

Announcements This Week

- ✓ **Welcome to Our Worship on This Day!** "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."
- ✓ **Welcome to Holy Week.** Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. Our full schedule leading up to Easter is listed below. Invite your friends and share the season.
- ✓ **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** is today.
- ✓ **Our Lector this day is Blaine Anderson.**
- ✓ **Our Lenten Study concludes this Wednesday, at 7pm.** We are reading Wrestling with Doubt by Adam Hamilton.

Please pray:

- **For the work of the Church in Israel/Palestine.**
Thank you, O God, for brave men and women of peace who can listen, question, and envision a world where all can dwell in safety. Amen.
- **All those who are ill or homebound or in care facilities.**
- **For others in our lives, especially:** our Church Conference, Travelers, Military and First Responders.

Holy Week Schedule

3-28-2024	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
3-29-2024	Good Friday	12:00 pm
3-31-2024	Easter Worship	10:00 am



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Sunday, March 24, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

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WORDS OF WELCOME / RINGING OF THE BELL

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**) *Cf. Psalm 24 (CEV)*

Open the ancient gates,
so that the glorious king may come in.

Who is this glorious king?

He is our LORD, a strong and mighty warrior.

**Open the ancient gates,
so that the glorious king may come in.**

Who is this glorious king?

He is our LORD, the All-Powerful!

✠ HYMN

CH #191

"Ride on! Ride on in Majesty"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image; through Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and always shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

ANTHEM

CHURCH CHOIR

NEWER TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 11:1-11 (p. 47)

R: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART ☺

ANTHEM

CHURCH CHOIR

MESSAGE

Rev. Chuck Aurand

✠ HYMN

CH #561

"It Is Well with My Soul"

A TIME OF PRAYER

- TIME OF SHARING
- OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✠ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠ HYMN

CH #197

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

