

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
10 A.M. Worship March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also with you

Prelude

"God's Holy Lamb"

Hayes

*The Call to Worship

One: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

One: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

One: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

ALL: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Children: Hosanna!

*Gathering Prayer *(In Unison)*

God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.

* Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. [Refrain]**

**The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. [Refrain]**

**To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]**

**Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]**

Call to Confession.**Prayer of Confession** (*In Unison*)

God, we come confessing our guilt and seeking to be free from our willful self-centred ways. False pride cuts us off from other people and dims our eyes and ears to your way. We turn from your Chosen One, for Jesus' example is too demanding, and we are unprepared to accept the horrible death on a cross as a sacrifice for us. Who will vindicate us before you, as we seek change within? Hear us, O God! Amen.

Words of Grace

God hears our prayers and helps us. God lifts from us the burden of our guilt and offers us the mind of Christ. Now we can shout our hosannas with real enthusiasm. We have good news to celebrate! We are forgiven!

ALL: Hosanna! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**Special Music**

"Lift Up Your Heads"

Drennan

Scriptures: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Message*** Hymn**

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

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**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
As all the crowds hosanna cry;
through waving branches slowly ride,
O Savior, to be crucified.**

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

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

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest foe defy;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, your power and reign.**

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.)

*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)*

God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	<i>"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"</i>	
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.	

Benediction

Postlude

"Ride on, King Jesus"

Johnson

Preaching: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Helen Stortz**
Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Jan Boehm**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**
Vocal Soloist: **Meher Arora**

Announcements

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

We pray for **Richard Camp, June Evers, Elizabeth Hart, Cherie Messina, Kathy Scherr, Barbara Tretter** and **Gloria Vaclavik** Please let us know your prayer concerns

03/31/24 Easter Sunday Service
Liturgist: **Mark Strothman**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Jan Boehm**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**
Special Music: **Handbells & Choir**

04/07/24 Service
Liturgist: **David Leech**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Lynn Potts**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**
Special Music: **Handbells**

04/14/24 Service
Liturgist: **Susie Pisoni**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellow & Lockup: **Lynn Potts**
Children's Time: **Rev. Katie Jo**
Special Music: **Choir**

Holy Week 2024

Please join us!

Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 6 PM Table Worship and a Light Meal

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 29 at 7 pm

Easter Sunday

Join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Sunday, March 31 Worship at 10 am

Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn following the worship service

All Sunday services are livestreamed on our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages

SJUCC and SJECC Families and Friends

Please join us for our

Easter Egg Hunt!!

Easter Sunday, March 31

10 am Worship Service

(come as you are!)

Egg Hunt after service on front lawn

Bring an Easter basket! (or we will have a bag for you)

Kindly RSVP by 03/29: to church or Laura Renth

Church office: 636-532-0540 or StJohnsUCConOlive@gmail.com

... Looking Ahead

March/April

3/24		Collecting for Loaves and Fishes
3/24	9:15 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Cuba
3/24	10:00 AM	Loaves & Fishes <i>(note date change)</i>
3/24	11:00 AM	6th Sunday of Lent
3/26	6:30 PM	Mission Meeting <i>(note date change)</i>
3/28	6:00 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
3/29		Maundy Thursday, <i>(table worship and a light meal)</i>
3/29	7:00 PM	ECC No School
3/30		Good Friday Services
3/31	10:00 AM	Holy Saturday
3/31	11:00 AM	Easter Sunday
3/31		Easter Egg Hunt
4/5	8:00 AM	Global Ministries Pray for Greece
4/7	10:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
4/7	11:00 AM	Communion Sunday
4/7		Senior Ministry Meeting
4/8	4:30 PM	Global Ministries Pray for Lesotho
4/12	5:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
4/14		Wine Tasting
4/14		Global Ministries Pray for Puerto Rico
4/15	6:30 PM	Name Tag order forms due.
4/17	10:30 AM	Council Meeting
4/18	6:00 PM	Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Tour
4/19	8:00 AM	ECC Art Show
4/21	11:00 AM	Biweekly Newsletter
4/21		Earth Day Movie following services
4/22		GM Pray for Lebanon/Syria
4/23	6:30 PM	Earth Day
4/25	6:00 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
4/28	9:15 AM	Table Fellowship at TBD
4/28	11:00 AM	Loaves & Fishes
4/28		Mission Meeting
4/28		GM Pray for Korea

more at <https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

During March, we plan to collect much-needed shelter supplies. Please help us by donating urgently needed supplies beginning **March 17 and ending April 8**. Those needs are:

Diapers 3t and up
Unscented Sanitary
Allergy Meds for Adults
Cold Meds for Children
Cold Meds for Adults

Baby Wipes
Laundry Soap
Napkins
Lotion

Multi Surface Cleaner
Unscented Tampons
Lysol
Tylenol
Deodorant



Use the QR code to see our registry

Wine Tasting Friday April 12, 5pm in the Community Room \$12 per person
Friends and family welcome!

Due to the number of tastings per bottle, we will reserve in groups of 12 participants. Once there are 12 paid reservations, a "wait list" will be created for an additional 12 participants. Please contact Lynn Potts now to reserve your spot! LPotts14@gmail.com

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Tour April 17 at 10:30 am followed by **lunch in our cafe**. Sign in at 10:20 am Tours generally last one hour and are fairly walking intensive (stairs, ramps, walkways). Participants must be 18 years or older. Photography is permitted in the public areas but NOT ALLOWED in labs, core facilities or greenhouses. Please do not bring food or drink, other than bottled water. Sign up in the Narthex or ONLINE.

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NAMETAGS

With the arrival of **Pastor Katie Jo** and her first service on March 10, we are reminding everyone to try and remember **to wear your nametag** at church! Orders due **April 14**.

What's Your Name?

Our member nurture team is excited to announce the designing of our new magnetic St. John's name tags! You don't want to miss the chance to order one.

Cost is \$15 each

*****Please let us know if you need an alternate backing for those with pacemakers**

Questions: Please see Lee Difani, or Jan Boehm

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