

**Palm/Passion Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026**  
United Church of Christ - Neillsville  
Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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**PRELUDE** *"All, Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

Kristina Langlois

Karen Mohr

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN** *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

**#216 NCH** 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 beloved,"  
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!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalms 118*)

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.

**"God's faithful love lasts forever!"**

Open the gates of righteousness  
so we can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

**This is the Lord's gate;  
those who are righteous enter through it.**

I thank you because you answered me,  
because you were my saving help.

**The stone rejected by the builders  
is now the main foundation stone!**

This has happened because of the Lord;  
it is astounding in our sight!

**This is the day the Lord acted;  
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!**

Lord, please save us!

**Lord, please let us succeed!**

The one who enters in the Lord's name is blessed;  
we bless all of you from the Lord's house.

**You are my God—I will give thanks to you!**

You are my God—I will lift you up high!

**Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,  
because his faithful love lasts forever.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**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!"**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

### WORDS OF GRACE

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

**RESPONSE:** *"In the Name of the Lord"*

#125 W&R Phill McHugh

**There is strength in the name of the Lord;**

**There is power in the name of the Lord;**

**There is hope in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Byrl Buddenhagen*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 50:4-9a

*God's Faithful Servant*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God gave me an educated tongue  
to know how to respond to the weary  
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.  
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,  
as educated people do.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God opened my ear;  
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.

<sup>6</sup>Instead, I gave my body to attackers,  
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.

I didn't hide my face  
from insults and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God will help me;  
therefore, I haven't been insulted.

Therefore, I set my face like flint,  
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

<sup>8</sup>The one who will declare me innocent is near.  
Who will argue with me?

Let's stand up together.  
Who will bring judgment against me?  
Let him approach me.

<sup>9</sup>Look! The Lord God will help me.  
Who will condemn me?

**Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey

tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them." He sent them off right away. <sup>4</sup>Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, <sup>5</sup>Say to Daughter Zion, "Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey's offspring." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

<sup>8</sup>Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. "Who is this?" they asked. <sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**SERMON** *"Who is this Man?"* Pastor Julie

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>**Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:**

<sup>6</sup>**Though he was in the form of God,  
he did not consider being equal with God  
something to exploit.**

<sup>7</sup>**But he emptied himself  
by taking the form of a slave  
and by becoming like human beings.**

**When he found himself in the form of a human,**

<sup>8</sup>**he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the  
point of death, even death on a cross.**

<sup>9</sup>**Therefore, God highly honored him  
and gave him a name above all names,**

<sup>10</sup>**so that at the name of Jesus everyone  
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow**

<sup>11</sup>**and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**HYMN** *"What Wondrous Love is This"*

#223 NCH *Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony*

**1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this,  
that Christ should come in bliss**

**To bear the heavy cross for my soul,**

**To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing;**

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

### 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

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### 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

Name above all names, as you emptied yourself for  
others, we offer ourselves and these gifts as a sign  
of our hope in your reign. Where there is death,  
bring life. Where there is sorrow, bring joy. Where  
there is injustice, bring courage for change. Amen.

#### HYMN "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

#215 NCH (vs 1-3) Henry Milman

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.

3 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Ride on in humble dignity;  
Behold the ones you came to save  
From senseless life and endless grave.

### GOING FORTH

*Palm Sunday Parade by Roddy Hamilton*

### SHARING OUR BLESSINGS AND BURDENS

*As we are gathered together as children of God, we are called to share our blessings and joys and our concerns, our deepest fears, sadnesses, griefs and needs so that we may bear one another up and support each other in prayer and Christian love.*

### SENDING OUT TO THE WORLD

#### HYMN "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

#215 NCH (vs 4) Henry Milman

4 Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
For you have set your people free  
And we, remembering all your pain,  
Now meet again to hail your reign.

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

### RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast  
on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored  
by Howie & Kathy Mathis  
in love and support of all farm families.

### 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, March 29, 2026  
<https://youtube.com/live/HyShlmj2Hil>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Sunday, March 29th

#### **- 9:30 AM Worship**

Deacon – Janice Miller  
 Greeters – Wayne & JoAnn Voss  
 Ushers – Larry Marshall, Ken Shoemaker  
 Power Point – Janice Miller  
 AV –Crispin Hediger

***FYI - (for those who are scheduled for PowerPoint/AV it is suggested that you arrive 30 minutes prior to the church service to get the laptop turned on, allow for any updates, get screen down and start running the announcements).***

#### Following Sunday, April 5th, EASTER

Deacon – JoAnn Wren  
 Greeters – Audrey Vradenburg, Jim Vradenburg  
 Ushers – Ben Mathis, Paul Schmidt  
 Power Point – Bonnie Weyer  
 AV –Emile Miller

### Tuesday, March 31st

**- 1:00 PM Bible Study**

### Wednesday, April 1st

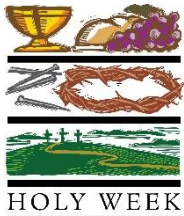
**5:00 PM – JAM at Calvary**

### Thursday, April 2nd

**- 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday at UCC joint worship service with communion**

### Friday, April 3rd - Good Friday

**will be open from 12 noon – 3:00 PM at UCC self-guided meditation stations**



**HOLY WEEK**

### Sunday, April 5th - Easter

**-9:30 AM Worship**

**Coffee fellowship after worship -**

**Sign up on back bulletin board**

Mar 29 – Voss'  
 Apr 5 – EASTER – no fellowship after worship  
 Apr 12 –  
 Apr 19 -  
 We need people to sign up

## **Volunteers Needed for Sunday Worship**

April – May 2026

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday worship by **reading the scriptures and/or leading the children's message**. Pastor Julie will choose the scripture readings, and volunteers will prepare and lead the children's message. Pastor Julie has online resources available and is happy to discuss ideas or offer guidance.

If you feel called to help, please add your name to the schedule below. For more specifics of questions please contact Sally Sadowska or Janice Miller.

Thank you for serving!

Sunday	Scripture	Children's message
Mar 29 (Palm)	Byrl Buddenhagen	
April 5 (Easter)	Susie Karl	
April 12		
April 19		
April 26		
May 3		
May 10		
May 17		
May 24		
May 31		

## **PALM SUNDAY**

*“Hosanna to the King”*

