

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Pastor: Lo, your King comes to you;

All: Triumphant and victorious is he,

Pastor: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9 NRSV

### INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: All Glory, Laud, and Honor



MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861

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# WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

- All: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, word, and deeds.
- Leader: Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are:
- All: Sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—Praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we can confess our sins to God.

(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!
- \* ACCLAMATION
  - All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name ascribe the glory, for your love protecting us is strong, and your constancy is everlasting. To the Lord be glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- \* 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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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\* HYMN: It Is Well with My Soul



# WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 118:1-2: 19-29

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, "His love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; <sup>23</sup> the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. <sup>25</sup> Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! <sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. <sup>27</sup> The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. NIV

## NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-44

<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."

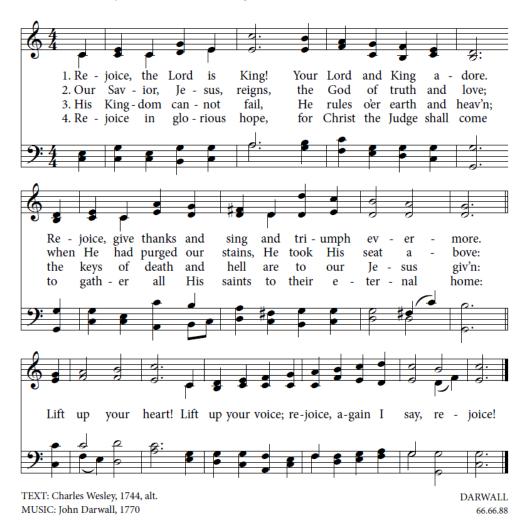
<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." NIV

\* Congregational Response

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

SERMON: The Prince of Peace

\* CLOSING HYMN: Rejoice, the Lord Is King



- \* SENDING PRAYER FOR GISSING FAMILY
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE

# TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Katherine Anderson would love to pray with you. Contact her at katand@sbcglobal.net or 630-292-4376.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck.

	11:00 a.m. 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Prayer and Fellowship Zoom meeting Food Pantry open Twilight Zone Adult Ed class
	6:00 –7:00 p.m.	Middle School youth group virtual meeting
	7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	High School youth group virtual meeting
This Week		
Today	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Tuesday	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Thursday		Food Pantry closed

# IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

We would like to continue our tradition of remembering friends, and family who are Witnesses to the Resurrection. Although we will not be ordering flowers to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning, we can offer you the chance to recognize your loved ones. Today: Send your name and the names/relationships of those you'd like printed on the memorial page in our Easter bulletin. If you have already ordered, your money will be refunded.

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (immanpres@gmail.com).

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