

IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023



## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

ALETHEA FUNCK

Rejoice, The Lord Is King, arr by Sanborn  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, arr by Sanborn

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

IMMANUEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Rejoice, O people of Zion!  
Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!  
Look, your king is coming to you.  
He is righteous and victorious,  
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.

**All : Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Savior, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

PRAYER *(congregation raises their palms)*

**All: God our Savior,  
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;  
let these palms be for us signs of his victory  
and grant that we who bear them in his name  
may ever hail him as our King,  
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (Please wave palm branches.) HYMN 235

*(Repeat verse 1 at the end of the hymn.)*

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: We confess that we come before our Lord with hands that are not clean, with hearts that are not pure.

**All: We need forgiveness for our wavering obedience, we need God's help to keep our faith constant.**

Pastor: We need to be led by the Spirit to a deeper experience of God's love.

**People: We need the Spirit to enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph, suffering, and hope that this week reveals.**

**All: May God mold us to the ways of the Servant, whose life we honor this morning. Amen.**

*Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (Please stand.) Franz Schubert  
(Communion book, p. 20)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell,  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* Church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* universal*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(Please share God's peace with those around you.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Ride On, King Jesus*

Fleming  
IMMANUEL CHOIR  
SOLOIST: JOANNA SIRE

Ride On, King Jesus,  
No man can hinder you.

When I looked around me to find  
Someone who's gentle and kind,  
Someone to show me the way,  
I look to Jesus and I pray.

When I need someone o hear  
To help me conquer my fear,  
When I can't find the way,  
I look to Jesus and I pray.

*(Children may return to their seats.)*

\* HYMN: *My Song Is Love Unknown* (Please wave palms on verses 3 and 5)

Samuel Crossman, 1664

John Ireland, 1918

1. My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me, Love  
 2. Christ came from heav - en's throne Sal - va - tion to be - stow, But  
 3. Some - times they strew His way, And His sweet prais - es sing, Re -  
 4. They rise, and needs will have My dear Lord made a - way; A  
 5. Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine: Nev -

to the love - less shown That they might love - ly be. O who am  
 peo - ple scorned and none The longed - for Christ would know. But O my  
 sound - ing all the way Ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci -  
 mur - der - er they save, The Prince of life they slay. Yet stead - fast  
 er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like Thine. This is my

I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?  
 Friend, My Friend in - deed, Who at my need His life did spend!  
 fy!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 He To suf - fering goes, That He His foes From thence might free.  
 Friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could glad - ly spend.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

*(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)*

READERS: CLAIRE MILLER AND EMMA GREEN

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Zechariah 9:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.  
He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 19:28-40*

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

<sup>34</sup> They replied, "The Lord needs it."

<sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *A Different Kind of King*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Please **approach the tables from the center aisles**, and we ask that you **return to your seats on the outside aisles**.*

*If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated.  
Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.*

*If you would like to be seated at the lower tables,  
just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.*

*Gluten-free bread is available at the table in the balcony.  
Please feel free to partake of the elements as you feel led.*

*If you prefer to be served by an elder who is wearing a face mask and gloves please  
indicate that to the usher at the front of the sanctuary.*

*During Communion, **Karen Miller and Lew Luttrell** will be available  
on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.*

*(Times of singing and silence.)*

*(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)*

|                                   |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery | page 10 |
| Humbly, I Adore Thee              | page 22 |
| Jesus Paid It All                 | page 29 |
| God to Enfold You                 | page 18 |
| Nothing but the Blood             | page 34 |
| When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  | page 46 |

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

DYKES

## Today

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder *Katherine Anderson* will be available to pray with you near the platform.

Thanks to our musicians: *Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck.*

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| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | <b>Food Pantry open</b>         |
| 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | <b>Youth Group with Dhrasti</b> |

## THIS WEEK

|         |                        |                                        |
|---------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Tuesday | 9:30 a.m.              | <b>Women's Bible Study</b> (childcare) |
|         | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | <b>Food Pantry open</b>                |

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| Thursday | 6:30 p.m. | <b>Symbolic Seder Supper</b> |
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| Friday | 7:00 p.m. | <b>Good Friday service</b> |
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## IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

**Giving Update:** God's faithfulness has once again been demonstrated by strong giving for the first quarter of 2023. Through last Sunday, giving to the General Fund was \$199,377, \$9,000 ahead of projections (based on giving patterns over the past three years). Projections for the second quarter anticipate growth in giving over the first quarter, before we enter a "summer slump" in the third quarter, so we appreciate many who are able to give consistently through the year.

### Holy Week schedule:

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| Symbolic Seder Supper     | Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. |
| Tenebrae service          | Good Friday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. |
| Easter Brunch and Worship | Sunday, April 9, 9:30 a.m.      |

(Remember to bring bells to ring during the Alleluias and flowers to adorn the cross next Sunday on Easter morning.)

**Kari Jobe in concert:** You can support Outreach Warrenville (WYFS) and enjoy the music all in one night: Saturday, April 22, at Willow Creek in Barrington. See the link in the IPC Newsletter.

**Church Workday:** Saturday, April 15, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



## **Prayers during Communion**

### ***Prayer to begin a new life in Christ***

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those struggling with sin***

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears***

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past***

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

## NOTES

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*ELDERS*

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman, Ron Netzel,  
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,  
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

*STAFF*

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;  
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;  
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

*STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS*

*Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca*