April 10, 2022

Theme: Walking with Jesus—His Last Days



"Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD." Psalm 118:19

# GATHERING

*Greeting Prelude*:

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Mary McDonald

\*Call to Worship

- Leader: We continue in the season of Lent to remember the journey of Jesus, a journey of triumphant entry and impending suffering.
- People: A season to remember that to follow Christ is to take up our crosses and to be servants of all.
- Leader: A season to remember Jesus' question "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?"
- People: A season to ask ourselves what we, like the woman with the fine ointment, have to offer as a sign of comfort and faith.
- Leader: A season to ask ourselves how we, as Peter, are afraid and because of our fears turn away.
- People: A season to ask ourselves how we, as Simon the Cyrene, took on the burden of responsibility, helping to bear the cross of Christ.
- Leader: A season to give sacrificially to others consistent with the ways of generosity and faith.
- People: A season to watch and wait with Christ, that we may have courage in the hour of testing.
- \*Hymn: #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (see download) (including waving of Palms and a Procession)

\*Prayer of the Day (including the Ecumenical Lord's Prayer) – unison

Merciful God, we confess that outward events capture our energy and imagination while inner worries distract us, taking away the life you have given. Let not the cares and duties of this life press so heavily upon us that they lead us away from You or one another. Draw us close that all our thoughts and desires may be brought under the influence of your love. Settle the distress of our lives and of the world and bring calm to our frazzled spirits.

Keep us faithful in ministry, growing as disciples of Christ who are always learning and serving. Bring energy and hope as we search for new and effective ways to be the church in these times. As we close this season of Lent, lead us to put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your reign through Jesus Christ our Lord, who teaches us to pray,

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever." AMEN.

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Anthem:	"The Palms"	Faure
	Chancel Choir	
Scripture Read	lings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40	
*Hymn: #197	"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (see download)	
Sermon	"The Lord Needs It"	
Anthem:	"Festival of Joy"	Parker/Lantz
	Chancel Choir	

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### Offering of Tithes and Gifts

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, God, for being generous to us, for showing us what life is and how to love. Help us not be afraid of the cost as we dedicate all that we are and all that we have to your service, through Christ who goes before us. AMEN

#### Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People **The Peace of Christ** L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.** 

\*Hymn: #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (see download)

\*Charge and Benediction:

"I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 4:10

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Postlude:

"Ride on in Majesty"

Mark Williams

The End of Worship The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Mary Alice High

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



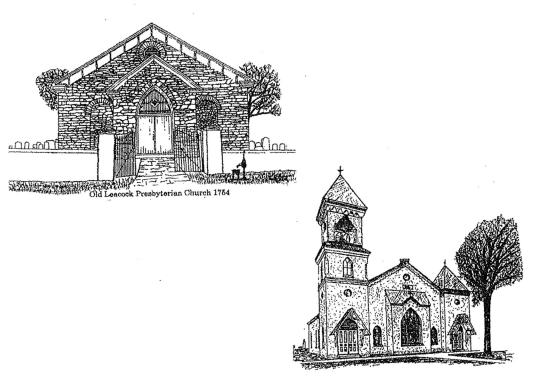
### **One Great Hour of Sharing continues through Easter**

Please use the envelopes in the pews or just put your offering in a plain envelope and label it for One Great Hour of Sharing and place it in the offering plate.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES...** if you have changes in phone numbers, email addresses, home address, or new family members since the directory was last published, we'd like to have that information. We also want to make sure we have correct spelling of all children's names and adults as well.



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