



“Rejoice and Be Glad”

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

— C.S. Lewis

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

PRELUDE

“Song of Rejoicing”

Robert Hughes

“Alleluia! Now We Sing to Our King Immortal”

16th-century hymn

Organist, Larry Gillum

BELL ENSEMBLE

“Hosannah, Loud Hosanna”

arr. Black

Verlene Thorp, piano

Director, Patti Dolezal

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey.

***Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!***

***OPENING HYMN NO. 196**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we call on you when we are in distress, when we are scared, and when we do not know where else to turn. We expect your answer. Yet when all is good and happy, we forget you. We claim that our success is based solely on what we do. We tend to leave you by the wayside. Forgive us and help us remember that you are our light, that you guide us and protect our lives, and that you come when we cry out in pain because of your undying love for us.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11, NRSV

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

arr. Dixon

Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:11-12, NRSV

MESSAGE "Rejoice and Be Glad" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Robert Elmore

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal # 606)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS: #562 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

God, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 223** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Alexandre Guilmant
**Please stand if you are able.*



Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds this week, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Fran & Dick Gabrielson.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee hosted by the Hospitality Committee.

Palm Sunday Brunch today immediately following the worship service. The Hospitality Committee will provide ham, potato casserole, rolls, and coffee/water. The congregation is asked to bring a dish that will feed at least 8 people. Last names beginning with A-R: side dishes, salads (no potatoes please). Last names beginning with S-Z: desserts. We look forward to this special time of fellowship before Easter!

Lenten Bible Study—Join us for the conclusion of the Lenten Bible study over the Beatitudes this morning at 9:00am in the Lounge, this evening at 7:00pm via Zoom and Wednesday, April 1 at 12:00 noon in the church library.

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will continue on Friday, April 10th at 10:00am in the church library. All are welcome as we discuss "Does God Change His Mind?"

Throughout Lent we have been reminded of the many ways the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering has brought help and compassion to the hungry, to those facing both natural and human-caused disasters, and to economically poor communities throughout the world that have received the resources to develop solutions locally to their challenging situations. Today we will be joining faithful people in this community and around the world to bring about healing, hope and justice through our gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing. You are encouraged to use the envelopes in the pews, if you have not already donated to this call to do justice from Micah 6:8. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 30

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, March 31

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, April 1

9:00am Westover Presentation

10:00am Organ Renovation Committee

12:00pm Bible Study

1:30pm Nada Quartet

2:30pm Membership Committee

4:00pm Joyful Bells

6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, April 2

4:00pm Chancel Bells

4:00pm Chancel Choir

5:00pm EVICS

5:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Friday, April 3

12:00pm Good Friday Service

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, April 4

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, April 5

8:30am Journeys

10:00am Easter Sunday Service

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

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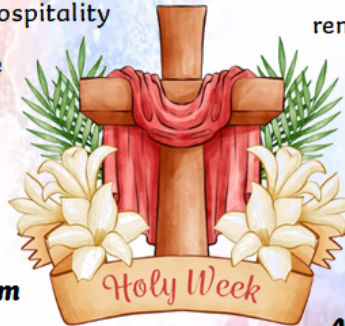
March 29th—10:00am

Enter Holy Week as Jesus enters Jerusalem with a communion service, then join in fellowship with Brunch sponsored by the Hospitality Committee

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd—5:00pm

Join the Chancel Choir in a service of communion as we remember the last supper



Good Friday

April 3rd—12:00pm

Experience dramatic monologues read by members of our congregation from the *Voices of Good Friday*, narratives written by Amanda J. Burr

Easter Sunday

April 5th —10:00am

Celebrate the joy of Easter with Larry Gillum on the organ, the Chancel Choir, PCCR Bell Choirs and special guest The Highland Brass



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