

# Palm Sunday

## 17 April 2011



To put it simply, Jesus,  
far from being a masochist,  
came not to die  
but to live  
and to help others live  
in the joy of the divine love.  
To put it boldly, God  
the Creator and Lover  
of the human race  
did not need Jesus' death  
as an act of atonement  
but wanted him to flourish  
in his ministry  
of the coming reign of God.  
Human sin thwarted  
this divine desire  
yet did not defeat it.

Elizabeth A. Johnson, "The Word was  
Made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us: Jesus  
Research and Christian Faith"



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### Welcome and Announcements

### Ringing the Bells and Prelude

### Call to Worship

source: MCC, Worship/PalmSunday08

One: In our weakness we are strong  
In our poverty we are rich.  
In our foolishness we are wise.

In our shadows we seek light.  
In our silences we listen.  
In our touching we are spirit.

In our searching we are found.  
In our longing we are satisfied.  
In our powerlessness, we are powerful  
beyond all human understanding.

Many: God of mystery and mercy  
Grant us new life with you  
as we seek to overturn the powerful  
with our powerlessness  
during this journey of Lent. Amen.

### \*Hymn 216

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

tune: St. Theodolph  
words: Neale

All glo - ry, laud and hon - or, to you O Christ, we sing,  
As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day.

To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
Whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - reign - ty holds sway.

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;  
All glo - ry laud and hon - or, to you, O Christ, we sing,

Our prayer and praise and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
To whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho san - nas ring.

### The Story

source: Matthew 21

When Jesus and his friends had come near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples, saying: 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. 'If anyone says anything to you, just say this: The Lord needs them.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

## Hymn 215

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

tune: St. Drostane  
words: Milman, Baylor



Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty! O  
Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty, On low - ly colt, your  
road pur - sue as palms and cloaks are spread for you.

## Litany

source: "Stages", Iona Community

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,  
Many: We greet you.

One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,  
Many: We cheer you.

One: Moving from the peace of the countryside  
to the corridors of power,  
Many: We salute you, Christ our Lord.

One: You are giving the beasts of burden  
a new dignity;  
you are giving majesty  
a new face;  
you are giving those who long for redemption  
a new song to sing.

Many: With them, with heart and voice,  
we shout "Hosanna!"

## Hymn 215

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

tune: St. Drostane  
words: Milman, Baylor

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.

## Meditation

source: Archbishop George Appleton

One: Give me a candle of the Spirit, O God,  
as I go down into the depths of my being.  
Show me the hidden things,  
the creatures of my dreams,  
the storehouse of forgotten memories.  
Take me down to the spring of my life,  
and tell me my nature and my name.  
Give me freedom to grow,  
so that I may become that self,  
the seed of which you planted in me  
at my making.  
Out of the deep I cry to you, O God.

The modern representation of the Easter story comes in photographic form,  
made by young people in London with photographer Dennis Morris.

Hymn 215

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

tune: St. Drostane  
words: John Bell

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,  
though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.  
Your path is clear though few can tell,  
their garments pave the road to hell.

Chancel Steps

Children are invited to come to the Chancel Steps to share a story.  
Following the story, young children may choose to go to the nursery (both services) or to Shepherds (11:00am—a play time in the Red Room downstairs).

Anthem 8:30am

" Festival Sanctus"  
Chancel Choir

Leavitt

11:00am

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
Children's Choir

source: Hancock-Wright

Sermon

Of Palms and Donkeys: Yes, but

Katherine Hawker

\*Hymn 223

"What Wondrous Love"

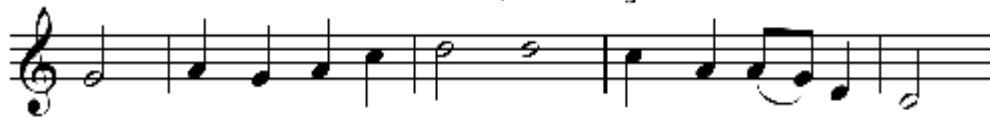
tune: traditional  
adapted: K. Hawker



What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!  
Com - pas - sion stirs with - in, let it be, let it be.  
For love that knows no end, we give thanks, we give thanks.



What won-drous love is this, O my soul!  
Com - pas - sion stirs with - in, let it be.  
For love that knows no end, we give thanks.



What won-drous love is this! that Christ should come from bliss  
Com - pas - sion stirs with - in, a chal - lenge to be - gin,  
For love that knows no end, that finds a way to mend;



to share the hate and strife, O my soul, O my soul!  
pro - vid - ing heal - ing balm, may it be, may it be.  
May we rest in this grace, and give thanks, and give thanks.



To share the hate and strife, O my soul.  
Pro - vid - ing heal - ing balm, may it be.  
May we rest in this grace, and give thanks.

FESTIVAL SANCTUS

By John Leavitt

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus*

*Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*

*Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*

*Hosanna in excelsis*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*God of power and might.*

*The heavens and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

Then as now, people thought in power terms. They suffered from what I sometimes call the "Superman Syndrome."

They expected the Messiah, the Saviour, to act like a fairy god-mother and make things right by waving a magic wand.

Zzzap! – everything's fixed.

But Jesus came riding on a donkey, not a war-horse. Almost anywhere in the world, the donkey is a symbol of humility.

They're beasts of burden.

Women ride donkeys; men feel humiliated if they have to ride on a donkey. If they can't have a horse, they'd rather walk!

In his final week, his last chance to get his message across, Jesus must have despaired of mere words. So he decided to act out his message in ways that his disciples could neither mistake nor forget. He chose to ride a donkey when he entered Jerusalem...

"Last chance:

The final week of Jesus' life"

Wood Lake, 1989

## IN OUR PRAYERS

## JOY TO SHARE

### OUR PALMS

To celebrate Palm Sunday, we partnered with Lutheran World Relief to use Eco-Palms — branches truly worthy of celebration. Usually, palms are harvested in rainforests that are critical habitats for migrating birds. The more fronds harvesters cut, the more income they generate, encouraging over-harvesting and threatening the rainforest. Middlemen transport the palms out of communities for processing where more than half of the palms are discarded because of poor quality.

Eco-Palms harvesters, however, gather only quality palm fronds in a way that allows the plant to keep growing. The communities process and package the palms instead of selling to middlemen, allowing them to capture more of the profits. With this money, harvesters buy shoes and school uniforms for their children and can pay for basic healthcare. These jobs also mean youth stay in their communities instead of migrating for work. Five cents of every Eco-Palm sold for Palm Sunday directly funds projects that improve the lives of all community members. This money provides scholarships for students, pays a teacher's salary and supports elderly members of the community.

### Joys and Concerns

*Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer,  
After each expression, the worship leader will say: Lord in your Mercy.  
And the people may respond: Hear our prayer.*

### Our Lord's Prayer

adaptation: K. Hawker

One: Mystery beyond our knowing,  
close to us as our breathing,  
in humble awe we pray.  
Your Kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven

Many: **We pray for your vision of justice and mercy  
to be made real in our world even now.**

One: Give us today our daily bread.

Many: **We pray for your vision of enough;  
enough sustenance, enough warmth,  
enough healing, for all of your children.**

One: Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Many: **We pray for the grace to let go  
of that which is death dealing  
as we embrace your vision for life,  
that we might follow you safely  
through the obstacle course.**

One: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and for ever.

Many: **Giving thanks for presence that defies definition  
in this life and beyond.**

One: Amen.

Many: Amen.

### Table Fellowship 8:30am

INVITATION, REMEMBRANCE AND BLESSING

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking  
that our eyes might be opened;

that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst  
indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...  
partaking of the bread and cup,  
placing an offering in the plates beside the table,  
lighting a prayer candle on the altar...*

### Celebration of Giving 11:00am

*The congregation is invited to share tithes and offerings  
in support of the ministry of EUCC.*

**\*Response** "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

tune: Iona  
words: Tutu

*confidently*

Good-ness is strong - er than e - vil; love is strong - er than  
 hate; light is strong - er than dark - ness;  
 life is strong - er than death. Compassion is ours, compassion is  
 Oh, Compassion is ours,  
 ours through God who loved us. us.  
 compassion is ours through God who loved us. us.

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**\*Prayer of Dedication**

source: "Stages", Iona Community

One: Where Christ walks,  
Many: We will follow.

One: Where Christ stumbles,  
Many: We will stop.

One: Where Christ cries,  
Many: We will listen.

One: Where Christ suffers,  
Many: We will hurt.

One: When Christ dies,  
Many: We will bow our heads in sorrow.

One: When Christ rises again in glory,  
We will share his endless joy.

Many: There is no other way.

**APRIL MISSION MOMENT**

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), is one of the four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. Working in more than 80 countries, the offering provides hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners, and together we provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives. Please give generously! Checks may be made out to EUCC with OGHs written in the memo section.

**EUCC FOUNDATION  
MARCH 31, 2011 REPORT FROM  
THE EUCC FOUNDATION TRUS-  
TEES**

The value of the EUCC Foundation assets as of March 31, 2011 was \$185,854.30. These funds are invested in a Balanced Fund account with the United Church Funds. Quarterly disbursements are made to the EUCC General Fund Budget. A payment in the amount of \$1,944.05 was made on January 3, 2011. In December your Foundation Trustees affirmed that 5% of the Foundation's total annual return would be allocated to the 2011 General Fund of the church. This is consistent with the contribution rate of the past two years.

The EUCC Endowment Fund was established to receive gifts of cash, property, stocks, life insurance proceeds, trusts, retirement accounts, annuity, endowment policies or contracts. These gifts may be made in remembrance of an individual, a family, in recognition or appreciation of any living person, or may be the result of a directed Will of a member or friend of EUCC.

**FINANCES IN BRIEF**

**GENERAL FUND**

March 2011 -- For the three-month period ending March 31, 2011 General Fund contributions received were \$76,141, other income was \$2,708 for a total of \$78,849. Expenses were \$76,970. The result is a surplus of 1,879. The weekly average of contributions received was \$5,857. The weekly average needed is \$6,010. The difference is a shortfall of \$143 per week. Ken Ulmer, Finance Team Chair

# Compassionate Traditions

## for Holy Week and Easter

### TODAY—Palm Sunday

We share the story of the palms that marked the beginning of the end of Jesus' life.

### Passover Celebration

#### Tuesday, April 19 at 6pm

Join our church family for a potluck Seder in which we follow a traditional (child-friendly) Passover Haggadah, remembering God's liberating presence.

### God's Friday

#### April 22 at 7pm

An evening of shadows in which we face the worst that our kind can do, and light a candle in hope.

### A Compassionate Easter Sunday, April 24th

*Milkweeds...*

*Flowers, Pods and Seeds*

Worship at 8:30am & 11am with musicians, choirs, art and story

### Community Event at 9:45am

beginning with a pancake breakfast; children, parent, elders and teens will be invited to participate in stories and activities to both celebrate and share the gift of life, the gift of love.



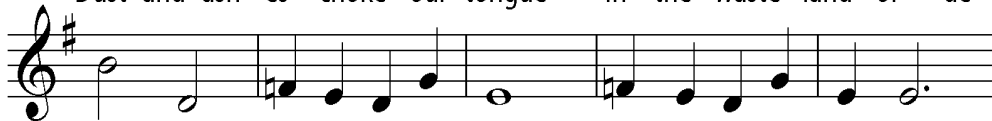
### \*Hymn 186

"Dust and Ashes"

tune: Dust and Ashes  
words: Brian Wren



Dust and ash - es touch our face, mark our fail - ure and our  
Dust and ash - es soil our hands greed of mar - ket, pride of  
Dust and ash - es choke our tongue in the waste - land of de -



fall - ing. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row,  
na - tion. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row  
pres - sion. Ho - ly Spir - it, come, walk with us to - mor - row



take us as dis - ci - ples, washed and wak - ened by your  
as we pray and strug - gle through the mesh - es of op -  
thru all gloom and griev - ing to the paths of res - ur -

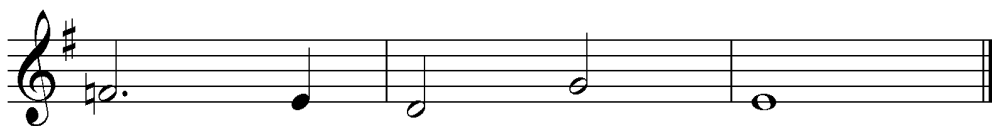
#### Refrain



call - ing. Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us thru the  
pres - sion.  
rec - tion.



des - ert sands, bring us liv - ing wa - ter,



Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### WHAT'S COMPASSION GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Today, 9:45am, Library

### NEW MEMBER INFORMATION SESSIONS

April 17, May 1 and May 15, 9:45am, Classroom 21

### PARENT GROUP

Sundays, 9:45am, Classroom 23

This week we will enjoy an open discussion of topics from previous sessions.

All are welcome to join.

## SHARED EVENT WITH STS C&F TODAY

"STATIONS OF THE CROSS OF RACISM" HOSTED BY STS.

CLARE AND FRANCIS ECC

Today, 2:00pm, Fireside Room

Sts Clare and Francis invites us to join them in their Third Annual "Stations of the Cross of Racism". This year Jim Carron, has made available for our viewing a short version of "Eyes on the Prize," the famous documentary of the civil rights movement. Jim is a curator of the collection at Washington University, where the documentary artifacts are kept. We will view several selections from the documentary and discuss them today at EUCC. All are welcome.

### IOWA MARRIAGES/VOW RENEWALS

If you are interested in marrying or renewing your vows on July 1st in Iowa, you are invited to join Al Schon and Marilyn Stavenger for a special meeting, Saturday, May 7, 10:00am in Katy's Office.

## SHARED MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**SHEPHERDS NEEDED** Please consider signing up on the Ministry Clipboard or contact Kelly Archer

**CALLING ALL DRUMMERS!!** Our compassionate Easter Celebration will include drumming throughout the morning. Would you like to join us? Please contact Sue Ulmer at [skulmer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skulmer@sbcglobal.net) or 314-729-7581 for details.

**HAVE WE TAPPED YOUR POTENTIAL?** We are in the midst of recruiting for several different volunteer leader positions within our congregation.

These leadership positions are vital to keep our volunteer-fed church community, our Shared Ministry, functioning. Governing Body Position Descriptions and the Marketing Plan Task Owner List are available on the Volunteer Table located in the Narthex. Let us know where you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents. Any questions, contact Janet Rundquist



### GOT CHANGE?

Give your child some pennies, nickels or dimes to put in the "stone soup" pot when they come forward for the children's message on Sunday mornings!!

## FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY GROUPS

### YOGA

Tuesdays, 9:30am and Saturdays, 8:30am

All are welcome; no previous experience is required. Please bring a yoga mat and small blanket, all other supplies are provided.

## THIS WEEK AT EUCC

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

9:45am What's Compassion Got to do With It? (Library)

9:45am Jr/Sr High Classes (Still Speaking Center)

9:45am Children's Church School (Lower Level Classrooms)

9:45am Adult Ed: Parent Group (Classroom 23)

9:45am New Member Session (Classroom 21)

11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

3:00pm Korean Drumming Group, "Doorei" (Still Speaking Ctr)

2:00pm Stations of the Cross of Racism (Fireside Room)

4:00pm Youth (Still Speaking Ctr)

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

9:15am Job Jar

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19

9:30am Amy's Yoga (Still Speaking Ctr)

10:00am Orchard House Bible Study

1:30pm WG Nature Study Society (Library)

6:00pm Seder Dinner (Still Speaking Center)

7:00pm LaLeche League (Fireside Rm)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

9:30am Equinox Chamber Players Rehearsal (Fireside Room)

6:00pm Children's Musical Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Choir Room)

6:30pm Adult Ed: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life (Library)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

9:00am AARP Tax Prep (Fireside Room)

9:30am UCC Ministers' Spouses Book Group (Library)

12:30pm Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper/Holy Thursday (Sanctuary)

**NO CHOIR REHEARSAL**

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

7:00pm EUCC/Sts C&F God's Friday Service (Sanctuary)

8:00pm Choir/Musician's Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:30am Amy's Yoga (Still Speaking Center)

9:00am Huppert Violin Lessons

11:00am Youth Band (Choir Room)

7:30pm Sts C&F Easter Vigil (Fireside Room, Sanctuary, Narthex)

## SHARED MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Coffee Hour	Ushers	Shepherd	Crib Room	Welcome Table	Money Counters
	<i>Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers (contact Roni Branding)</i>	<i>Provide snacks for coffee hour beginning at 9:30am (contact Jenny Davis)</i>	<i>Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering (contact Jean Karr)</i>	<i>Playtime with Pre-school age children (contact Kelly Archer)</i>	<i>Assist with our babies and Toddlers (contact Carole Janssen)</i>	<i>Greet visitors and members as they enter the narthex (contact Patty Pelikan)</i>	<i>Count the weekly offerings and enter into database (contact Bob Hill)</i>
<b>Today</b>	8:30am- Mickey Clarke 11:00am- Nancy Mack	Marlene McCarthy Sarah Gottemoeller	Sandy Bowe Jan Ittner Linda Kolley Bob Karr Karen Droege	Tom and Mindy James	Sandy Bowe	8:30am- 11:00am- Susan Morgan	Bob and Gigi Hill
<b>April 24, 2011</b>	8:30am- David Miers 11:00am- Roni Branding	Gary Boehnke	Bob & Bobbie Pahmeier Wynn Miller Yoany Lopez Bob and Gigi Hill	Joe Kelly	Ray Mulligan	8:30am- 11:00am- Lori Winter	Nick Gilham and Jeremy Meyer

### **EUCC STAFF**

Pastoral Team: Katherine Hawker,  
Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon  
Pastoral Assistant: Sue Schindel  
Music Team: Donita Bauer, Jill Thompson,  
Darcy Swanson  
Sunday AM: Julie White  
Nursery: Carole Janssen  
Campus Minister at Webster: Laurel Hayes

### **GOVERNING BODY**

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People, Paul Mack  
Community, Patty Pelikan, Kelly Archer  
Servant, Lori Winter, Treasure Williams  
Learning,  
Worship, Roni Branding  
Youth Representative, Erin Schroeder

### **WELCOME!**

#### **A WORD ABOUT DIVERSITY:**

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, political perspective, sexual orientation or gender identity.



#### **A WORD ABOUT CHILDREN:**

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.

#### **A WORD ABOUT SPECIAL NEEDS:**

We are committed to making our worship service as accessible as possible. We offer special hearing devices, accessible seating, and

#### **Contact us:**

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