



March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

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Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

For your Reflection: *What kind of God are you welcoming this Palm Sunday?*

Gathering Music

Prelude *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* - arr. Fedak

Welcome & Announcements

We All Sing *There's a Path*

There's a path (**there's a path**)...though it winds its way through darkness
We would choose (**we would choose**)...to avoid it if we could
We awake (**we awake**)...to an unexpected calling
God says, "Come (**God says, "Come**)...there are gifts in the Dark Wood"

Introduction

We All Sing *There's a Path*

Unison Prayer

Journeying Jesus, enter our lives and open us to the gifts residing deep within the Holy Darkness of our lives. Help us to be with and for each other as the crowds that day offered their presence for you. In your many names, we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (vs. 1-3) **Hymn #268**

*Litany of Confession and Assurance

One: For hesitating to join the parade of life with our whole selves,

All: Forgive and restore us, O God.

One: For letting fear keep us from walking alongside our neighbors,

All: Forgive and restore us, O God.

One: For shying away from struggle even when we know what is right,

All: Forgive and restore us, O God.

Silent prayers...

One: Hear these words of assurance:

God continues to invite us to this parade...it is never too late.

God asks us to be companions—and we can...it is never too late.

God is with you, forgiving and restoring you to wholeheartedness.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*The Peace of Christ

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another in whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response

God Welcomes All

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

A Message for The Young and The Young at Heart

Gift of Music

All Glory, Laud and Honor - Peña

Sanctuary Singers

Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 29-42a (NRSVUE)

One: When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

All: "Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!" *[repeat, with more vigor]*

One: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!"

Contemporary Reading:

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

"The world is so empty if one thinks only of mountains, rivers & cities; but to know someone who thinks and feels with us, and who, though distant, is close to us in spirit, this makes the earth for us an inhabited garden."

Sermon

"The Gift of Misfits"

Pastor Bob

Time for Reflection

**We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Come and rest (**come and rest**)
Come and listen (**come and listen**)
Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker
(Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker)
Repeat

One: There are many people who are walking through the Dark Woods for various reasons. I invite you to call out names of those who need our prayers...

*Joan G, Darlene C, Joan A's grandson Blair, Gloria & Ron K;
Family & Friends of Jackie Struck who grieve her passing*

One: There are many places in this world where uncertainty reigns. I invite you to lift up names of places in this world that need our prayers...

Come and rest (**come and rest**)
Come and listen (**come and listen**)
Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker
(Lay the fullness of your lives before the Maker)
Repeat

Pastoral Prayer

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

SCAN TO DONATE



Invitation to Generosity

Let our loud hosannas to the One who brings liberation take form in our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

Who is this Man? - Wagner

Sanctuary Singers

*Doxology

(Tune: *Old Hundredth*)

**Praise God the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us one humanity
to love and set each other free! Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. We pray in the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Hymn #393

*Benediction

*Benediction Song

There's a Path

There's a path (**there's a path**)...and it leads us out together
To the wood (**to the wood**)...where the darkness hovers still
We are sent (**we are sent**)...and the Spirit goes before us
God says, "Go (**God says, "Go**)...be my presence in the world."

Postlude

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty - arr Drahmman

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Coffee Hour

Easter Flyer Distribution

Wednesday, April 1

Choir, 7pm

Maundy Thursday Service, April 2

at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7pm

Good Friday Service, April 3

at Bay View United Methodist Church, 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Take down Lenten Crosses, 9am

ZOOM with Mary of Magdala at 9:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2624929093>

On Zoom the Meeting ID is: 2624929093/Phone is: 312-626-6799

Easter Sunday, April 5

Coffee Hour at 8:30am

Worship at 9:30am at Christ Church

Greeters: Ken Klockow

Counters: Debbie Hansen, Danette Volz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Easter Basket Deliveries | The Social Concerns Committee will be coordinating the delivery of Easter baskets to the 13 people on our Share and Care list. We need volunteers to deliver the baskets which will be ready by today. Please contact a Social Concerns member if you can assist. Thanks, *Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Naefken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

TODAY - Palm Sunday Easter Flyer Distribution | Do you enjoy a "Spring" walk? Listening to the birds? If you do, please join the Membership Committee after the church service today. We will be distributing flyers in the Bay View area inviting Christ Church neighbors to our Easter Morning Church Service, April 5. The walk should take about one hour. If you are unable to distribute flyers on March 29, you can still be involved and deliver them any time that week.

After the church service today, please meet in the Chapel to obtain your flyers and assigned area.

Thank you so much for your help. If you have any questions, ask anyone on the Membership Committee: *Randene Wick, chair, Susan Pfeifer, Church Council Rep., Joan Gaeth, Jan Naefken, Mary Ann Mowery, and Andy Oren*

Lenten Crosses | On **Saturday, April 4** we will take down our outdoor Lenten Crosses in preparation for Easter. Let me know if you can help. Call or text me. We'll begin at 9am sharp. Coffee and snacks will follow.

Submitted by *Dick Gaeth* (414-477-3048)

Easter Sunday Coffee Hour in the Chapel at 8:30–9:20am | Come early Easter Sunday for donuts, rolls, and coffee BEFORE the worship service. *Note: there will not be coffee hour after church on Easter.*

Boiler Repair | Many thanks to **Dick Gaeth and Dean Kothrade** for monitoring our boiler. They come into church every day to make sure the boiler continues to heat the building. We have experienced boiler issues for the past several months, so they have made many stops to oversee that we have continuing heat in the building. Dean has also contacted numerous companies about our situation. They have found someone who seems quite knowledgeable, but is not available until April. Hopefully, we won't have any more severe cold spells, but if it is exceptionally cold on a Sunday, please bring an extra sweater for comfort during worship. The Property Committee wants to ensure we spend money wisely on needed boiler repairs in April. Thanks for understanding.

Sunday School | Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. They will be singing in church on Easter Sunday, **April 5**. Upcoming Sunday School class dates are: **April 19 and May 17**. The end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration will be **June 7** and will be held in the game room. There will be no Sunday School class in July or August. Watch for information about Rally Day in September. For more information, contact *Michael Key* or *Pastor Bob*.

April Lunch and Mitchell Park Domes | Wednesday, April 8 | Meet at 10am at the Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53215.

Admission

Adults: \$10.00 | \$9.00 residents

Military (active duty & veterans - ID required): \$6.50

Seniors (60+): \$10.00 | \$6.50 residents

Adults with disabilities: \$6.50

Lunch to follow. Restaurant location to be determined. Please mark your calendar for this event and join your fellow Christ Church family members for an enjoyable day at the Domes.

Short Stories by Jesus Bible Study | beginning on **Wednesday, April 15** at 1pm. Sign-up now to join Pastor Bob in a six-week Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus. Participant Guides will be available for \$14.

Christ Church Creation Care 101 | Sunday, April 19 during Coffee Hour

With Earth Day right around the corner (April 22), we will be introduced to the Creation Care ministry of the Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ. John Helt co-chairs the Conference Creation Care team and will share with us how he became involved with this work, what some congregations are doing to help save the planet, and how Christ Church might join the effort, making Earth Day more than just a day, but a way of life. We will meet after worship in the coffee hour area downstairs on Sunday, April 19. *Sponsored by the Membership Committee*

Rummage Sale | Saturday, May 16 from 8am–1pm | Christ Church is joining the Bay View Neighborhood Association Rummage Sale. Please continue to bring your donations and put them in the east end of the Music Room. Donation guidelines: “If you wouldn’t buy it, don’t donate it.” Please, NO electronics, TVs, hazardous materials, broken items, oversized furniture, or pianos (nope, no pianos :) See *Newsletter for additional volunteer opportunities or contact Michael or Janet Key.*



Monthly Activity	February	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$8,780	\$32,853
Expenses	\$17,957	\$39,213
Budgeted Amount	\$18,052	\$36,103
<i>Last week’s offering: \$1,894</i>		

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