

Celebration of the Lord’s Day

(*Please stand as you are able)

As you entered worship this morning you were given a palm frond, as we will be looking at the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. During the service you'll be invited to come forward to the communion table to place your fronds on it as an act of commitment to follow Jesus. If you'd prefer not to come forward, you're welcome to raise your hand and an usher will be happy to bring your frond forward for you.

GATHERING *All Glory, Laud and Honor*
Arr. Berry

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*
Brown and Baloché

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118*
One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.
All: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
All: This is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;
All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*SONG *Beautiful, Scandalous Night*
Daugherty, Hindalong

CALL TO CONFESSION
One: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him!”, we

are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds.
All: Remembering the words of Jesus’ last week helps us to see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ in honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O Lord, we confess that our hands are not always clean, our hearts are rarely pure. Forgive our capricious discipleship and keep our faith constant, O Lord. Lead us always to a deeper experience of your love. Enliven us by the familiar but always new story of shame and triumph, suffering and hope, that this week reveals. Mold us to the ways of the Servant whose life we honor this morning. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
One: Sisters and brothers, hear, receive, and believe the Good News. In Jesus the Christ, through his life, death, and resurrection, our sins are forgiven. Hallelujah.
All: Amen.

SONG *Kyrie Eleison*
Tomlin, Ingram, Maher, Redman

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

LAYING OF PALMS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE *Luke 19: 28-40* NIV

SERMON Rev. John Cheek

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
All: Great God, we thank you for Jesus, who was punished for our sins, and suffered a shameful death

to rescue us. We praise you for the trust we have in him, for mercy undeserved, and for the love you pour out on us, and on all. Give us gratitude , O God, and a great desire to service you, by taking our cross and following in the way of Jesus Christ, our lord and Savior. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Lord’s Become Our Salvation (Psalm 118)*
Kimbrough

THE LORD’S PRAYER
All: 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.

*SONG *Jesus Messiah*
Tomlin

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

We are glad you are here today! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and let us know that you were here and if there are any changes to your contact information or a prayer request. All services are **live-streamed** on our website or YouTube – all past services are available to view as well.

First time at Immanuel? We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it's full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours.

The Nursery is Open for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need care and comforting. We also have children's activity binders, and the playground is open.

Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5 from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

Fellowship Hour – Join us for coffee and refreshments in Witherspoon Hall after the service. It is a great time to catch up with friends and meet new people.

Thank you to our worship assistants and teachers today-

- Lay Readers – Curt Christy at 8:30am and Joy Hager at 11:00am
- Time Together Teachers – Sarah Beth and Charlie Ansell, Taylor and Marquis Stewart
- Nursery Volunteers – Caroline Nelson, Anne Marie Fujii

Participants:

Rev. John Cheek
Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries
Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation
Curt Christy, lay reader
Ed Vander Woude, audio visual
Adoraci3n Ensemble – George Davis, Becky Diebold, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell, Joy Hager

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8:30am Alternative
Worship Service
March 24, 2024

*Discovering and displaying
Christ in here and out there*