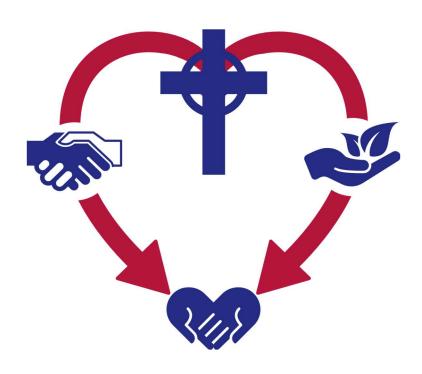
# We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



## A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Palm/Passion Sunday April 13, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



## We Gather to Worship God

\*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Show me what righteousness looks like!

People: This is what righteousness looks like!

Leader: Show me what resistance looks like!

People: This is what resistance looks like!

Leader: Show me what Kin-dom of God looks like!

People: This is what Kin-dom of God looks like! Amen!

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #197

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

## We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Jesus, we welcome you into our hearts and our lives. We are sick and tired of the way that the world is, we are sick and tired of the way we have been in the world, and we are not going to take it anymore. We lift our palms, we lift our signs, we lift our fists, we lift our hands, we lift our hearts to the Blessed king who comes in the name of the Lord. We want the peace and glory of heaven to be enacted here and now. May your Kin-dom start here: from our hearts, to the streets, to the halls of power. Your Kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

### Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out the salvation of our God!

People: Thanks be to God!

\*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

\*Transition Hymn #59

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

## We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

\*Doxology (#606)

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

## God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

#### Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

Special Music "All Glory, Laud and Honor" Chancel Choir

Arr. Caleb French

Scripture Reading Luke 19:29-48

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word Rev. AJ Ochart

"Protest Sunday"

## Responding to God's Word

\*Affirmation of Our Faith: from A Brief Statement of Faith (Unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Jeremiah 7:11

**Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)** 

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People and Lord's Prayer

Volunteer

Respond: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Sending Out Into the World**

\*Sending Hymn #199

"Filled with Excitement"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction

"Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling"

sung to the PICARDY tune ("Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"), words by Elizabeth Smith

Peace will be our Lenten living as we turn for home again, longing for the words of pardon, stripping off old grief and pain, till we stand, restored and joyful, with the Church on Easter day.

\*Postlude

<u>Sanctuary Flowers</u> – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Babara Balentine in memory of Beattie Balentine.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Lousie Ochart, Lay Leader

