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from an usher.**

**\*Indicates that people may stand as they  
are able.**

**March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday 11:00am**

**Tower Chimes**

**Janet Cook**

**Music to Gather:**

**“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

**Hans-Arnold Metzger**

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## **\* Welcome**

Call to Worship adapted from Psalm 118

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Let Israel say, "God's love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "God's love endures forever!"

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: The Lord is our strength and our

might. The Lord has become our salvation!  
**All: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the  
highest! Hosanna to  
God, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hymn #215 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”**

Prayer of Confession

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Let us come before the Lord of glory and profess our growing edges.

**All: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to**

## Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

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Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1. 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.
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
As crowds of peo-ple come to see  
And shout ho-san-nas, lift-ing high  
their praise for one a-bout to die.
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
Ride on in hum-ble dig-ni-ty;  
Be-hold the ones you came to save  
from sense-less life and end-less grave.
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
For you have set your peo-ple free  
And we, re-mem-bering all your pain,  
now meet a-gain to hail your reign.

Luke 19:36–38; Zech. 9:9

**heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

*Written by John Paarlberg, retired minister of Word and sacrament*

### Confession Response 🎵

Hymn #456, Verse 1

**More love to you, O Christ, more love to you!**

**Hear now the prayer I make faith to renew.**

**In all I say and do, more love, O Christ, to you,**

**More love to you, more love to you!**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: When we shout our praises to God and profess our unending need for Christ in our lives, we are met with grace abounding, hope resounding, and the ultimate joy!

**All: “Though you have not seen him,  
you love him. Though you do not now  
see him, you believe in him and rejoice  
with joy that is inexpressible and filled  
with glory, obtaining the outcome of  
your faith, the salvation of your  
souls.” - 1 Peter 1:8-9**

Response to Words of Assurance 🎵

Hymn #42, Verse 4

**Glory to God, and love and praise be  
ever, ever given**

**By all the saints in every age, the  
church in earth and heaven.**

Scriptures

Jeff Rissell

Mark 11:1-11

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29

Congregational Response 🎵

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;***

***Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: *"Hosanna!"*

Rev. Becky Sausser

**Hymn #213** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
*(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews. We invite you to fill one out if you have a joy or prayer request to share.)*

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

**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**

## “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

1. “Ho-san-na, loud ho-san-na,” the lit-tle chil-dren sang;  
through pil-lared court and tem-ple the love-ly an-them rang;  
To Je-sus, who had blessed them close fold-ed to his breast,  
the chil-dren sang their prais-es, the sim-plest and the best.
2. From Ol-i-vet they fol-lowed a-mid a cheer-ing crowd,  
the vic-tor palm branch wav-ing, and chant-ing clear and loud.  
The one whom an-gels wor-ship rode on in low-ly state,  
and glad to see the chil-dren, slowed down the don-key’s gait.
3. “Ho-san-na in the high-est!” That an-cient song is ours.  
We hail our great Re-deem-er and sing with all our powers:  
“Ho-san-na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.  
Ho-san-na! In your pres-ence for-ev-er we’ll re-joice!”

Mark 11:8–10; Matt. 21:15



**thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #216, Verse 3

**As you received their praises, receive  
our prayers today,**

**Whose justice and whose mercy and  
sovereignty hold sway.**

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, O  
Christ, we sing,**

**To whom the lips of children made sweet  
hosannas ring!**

Chancel Choir Anthem:

“He Comes In the Name of the Lord”

Mary Kay Beall

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Announcements  
Offering

Jeff Rissell

Offertory “Think about His love”

Walt Harrah

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\*Doxology 

**Praise God from whom all blessings  
flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn** “The Palms” Gabriel Faure

All ‘round our way the palms and blossoms  
gay

Strewn on this day in festal preparation.

Jesus appears to wash our sins away,

See now the throngs to greet the King of  
kings.

Join all and sing, His name declare!  
Let ev'ry voice resound, unite in  
acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us  
salvation.

His word goes forth to set the captives free,  
Once more they gain freedom from  
degradation,  
Saviour, Redeemer of Humanity,  
Bringing the light to all the world again.  
Join all and sing, His name declare!  
Let ev'ry voice resound, unite in  
acclamation.  
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us  
salvation.

Come with rejoicing, O Jerusalem,

Raise now thy voice, sing the  
emancipation.

For by His Love, the Christ of Bethlehem  
Brings faith and hope to all who worship  
Him.

Join all and sing, His name declare!  
Let ev'ry voice resound, unite in  
acclamation.

Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!  
Bless Him who cometh to bring us  
salvation.”

\* Commission and Blessing

**\*Threefold Amen**

*Amen, Amen, Amen*

Music to go forth:

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

George Elvey

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***The Altar flowers are from Dick & Jeanette Schmoyer in memory of their daughter Valerie Ford, honoring the 6-month anniversary of her death.***

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**In emergencies**, please use exits found to the left and right of the altar, to the right of

the front pew, and at the rear of the  
sanctuary. Follow **EXIT** signs

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**No matter who you are or where you are  
on life's journey, you're welcome here.  
God is still speaking, ...**

### **Serving St. John's...**

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor  
Andrea Williams...Administrative Assistant  
Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist  
April Riddick.....Custodian  
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton  
And too many volunteers to list!

### **Office Hours**

Sunday: 9am-2pm  
Monday- Thursday: 9am-3pm  
Friday: 9am-2pm  
Closed on Saturdays

# SPRING

## *Dates*

**March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm**

**March 29 - Tenebrae Service 7:30pm**

**March 31 - Easter Morning Service 11am**

**April 7 - Green Team Audit Potluck  
following the service**

**May 4 - Intergenerational Hike**

**May 12 - Confirmation Service 11am**

**May 19 - Pentecost Service 11am**

**June 16 - Church Picnic at Waldheim Park**



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