



**Bethel United
Church of
Christ**

April 14, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

Palm Sunday – Rite of Confirmation

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

Fanfare and March on St. Theodulph

M. Teschner
Setting by J. Dixon

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 118

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

* HYMN NO. 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

House of the Lord

Keith Wilkerson

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 21:1–11

Pew Bible, page

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “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.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” 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!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

CALL TO CONFESSION *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (vs. 1-2) Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, **on this day you received the worship of those who hailed you as their King. Accept our praise and adoration, our worship and love, and grant that we, who now confess you with our lips, may never fail to give you the service of our lives, for the honor of your holy name.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (vs. 3) Stuart Townend

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom!**

SECOND LESSON Matthew 21:12–17 Pew Bible, page 807

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.” The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’” He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high!

SERMON

THE LORD NEEDS THEM

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

* Offertory

Pastorale

W. Bradbury/Setting by D. Wood

* Response

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"

because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

* Prayer of Dedication

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Hymn No. 75 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* (vs. 1-3)

WATERLIFE

Questions of the Candidates

Statement of Faith

God is the creator and sustainer of all. God is both Love and Good. God forgives our sins and our wrong doings. In Jesus, God became one of us.

By the Holy Spirit, God lives inside us. No matter where we go or what we do, the Holy Spirit is always there, helping us make good decisions and guiding us through life.¹

The Lords' 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

¹ Compiled from the heartfelt thoughts of our 2019 confirmands

Confirmation
Question of Participation
Welcome

We promise our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church, God's kingdom on earth. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will grow together with you in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* CLASS SONG NO. 560 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER
Verse 1 Confirmands
Verses 2-3 **Congregation**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Sing the Glad Song* Franklin Ritter

* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore
Greeters: Lavon and Jane Roberts
Ushers: Rick Jones, Diana Haft, Betty Jean Harper, Larry Helber, and
Lou Ann Preston
Acolyte: Emma Shankland
Lay Reader: Linda Perkins
Anthem: Senior Choir, Directed by Julie Roberts
Child Care: Stacy Sheets and Collin Campbell
Altar Flowers: Given by Norma Keller in memory of her husband

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies are available to purchase for the Easter Worship services. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary through April 14th. The cost is \$16 each and you can pick up your lily after the 10:00 a.m. service of worship on Easter morning. Please make checks payable to the Flower Garden.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
March 24	Family of Tom Gielen	Carol Colby
	Family of Fay Greer	Carol Colby
	Bea Haeussler	Lynn Strobbe
	Family of Richard Huston.....	
	Carl Kemner	Earl and Doris Roehm
	Family of Monty Love	Angie Diuble
	Michelle Roberts and her mission team	Mary Sue Moore
	Betty Suhre.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Gary Weidmayer	Scott Diuble
March 31	Karen Bellm.....	Renee St. Charles
	Larry Desbrough.....	Lorraine Desbrough
	Greg Hiner.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Yonnie Maziarz	Emily St. Charles
	Beverly Nelson.....	Beverly Nelson
	David Nelson	Jacob Mann
April 7	Joseph Glasser.....	Marleen Glasser
	Family of Scott Maxwell	Cathy Moore
	Family of Irene Roehm Vogt.....	Earl and Doris Roehm
April 14	Mike Brown	Nancy Loudin
	Russel Hieber.....	Scott Diuble

Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines	Harvey & Marcella
Luckhardt		
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy Seals.....	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals.....	Jody Munson
Feb. 24, 2019	Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.....	Betty Jean Harper

