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Palm Sunday; April 5, 2020

GATHERING
Words of Welcome
Richard Gehring

Procession of the Palms
Hilary and Dylan Rhodes
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Blue #238

Call to Worship
Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song and has given me victory. Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things! I will live to tell what the Lord has done!
All: God’s faithful love endures forever!

Leader: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord. These gates lead to the presence of the Lord, and the godly enter there. I thank you for answering my prayer!
All: God’s faithful love endures forever!

Leader: “This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. You are my God, and I will praise you! Give thanks to the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever!”
All: God’s faithful love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

PRAISING AND CONFESSIONING
Jeremy Botts, Song Leader
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
Blue #439
O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God
Green #46

Offering Prayer

Prayer of Confession
Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude.
People: Lord have mercy.
Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you.
People: Lord have mercy.
Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone.
All: Lord have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

LISTENING FOR GOD
Jason Rhodes

Children’s Time
Hawthorne Klingler Family

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Matthew 21: 1-11

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.
People: Our ears are open.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Barbara Krehbiel Gehring
“Palms and Passion”
Music for Meditation
Karin Redekopp Edwards

Romanze in F-sharp Major (Schumann)

All Will Be Well
Green #98

SHARING IN COMMUNITY
Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord hear our prayer.

People: Oyenos, mi Dios Blue #358

Work of the Church

SENDING

Siyahamba
Blessing

Kids, stick around for an interactive Sunday school Gathering Time!

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This Week’s Activities

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Announcements

- In compliance with current federal guidelines and state orders, all church-related gatherings will continue to take place online or by phone at least through April 30. We hope everyone can take advantage of various gatherings, including weekly Sunday worship, as we all seek to stay healthy and safe by remaining physically distant, but spiritually connected.

- The deadline to apply for a mission matching grant has been extended to May 1. Is there an organization or ministry you’d like to see LMC support in 2020? Send in an application! You can download one from the LMC website here.

Holy Week

Holy Week is typically a time of profound meaning for Christians around the world. While we are unable to gather physically to mark this important time together, all are encouraged to celebrate this week in meaningful ways:

- **Maundy Thursday (April 9):** Footwashing is a common way this day is often observed. While this practice is not advisable at this time, we can still follow Jesus’ example of humble service as he told his disciples, "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15) Take some time this Thursday to extend Christ’s service and hospitality to someone else. You don’t need to leave your home to do this. It could be as simple as writing a note of encouragement or gratitude to someone. Be creative in thinking of ways you can serve others these days.

- **Good Friday (April 10):** The pastors will be sharing a worship resource with everyone. Each household is invited to spend time with this resource reflecting on Jesus’ final hours. Watch for an email from one of the pastors next week.

- **Easter Sunday (April 12):** During the Easter morning service, we plan to celebrate communion. You are encouraged to plan ahead to be sure that your household has elements on hand, such as juice, bread and grapes for the children/youth who are not baptized. Feel free to substitute similar elements.