

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) | Hymnal, pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus as we pray for the world he came to save, saying: Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

Prayers of Intercession

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS, DEBTORS)

SENDING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Hosanna! Ride On!" | Carolyn Jennings

† **DOXOLOGY (592)**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† **CLOSING HYMN**

"Ride on, Ride on in Majesty" | No. 91

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Where you see the †, please stand if you are able.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE TODAY:

Sermon | Pastor Ian Edward Caveny
Liturgist | Jim Sinclair
Music Director | Mark Brooks

Cantor: David Oates
Bell Ringers | Adam Rodgers & Isabel Srour
Audio Streaming Technician | Claudia Droste
Ushers | Lynn Stewart & Jane Cerbie

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Welcome to
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Sunday Worship Bulletin
March 29, 2026



CHURCH OFFICE

4th & Alby Sts. | 618-465-3592
Office Hours Mon-Fri
9:00-1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 Bible Study
Library

10:00 Worship
Sanctuary

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Soup's On
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00 am | *Library*

Wednesday Choir Practice
7:00 pm | *Sanctuary*

Saturday Café
11:30 am | *Fellowship Hall*

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Palm Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude and Procession of the Palms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and King by those who spread garments and branches along the way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

† OPENING HYMN

“All Glory Laud and Honor” No. 88

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

TRISAGION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

The Peace | Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

† GLORIA PATRI (579)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ’s love in lives given to your service.

Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a | *Pg.681 (Pew Bible)*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118

(Insert)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 2: 5-11 | *Pg.197 (Pew Bible)*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21: 1-11 | *Pg.23 (Pew Bible)*

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon | *Pastor Ian Edward Caveny*

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

“What Wondrous Love is This” No. 85