Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

United Church of Christ - Neillsville Pastor Julie Ruegsegger



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<u>PRELUDE</u> "All Glory, Laud, & Honor" Kristina Langlois
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."
- ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.
- ²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- ²²The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
- ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.
- ²⁵ Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.
- ²⁷The 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.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
#213 NCH Jennette Threlfall

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

2 From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state, and glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey's gait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"
That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer
and sing with all our powers;
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you
with heart and life and voice.
Hosanna! In your presence
forever we'll rejoice!"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

God has given us light.

Give thanks to God, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

CHILDREN'S TIME

<u>HYMN</u> "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" **#216 NCH** Transl. John Mason Neale

1 All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ we sing to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way; our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.

2 O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line, the one called "God's be loved," of flesh and yet divine, To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

3 As you received their praises, receive our prayers today, whose justice and whose mercy And sovereignty hold sway. All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

WORDS OF GRACE

HYMN "O How He Loves You and Me"

O how he loves you and me,

O how he loves you and me;

He gave his life - what more could he give?

O how he loves you, O how he loves me,

O how he loves you and me!

SCRIPTURE READINGS NEW TESTAMENT Luke 19:28-40

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

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

³⁷ 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:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

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

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

SERMON "Liminal Spaces" Pastor Julie

<u>HYMN</u> "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" #215 NCH vs 1-2

Henry H. Milman adapt. Lavon Bayler

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
O Christ, with brave humility,
On lowly colt, your road pursue,
As palms and cloaks are spread for you.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see And shout hosannas, lifting high Their praise for one about to die.

MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt,

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world. Amen.

HYMN "Ruler of Life, We Crown You Now" **#228 NCH vs 1** Jennie Evelyn Hussey

1 Ruler of life, we crown you now as we your glory see; Lest we forget your thorn-crowned brow, Lead us to Calvary.

Refrain

Lest we forget Gethsemane, lest we forget your agony, Lest we forget love's victory, lead us to Calvary.

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Monday: Jesus Clears the Temple

Mark 11:15-18

Tuesday: The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:28-31

Wednesday: Jesus Anointed

Mark 14:3-9

Thursday: The Last Supper

Mark 14:22-26

Friday: Trial and Crucifixion

Mark 15 (selected verses)

<u>HYMN</u> "Ruler of Life, We Crown You Now" #228 NCH vs 2

2 Show us the tomb where you were laid, Tenderly mourned and wept; Angels in robes of light arrayed Guarded you while you slept.

Lest we forget Gethsemane, lest we forget your agony, Lest we forget love's victory, lead us to Calvary.

BLESSING FOR PALM SUNDAY

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN "Ruler of Life, We Crown You Now" #228 NCH vs 4
4 May we be willing, Christ, to bear daily our cross for you,
Even your cup of grief to share;
your love will see us through.

Lest we forget Gethsemane, lest we forget your agony, Lest we forget love's victory, lead us to Calvary.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Karen Mohr

ANNOUNCEMENTS
RADIO BROADCAST
11 AM Sunday radio broadcast
on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored anonymously by "a faithful listener".



WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship! We are glad that you have joined us on site, through the internet or on the radio. We pray that you will hear God's call, seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

YouTube link for Sunday, April 13, 2025 https://youtube.com/live/zypHstDqxyY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 13th

 - 10 AM Worship Deacon Host – Sally Sadowska Greeter(s) – Debbie Holman, Sue Gurney Usher(s) – Hap Eddy, Roger Carl PowerPoint – Bonnie Weyer

-11 AM - Confirmation will meet

Tuesday, April 15th

- 1 PM Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Trustee's Meeting

Wednesday, April 16th

- **5 PM JAM** at Calvary

Thursday, April 17th

- 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service Communion served

Friday, April 18th

- 6:30 PM Good Friday Service at UCC with Ministerial Alliance

Sunday, April 20th

- 10 AM EASTER Worship Service Communion served

Coffee fellowship after worship -

Sign up on back bulletin board

Apr 13 - Doris Bakker

Apr 20 - EASTER - no fellowship

Apr 27-

May 4 - Confirmation Sunday - Christian Ed.

We need people to sign up



Sunday, April 20th - 10 AM