



**St. John's United Church of Christ**

**300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006**

**Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am**

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

[\* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

PALM  
SUNDAY

Words of Welcome: "They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" ~ John 12:13

Organ Prelude: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ~ Carter

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastoral Greeting

Handbells: "Triumphant!" -Schone

Call to Worship:

L: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**P: We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts**

L: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow.  
For he is the life we long for; he is the Word who sustains us.

**P: We wave palm branches in anticipation;  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk**

L: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**P: Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #267

\*Prayer of the Confession<sup>+</sup>:  
**Holy Jesus, we enter into Jerusalem, knowing the cross that awaits you. We proclaim you in shouts of joy; yet we know that it is our sins and the sins of the world that will lead you to your death. We want to stay with the crowds and shout Hosanna! Yet we know that our lives sometimes shout Crucify instead. Forgive us. Renew us. Help us to do better. And give us the grace each day to live more and more like the people you have always known we could be. For we pray in your own dear name, Amen.**

\*Assurance of Grace

Prayer Response: "Glory Be to the Father" #734

Mission Moment: Crossroad's Children's Home

Especially for Children

The Song:

**“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 20-29  
Luke 19:28-48

Anthem: “The Palms” ~ Chancel Choir

Sermon: “Cloaks, Stones, and Tears”

Hymn: “All Glory Laud and Honor” #265

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: “There Is a Green Hill Far Away” – L. Smith  
Doxology #34

Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” #268

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude: “Toccata in F Major” – Buxtehude

+ Adapted from re-worship.blogspot, original by Thom Shuman

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| Ministers               | Every Member         |
| Pastor                  | Rev. Joseph Feldmann |
| Pastor Emeritus         | Rev. David Johnston  |
| Organist/Choir Director | Mr. David W. Hanson  |

**LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:**

|          |                   |                            |
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| April 13 | Serenity Feldmann | Crossroads Children’s Home |
| April 20 | Peter Frye        | St. John’s Youth Fund      |
| April 27 | Danny Narwold     | Global Ministries (UCC)    |



**St. John's Prayer List – Those Bereaved** *(these names remain on for one year):*

Gayle Sarringhaus.

**Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:**

Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Nikki Sarringhaus; Carolyn Carson (Cancer, Grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Randy & Becky Schebler; Delores Cornett; Sandi Maxwell (Cancer, Friend of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Georgia Haarman; Lonna Patton & Stephen Feldmann (Pastor Joey's Parents); Robbyn Woluing (Cancer, Cousin to Ron, Mark & Randy Meyer); Mike Bauman (Health Issues, Brother to Jim Bauman); The Family of David Kelley on his passing (Uncle to Kristina Frye); The family of James Rodney Eaton on his passing (Brother of Larry Eaton); Connie Moody; Harry Krieger (Health Issues); Martie Huey (Health Issues, Cousin to Martha Dieckmann); Charlie Zeigler (Health Issues); Jim Link (Health Issues); Virginia Becker (Health issues, Sister to Cindy Feller).

**Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:**

Quintin Comer, Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Bryce Timonera, Chris Williams.

**Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes:** (For Peace)

**St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville:** Frank Bergman, David Johnston,  
Margaret Meyers; Carol Narwold.

**Aspen Place, Greensburg:** Charlotte Huffmeyer.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 14: Ecumenical Choir Practice 630pm

April 16: Confirmation Class 6pm

April 17: Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

Ecumenical Choir Practice 815pm, after Maundy Service

April 18: Good Friday Service 7pm

April 19: Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 10am

Light Breakfast @ 930am

April 20: Easter

Sunrise Service 630am, Easter Ecumenical Choir Cantata, Breakfast follows

Easter Worship Service 900am



### **Psalm 118:1-2, 20-29:**

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

### **Luke 19:28-48:**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God." Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, and he said, "It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of robbers."

Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him, but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

## **Hymns**

### **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna** (page #267)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;  
to Jesus, who blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

### **Glory Be to the Father** (page #734)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

### **All Glory Laud and Honor** (page #265)

#### **Refrain:**

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring

**Verse 1:** You are the king of Israel, and David's royal Son.  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed One! (refrain)

**Verse 2:** The company of angels are praising you on high,  
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply;  
(refrain)

**Verse 3:** The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present; (refrain)

**Verse 4:** To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise;  
(refrain)

**Verse 5:** As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight n goodness, O good and gracious King! (refrain)

### **Doxology** (page #34)

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

### **Ride on, Ride On in Majesty!** (page #268)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue your road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The host of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.