

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship - the Triumphal Entry: John 12:9

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

* Opening Song: "The King of Glory Comes"

Gray Psalter Hymnal #370

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? What shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

he goes among his people, curing their illness.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;

he took upon himself the sin of the nations.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom.
The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

* Opening Prayer

* Song: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Lift Up Your Hearts #145

Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, with our lips we shout hosannas to praise you this morning. But at other times we are prone to defy your reign in our lives.

On this day you entered the rebellious city which later rejected you. We confess that, at times, our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our worship is sometimes more show than substance, that our hearts also need cleansing.

Though you are Lord of all, you took no glory for yourself. You rode a donkey and came in peace, you humbled yourself and gave your life for us.

Give us the humility to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own.

Assurance of Pardon *(From Psalm 118)*

"Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His steadfastness endures forever.' Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord."

Song of Entrusting: "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, We long for You
When we see You, We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears, Are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna

You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us, We welcome You here, Lord Jesus
Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, We turn to You
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
When we see You, We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears, Are washed away, washed away
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Children's Message
Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 14:30, Philippians 2:3-4

Proverbs 14:30

³⁰ A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

Philippians 2:3-4

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Message: A Look in the Mirror -Envy vs. Love

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: "Beneath the Cross"

Lift Up Your Hearts #825

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.
Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.
Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (ver 1,3,5) *Lift Up Your Hearts* #146

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips
of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips
of children made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips
of children made sweet hosannas ring.

As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring

For you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips
of children made sweet hosannas ring

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Rex DeBruin

Message: Pastor Randy Raak

Musicians: Andrew Friend, Pam Voss, Nate Van Dyk

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This Week's Special Offering is for the TCRC Building Fund. Our building committee works hard to keep our church in good repair. We are excited about all the things that happen in our building and your offerings allow us to keep our church a great place for these events. Every dollar counts and no amount of giving is too small. Pray fully consider your giving to help with this church family need.

Sue Fee will be having spinal fusion surgery the end of April, and it will spend several months recovering. A meal train has been created for her and Dennis for the first few weeks after surgery. Please follow the link to sign up to help if you can with a meal during this time. Questions or help signing up, please contact Pam Meal train link:

<https://mealtrain.com/53rz1y>

Maunder Thursday service (4/17 at 6:30pm). We'll gather to remember Jesus' final evening with his disciples and his suffering that led to the cross. We'll be celebrating the Lord's Supper during this service

Easter Sunday, we'll have our Sunrise Service at **(4/20 at 6:30 am)** by the fire pit on the church lawn, followed by breakfast provided by the fellowship committee, and then our regular Easter service at **9:30 am**.

Save the date: Our (very brief) congregational meeting to approve new elders and deacons will be **May 4th** immediately after the morning service, and before Sunday School. This will be a 1-item meeting, and should allow time for the final Sunday School classes for the year

Good Neighbor thanks us for our support and invites us to a picnic on **Sunday May 8th** at 600 Clark Avenue. There will be free food live band (Cherry Pickers) and activities for all ages

The TCRC council was pleased to hear the professions of faith of Kathlyn Copley, Jackson Hufford, and Amelia 't Hoen at our meeting on April 9th . We look forward to their public professions, along with Cassie and Brianna Kopaska, in the worship service on **May 11th** . The Fellowship Committee will be providing cake and other refreshments following the service.

Adult Sunday School (Room 7): This year, 2025 AD, is the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicea. This is a good time to do a quick (five week) survey of Church History. We will meet in Room 7 at 10:50 a.m, April 13th, 27th, and May forth, there will be no class on April 20th.

The United States, it may be important to note that there is also a National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 1, 2025**. U.S. Councils, if you feel that participating in an Annual Day of Prayer can be done more meaningfully in conjunction with this National Day of Prayer (U.S.), please do so.

On Sunday, June 1st , we will celebrate the recent graduates and the conclusion of our church education year with a potluck lunch after the worship service

This summer's BBQ (Grill, Thrill, and Chill) will be held Friday June 13th. Get it on your calendar and save the date.

If your group or committee has an announcement, please be sure to get me an update by 10:30 am on Thursday so I have time to get it into the announcements for the week. Thanks Pam

There is printout of Birthdays, Greeters, Congregational Prayer, Nursery, and Children's message on the table outside the office. This has been updated into early 2025. The directory with the newest updates. is on the table outside the office. Please review your changes if you made any. If you have changes or need to add info, please do it on this sheet.

Children and Worship - During our morning worship service, immediately following the children's message, ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to attend, meeting in room 3, located to the south of the sanctuary. Children experience worship in the same order as in the sanctuary: we approach God in reverence, hear His Word proclaimed, resp



praise, and go forth in peace and love to serve in God's name. Visitors are welcome to attend. Please pick up your child(ren) at the end of the service

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes Happening at 10.50, after fellowship

Children and Worship – Happening after the children's message

Young Adult Ministry – Meets Sunday after Sunday School

Breakfast Club meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO meets the 3rd Monday of the month

Women's Bible Study Will meet the first Monday of the month

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the month, April 27th 7 pm Mucky Duck.

Hymn Sing will be the first Sunday of the Month at 5 pm at the Church. April 6th is the next one.

General Fund Income for March:

The total income for the General Fund was \$ \$25,914.23.

Special offerings/ Fund designations:

Areopagus	\$3505.00
The Bridge Home	\$1370.00
Midwest Basic Bible Camp	\$1060.00

Next Council meeting is April 9th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Lent: Jesus Loves Me - Check out this week's Kids Corner devotion

"Lent: Jesus Loves Me" at www.kidscorner.net. What does it mean to love like Jesus?

Even while on the cross and in his deepest suffering, Jesus prayed for forgiveness for those who hurt him and extended love to a criminal who asked to be remembered (Luke 23:39-43). Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

Groundwork: Holy Week: The Week of Jesus' Death - Many formative events for our Christian faith occurred in the last week of Jesus' journey to the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 21:1-11, John 13:1-17, 34-35, Matthew 26:26-30, and Matthew 27:32-50 to remember, meditate on, and nurture our faith by once again journeying through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday with Jesus. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew

Help Families Affected by the Myanmar Earthquakes - World Renew is working with our partners and network peers in Asia to share Christ's hope with survivors of the recent earthquakes in Myanmar. For families displaced by this disaster, and currently living in

the open, the situation has been made more dire by the onset of heavy rains. Your gifts will help us to provide food, shelter, medical support, clean water, and other essentials to the most vulnerable families affected by this crisis. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/myanmar-earthquake-response, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Myanmar Earthquake 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. Resonate Global Mission

A Special Opportunity on Mission with the Christian Reformed Church - Don't miss out on an opportunity to double your gift to God's mission! Resonate Global Mission is your Christian Reformed Mission agency, working together across our denomination to help your church spread the gospel. This Easter season, you can help provide hope and transform lives—and double your gift—by giving to our special campaign at www.resonateglobalmission.org/Double. Any amount you give will be matched dollar for dollar!

Other

The Awakening - The Awakening is a one-week worship arts summer camp at Hope College. Close to 400 high school students have come from 17 states to grow their hearts deeper toward God and develop their worship arts gifts of all things musical, visual arts, dance, sound tech, and preaching. The camp is from June 8 (pm) to June 13 (noon). Most students say it was the best week of their lives. Learn more at hope.edu/awakening
Calvin University

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece - October 13-24, 2025 - Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Palm Sunday - Today we remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the crowds sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" Imagine being there in the crowd that day. What would you be thinking about or feeling? What could you do today or this week to help bring Jesus' kingdom of peace here on earth right now? Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

VOLUNTEERS

Congregational Prayer: Randy Raak
Sound: Rex De Bruin
Nursery: Mary and Kathlyn
Children's message: Rex De Bruin
Greeters: t' Hoen

Greeters

April 13 t' Hoen

April 20 VanDyk

April 27 Verkade
May 4 Kopaska
May 11 Bakker
May 18 Nikkel
May 25 De Bruin
June 1 Franje
June 8 Copley
June 15 Hobson
June 22 Voss
June 29 Hubert
July 6 Hufford

July 13 Friend
July 20 Hallihan
July 27 Hertz
August 3 Irvin
August 10 Nancy Klemme
August 17 Kleinwolterink
August 24 Kopaska
August 31 Kuyper
September 7 Niehof
September 14 Niemeyer
September 21 Nikkel

Nursery

April 13 Mary and Kathlyn
April 20 Rachel and Sue F
April 27 Melody and Kristy
May 4 Jessica and Cassie
May 11 Donna and Pam
May 18 Rachel and Kenzie
May 25 Mindy and Melody
June 1 Megan and Elizabeth
June 8 Stacy and Caraline
June 15 Mary and Brianna
June 22 Lyndee and Alisabeth
June 29 Rachel and Kathlyn
July 6 Melody and Lyndee

July 13 Jessica and Kristy
July 20 Donna and Cassie
July 27 Elaine and Pam
August 3 Mindy and Kenzie
August 10 Megan and Sue F
August 17 Kopaska and Elizabeth H
August 24 Mary and Caraline
August 31 Sue F and Brianna
September 7 Sue F and Alisabeth
September 14 Sue F and Kathlyn
September 21 Jessica and Sue F
September 28 Donna and Kristy

Children's Message

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September 14 Jeff Kopaska
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September 28 Rex De Bruin

Congregational Prayer

April 13	Randy Raak	July 13	Randy Raak
April 20	Mark Voss	July 20	Laura Hufford
April 27	Randy Raak	July 27	Lora Copley
May 4	Tom Niehof	August 3	Jeff Kopaska
May 11	Paul Kleinwolterink	August 10	Stacy Hertz
May 18	Randy Raak	August 17	Rex De Bruin
May 25	Jeff Kopaska	August 24	Randy Raak
June 1	Tom Niehof	August 31	Laura Hufford
June 8	Randy Raak	September 7	Lora Copley
June 15	Lora Copley	September 14	Jeff Kopaska
June 22	Tom Kuyper	September 21	Stacy Hertz
June 29	Randy Raak	September 28	Rex De Bruin
July 6	Rex De Bruin		

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Deacons: A-G = Joseph Yoder; H-K = Christopher 't Hoen; L-S = Tom Whitney; T-Z = Donna Bergman

Committee Chairs: Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Andrew Friend; Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Technology – Tom Kuyper; Outreach and Enfolding – Mark Voss; Worship – Randy Raak