

St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship April 13, 2025
Palm/Passion Sunday

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ringling of the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand)*

Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also with you

Prelude

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Duncan

*The Call to Worship

We gather in the presence of Christ to join our hearts and minds in praise of God.

God has exalted Jesus and given him a name above every name.

So let every knee bend, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess:

Jesus Christ is Lord. Glory to God forever!

* Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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All glory, laud and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are a child of Israel,
Great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph,
Messiah, blessed One!

The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and, we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
As you received their praises,
now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness,
rule in our hearts today.

*Invitation to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him as he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotion of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives. Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises; help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us. Amen.

***Words of Grace**

God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful. God does not reject us when we do not trust fully. God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Children's Time

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Pastor Katie Jo

**Child of God your loving parent,
Learn to listen for God's call
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Trust and love God more than all.**

Special Music

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Lanier

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Luke 19:28- 48

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ 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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ 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, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem

⁴¹ As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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. ⁴⁴ 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."

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there, ⁴⁶ and he said, "It is written,

'My house shall be a house of prayer,'

but you have made it a den of robbers."

⁴⁷ 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, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message

* Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had 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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*In Unison*)
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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to Give Generously

(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

Offertory

"Palm Sunday Irish Jig"

traditional

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (*In Unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and serve you.
In both your triumph and your suffering, you deserve our praise. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever you go. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

[Refrain:]

I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.

[Refrain]

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

[Refrain]

Benediction

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Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Carolyn Golfin**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Lynn Potts**
Violin: **Tom Winter**

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HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL
APRIL 17 AT 6 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 18 AT 6 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 AM
FOLLOWED BY
AN EASTER EGG HUNT AT 11 AM

You're Invited

PREPARE YE

Please pick up an invitation in the narthex and share it with a friend or neighbor.

Announcements

Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Fiji** this week

We pray for

**Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener, Elizabeth Hart,
Cherie Messina, Rev. Peter Muschinske, Anita Paz and Gloria Vaclavik.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns.

If you have private prayer concerns please speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke

04/20/25 Service

Liturgist: **Amanda Jones**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Lynn Potts**
Special Music: **Handbells & Choir**

4/27/25 Service

Liturgist: **Danny Mueller**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Lynn Potts**
Special Music: **Flute**

05/04/25 Service

Liturgist: **Mary Polt**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**
Special Music: **piano/organ duet**

Current Needs in *Circle of Concern's* Food Pantry (updated 3/14/2025).

Dinner Helpers

Pasta Sauce

Canned Fruit

Condiments

Snacks (8-12 servings/package)

Size 5 and 6 Diapers

Baby wipes



Altar Flowers

You may purchase flowers for the altar for \$40. This is a nice way to commemorate a birthday or anniversary, a new member of the family or a celebration like the end of school or retirement. We will print the information in the bulletin and you are free to bring the flowers home with you after services. Please contact the office to arrange. 636-532-0540 or use the QR code to the left.

Feel free to take a copy of the April calendar from the Narthex for your home.

... Looking Ahead

Sun	4/13	11:00 AM	General Synod Volunteer information session
Mon	4/14	1:00 PM	Exec Council Mtg
Thu	4/17	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter
Thu	4/17	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
Fri	4/18	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Sun	4/20	10:00 AM	Easter
Sun	4/20	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt (please rsvp)
Mon	4/21	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tue	4/22	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Wed	4/23	10:00 AM	Book Group "All the colors of the Dark" Chris Whitaker
Thu	4/24	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship (rsvp)
Fri	4/25	5:30 PM	Trivia Night
Sat	4/26	5:00 PM	Newsletter Articles Due EOD
Sun	4/27	9:20 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	4/27	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Thu	5/1	1:00 PM	Movie "Ultimate Love"
Sat	5/3	8:00 AM	Bimonthly Newsletter
Sun	5/4	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Wed	5/7	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities
<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>



online giving



News & Events

Join us on Sundays
9:00 a.m. - Fellowship with coffee and donuts
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:00 a.m. – Worship
In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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Sign up for Activities easily using your mobile phone and the QR codes below

VBS 7/21 – 7/25



Volunteer Now

Maundy Thu Meal



Apr 17

Easter Egg Hunt



Apr 20

Women's Game Night



Apr 22

Table Fellowship



Apr 24

Trivia Night



Fri Apr 25

Movie Day



May 1st

VBS July 21 – 25, 2025



Registration