-ed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. (refrain)

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. (refrain)

And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours forever. (refrain)

*Prayer of Dedication

One: We hear the call:

Many: It is our time...

One: to begin the journey.

Many: It is our time...

One: to count the cost.

Many: It is our time....

One: to return from exile.

Many: It is our time...

*Hymn 214

"Filled with Excitement"

tune/words: Ruben Ruiz Avila



Filled with ex - cite - ment, all the hap - py throng
As in that en - trance to Je - ru - sa - lem, —



spread cloaks and branch - es on the city - y streets.
ho - san - nas we will sing to Je - sus Christ,



There in the dis - tance they be - gin to see, —
To our Re - deem - er who still calls to - day, —



there on a don - key, comes the Sav - ior, Christ.
asks us to fol - low with our love and faith.

Refrain



From ev - ery cor - ner a thou - sand voic - es sing



praise to the One who comes in the name of God.



Our ac - cla - ma - tion breaks forth in shouts of praise, our tri -



um - phant song of joy: ——— "Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na to Christ! Ho - -



san - na, ho - san - na to Christ!"

*Benediction

*Postlude

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are offered by Ann Spiering in loving memory of Dick Spiering.

Sharing our Prayers

We pray for...

Peter and Ruthild Kronberg
608 Bacon Ave 63119

Ann Spiering
31 North Old Orchard B2
St. Louis MO 63119

Barry and Pat Kurre
1014 Curran 63122

Lorene Jost
1200 Selma 63119

Sue Stephens
2032 Bland Place 63143

To add (or remove) a name from our prayer concerns list, please contact Leslie in the church office.

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Returning from Exile Holy Week Worship Experiences

This invitation to return from exile is the spiritual movement of Holy Week. It is threefold movement, beginning with the triumphal proclamation of homecoming on Palm Sunday, moving to the fiery kiln of reality in mid-week remembrances, finally emerging on Easter morning as a phoenix from the ashes.

This is the journey of Holy Week. No one piece rests independent of the others and for the fullness of the spiritual experience we encourage you to participate in both Sunday services and at least one mid-week opportunity.

Palm Sunday (4/5)—We begin with Paul Sunday's "Hosanna" which heralds the promise. Our Capital Campaign Consultant, Bea Stoner, will be with us to share in our Palm Processional during worship and she will lead a discussion in the education hour (9:45am).



Passover Family Seder (4/9)—Passover this year falls in between Palm Sunday and Easter and we will celebrate a family-oriented Seder in the Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck meal in which we remember the ancient quest for freedom. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Sts. Clare & Francis' Maundy Thursday Worship (4/9)—We are invited to join in this remembrance of the Last Supper with communion and the service of footwashing at 6:30pm.



Good Friday (4/10)—Two congregations gather around the table for a candlelight service of remembrance for all victims of senseless violence at 7pm.

Sts. Clare & Francis Easter Vigil (4/11)—We are invited to join a traditional vigil beginning around the fire at 7:30pm and bearing witness to the light.

Easter Sunday (4/12)—We gather in worship at 8:30am and 11am to celebrate the splendor of resurrection and return. Between services:



- The Youth are hosting a Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:30am)
- The Children will have an Easter Party—egg hunt included! (Green Room at 9:45am)
- Dr. Steve Patterson (Professor of New Testament, Eden Theological Seminary) will offer a presentation called "Raising Jesus from the Dead" (Sanctuary at 9:45am).



Camp MoVal

If you plan to attend any of the MMS Outdoor Ministry camps this summer and wish to take advantage of the Early Registration Discount, your forms must be submitted by April 8th. Registration is still available beyond this date at a slightly greater cost. Please submit any Early Registration forms directly to MMS Outdoor Ministries by April 8 and provide the EUCC office with copies. Registrations after April 8th may be submitted directly to the EUCC office or Sue Schindel. Any questions, contact Sue Schindel @ (314) 961-5953.

Spring Work Day

Our Spring Work Day has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 11. We will convene at 8:30 for coffee and begin yard work at 9am.

Helping Food Pantries

In this difficult time, food pantries are facing more demand than usual. Please consider buying some extra food on your next trip to the grocery store for donation to the yellow bag food ministry and put it in the shopping cart outside the sanctuary. The menu for April is beef ravioli, canned green beans, canned pears, Martha White muffin mix (just add water), and optional items such as dry milk, soup, cereal, canned meat, and raisins. Remember the two rules: no glass containers, and mixes that only require water. Of course the pantry at Joint Neighborhood Ministries will take donations of any kind, not just from the menu. Thank you!!

Directory Photos

One April 5 and 26, we will have a camera and photographer on hand to take updated pictures for our church directory. You may say "cheese" between services on either day, or you can send an electronic photo to Leslie in the church office for inclusion in the new directory. Please submit by April 27.

Church School Upcoming

Join us this spring as our Workshop Leaders present Women of the Resurrection April 19th-May 3rd. This unit will offer an opportunity to explore the four Gospel interpretations of the resurrection story. We will be focusing on the experiences they describe and open ourselves to the miracle of the resurrection.

Helmet Drive

Be on the look out for details. Our Church Schoolers are working hard on this Outreach Project and are looking forward to your support!

CPR/First Aid Training Available

Boy Scout Troop 303 is sponsoring CPR/First Aid Training @ EUCC. Openings are available to anyone interested. The training will be held on Saturday, April 18th in Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$35. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex.

New Members

Are you new or a visitor who wants to learn more about our community? You are invited to join us in the Pastor's Office at 9:45am as we offer an introductory information session.

Rally for a Compassionate Missouri Budget

It is time for people of faith to speak out for those in need. You may join the rally on Sunday, April 5 at 2 pm (Old St. Louis Courthouse, 11 N. 4th St.). For rally updates and info, go to their blog at compassionatemissouribudget.blogspot.com.

Get Involved at EUCC

Looking for a way to be more involved here at church? Consider signing up for one of our Sunday morning volunteer ministries: Shepherds, liturgists, or coffee hour host. You can sign up for any of these in the Narthex.

TODAY at EUCC

During our Education Hour:
Sunday School
Adult Education—Bea Stoner
Coffee Fellowship
Folk Choir
New Member Info Session

Also today:
Youth Group—6-8pm

This Week at EUCC

Job Jar Gang—1st & 3rd Mondays at 9am

Children's Choir Rehearsal—Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Thursdays at 7:30pm

Family Seder Dinner—Thursday at 6pm

Good Friday Service—Friday at 7pm

Youth Group*

4/5—Today! We will be stuffing Easter eggs for the great Sunday School Easter egg hunt.

4/12—We will be meeting between services in the fellowship hall to help with the PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

4/19—Monthly board game night! Bring a game to share or play what we have.

4/26— We are doing some volunteer work at Lydia's House. The tentative schedule is to leave the church at 1 and return by 4.

*At 6pm unless otherwise noted.

Sunday Morning
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	open	open
Shepherds	Assist Phiwa with Preschool Playtime (11:00am service)	open	open
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Teri Hillen, Marie Keath	Gladys Bradley, Florence Neuhoff
Ushers	Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	David Faulkner, Sandy Bowe, Geno & Lola Contestabile	Edne Huitt and Gladys Bradley, Gigi and Bob Hill, Phil Barbier, Earl Brown
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Barbier Family	open
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Norma Leuthauser, Bobbie Pahmeier	Brenda Detrick, Don Hubatka

Pastoral Team
 Katherine Hawker,
 Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon

Music Team
 Donita Bauer,
 Jill Thompson, Darcy Swanson
 Parish Nurse, Lisa Von Stamwitz

Student, Nancy Mack

Youth, Phiwa Langeni

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Worship, Margie West, David Faulkner

Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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