

CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

EAGLE GROVE UMC

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

GATHERING

WELCOME AND CENTERING PRAYER ¹

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

During the prelude, once the acolytes have passed your pew, those wishing to process from the back to the front with their palms may gather by the elevator. All ages are invited.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-38

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

#278

Words to the hymn will be on the screen. As the procession goes by you, you're invited to join in, going to the front, and then back to your places by the side aisles. The children can go up into the chancel, and sit on the carpet. Parents are welcome to join them.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

THE STORY CONTINUES

A Love Letter from God -King of Kings

Glenys Nellist, author

Those in the chancel will return to the pews.

Luke 19:39-40

Rocks and Boulders

Pastor Alaire Willits

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

#581

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so – but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics.

We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folks involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed

Time of silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good. There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings. Let us rejoice together, for even the stones cry out with good news.

God forgives. We are freed from the burden of our sin. Praise God! ²

Together, we pray as Jesus taught...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

HYMN OF SENDING

The Spirit Sends Us Forth To Serve

#2241

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

This is a vision of the way it can be, the way it should be—

Shouts of welcome, a joyful procession, a community celebrating together.

The same vision is offered to us today:

We can welcome Christ into our lives; We can celebrate his transforming power.

How swiftly things changed back then. How swiftly we, too, can be distracted.

May we hold fast to his vision of goodness -

Peace from the practice of justice, equality from the practice of respect.

As this week unfolds,

We will let ourselves be overtaken by God's love

We will pour it back out into the world.

THE LIGHT LEADS US FORTH

Make Me a Servant

#2176

POSTLUDE

†† We follow the Light of Christ into the world to serve ††

COMING UP

Everyone is invited for fellowship and refreshment in the Fireside Room/Chapel following worship this morning.

Wednesday, April 13, afterschool – 5pm Methodist Middlers (gr 5-8) and Dynamic Disciples (K-4) meet for food, fun, and learning.

Thursday, April 14, 5:15pm Maundy Thursday worship, with communion*

Friday, April 15, 6pm Community Soup Supper @ Evangelical Lutheran

7pm Community Worship @ Evangelical Lutheran, and broadcast

Saturday, April 16, 7am Methodist Men meet at Family Table

2-3pm StoryWalk in our parking lot. Your help is needed; sign up at table in the back. Invite your family and neighbors to the Walk! Plans are for it to be up all weekend.

Great way we can witness to our faith.

Sunday, April 17 EASTER !!

6:30am Sunrise Service on Facebook Live ONLY

10am **Celebration of the Resurrection**, with communion*

¹ Ann Siddall ²Ruth Duck ³ Jeanyne Slettom

*communion will include a gluten-free option for any who ask.