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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

\* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **BOLD** print

PRELUDE

Sinae Lee, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*OGHS, Lunch & Learns: Advocacy*

Dottie Lund (she/her)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bettye Shirar, liturgist (she/her)

One: Sing for joy! The Master comes!

**ALL: RIDING ON A COLT, HE ENTERS IN VICTORY!**

One: If all shouting stopped, the rocks would ring with joy.

**ALL: BUT THERE WILL BE SOME WHO WILL NOT SING OR SHOUT.**

One: There will be some who will cling to their fear. Be ready,

O Jerusalem, for your king truly is coming!

**ALL: HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST! AMEN.**

\*HYMN NO. 196

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

vs. 1, 2, 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**ALL: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD,**

**FOR YOUR REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.**

**TODAY HE ENTERED THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM IN TRIUMPH**

**AND WAS PROCLAIMED MESSIAH AND KING**

**BY THOSE WHO SPREAD GARMENTS AND BRANCHES ALONG HIS 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, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS**

**WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8, 9

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** LORD, WE CONFESS THAT WHEN WE STARTED THIS JOURNEY, IT SEEMED LIKE A FUN IDEA. WALK THE ROAD WITH JESUS, WE THOUGHT. BUT THE JOURNEY HAS HAD MANY DIFFICULT TIMES WHEN OUR SPIRITS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED AND TRIED.

WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME OF ENTRANCE INTO THE HOLY CITY. WE WANT EVERYTHING TO BE WONDERFUL; FOR YOU TO CONQUER ALL THOSE THINGS THAT THREATEN US AND OUR PEACE. WE WANT YOU TO DO WHAT WE DIRECT. FORGIVE US, LORD, WHEN WE PLACE OUR FEARS AND IGNORANCE BEFORE YOUR LOVE. HELP US TO LOOK AGAIN AT THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS, THROUGH SERVING THEM AND YOU. RELEASE US FROM OUR PANIC AND MISTRUST AND HELP US TO PLACE OUR LIVES SOLELY IN YOUR HANDS.

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US; HEAL AND FORGIVE US. SET US FREE TO SERVE YOU IN THE WORLD AS AGENTS OF YOUR RECONCILING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST.

*[Time of silent prayer]*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

NO. 197, v. 3

**“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.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*[Turn to those around you and share with them words and signs of peace.]*

## WONDERING TIME

Christina Pressley (she/her)

*[Following Wondering Time, children & youth leave to attend J.A.M. or Sunday Seekers.]*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**ALL: 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**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

One: This is the word of our Lord.

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SERMON

*"Joy and Sorrow"*

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:5-11

**ALL: LET THE SAME MIND BE IN YOU THAT WAS IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT REGARD EQUALITY WITH GOD AS SOMETHING TO BE EXPLOITED, BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF, TAKING THE FORM OF A SLAVE, BEING BORN IN HUMAN LIKENESS. AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM, HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF AND BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH – EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.**

**THEREFORE, GOD ALSO HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND GAVE HIM THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BEND, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH AND UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Great Day*

arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir, Sujung Wang – soloist

Great day! Great day the righteous marching, God's gonna build up Zion's wall.  
Chariot moved on the mountaintop, brother (God's gonna build up Zion's wall.)  
My God spoke and the chariot stopped, sister (God's gonna build up Zion's wall.)  
This is the year of jubilee, brother (God's gonna build up Zion's wall.)  
My God set his people free, sister (God's gonna build up Zion's wall.)  
Great day that mornin' God's a gonna build up Zion's wall!

\*RESPONSE (all sing)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

NO. 223, v. 4

WERE THE WHOLE REALM OF NATURE MINE, THAT WERE A PRESENT FAR TOO SMALL;  
LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE, DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 835

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

vs. 1 & 2

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sinae Lee, piano

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**Welcome visitors!** We're glad you're here today. If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Concord, how you can get involved, or how we can help or support you, fill out one of the Connection Cards in the pew with your contact information. You can place the card in the offering or give it to a greeter as you leave. The peace of Christ be with you.

**Assisting in the service of worship are:**

**Deacon-in-Charge:** Steve Studer

**Liturgist:** Bettye Shirar

**Greeter:** Judy Hayes

**Livestream Team:** Bob Brown, Carol Haas, Alan Jewett, Marj Johnson

**J.A.M. Session**



*(Jesus and Me!)*

After Wondering Time, children in grades K-5 are invited to follow the J.A.M. leaders to the Sunday School hallway where they are led through activities and crafts provided in the PC(USA) lectionary curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*, that are in response to the scripture shared during the service.

**Concord accepts donations via several electronic methods:**

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will allow you to make **credit card** or **PayPal** donations to Concord.
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to **[donations@concordpc.org](mailto:donations@concordpc.org)**.



## A Time to Remember

Every Easter, the Flower Guild fills the Sanctuary with lilies and spring flowers donated by those wishing to honor or remember a loved one. If you would like to contribute a flower, make your check for \$20 payable to Concord, memo: "Easter flowers." Please include a note as to how the bulletin dedication should read and drop the check in the offering or send to the Church Office. (Envelopes are available in the pews.)



HIGHMARK.



WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

WALK WITH US!

**Walk to benefit Friendship House  
Saturday, May 3  
Wilmington Riverfront**

*We still need walkers to reach our goal of 20 walkers and we are still in need of \$870 to reach our goal of \$2000 (a match of \$2000 will be added to our funds to double our donation!). Would you please consider walking with us (FREE) or sponsoring a Concord Cares walker? No donation is too small OR too big! Just use this [link](#) to register or donate to a Concord Cares Team member.*

*\*\*If you have ANY problems with the link PLEASE contact Christina Pressley at 302-740-8078 or [concord.christinap@gmail.com](mailto:concord.christinap@gmail.com) !*

**Your support of Concord Cares and Friendship House is GREATLY appreciated!**



**Mug & Muffin – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom:** Our weekly Mug & Muffin Bible study meets again **Wed., April 16 from 10:00-11:00am**, led by Pastor Eric Markman. To join the Zoom gathering **online**, click [here](#).



*We thank those of you who contributed to the Easter Flower Fund and enabled the Flower Guild to decorate our Sanctuary with lilies and flowers, representing the glories of Easter and the rebirth of spring.*

In memory of Robert White, husband of Jo Ann Cipolla's cousin  
Linda

Given in memory of Wesley Alan Lund by Dottie & Albert Lund  
Terry Lynch in memory of Preschool Director Pat Armbruster  
Margaret O'Boyle with fond memories of her parents Peggy &  
Ray McConemy

***MAUNDY THURSDAY/TENEBRAE SERVICE  
WITH COMMUNION***

Join us as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples  
and the events leading to his death on the cross.

***APRIL 17, 7:00PM***

***IN THE SANCTUARY AND LIVESTREAMED***



**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

**Friday, April 18**

**12 & 12:30pm**

**in the Sanctuary**

*Images of the Cross will flow  
across the screen with  
selections of music, bringing  
the message of Good Friday and  
the crucifixion*



**APRIL 20, 2025**

**7:00AM**

**OUTDOOR SUNRISE SERVICE @ TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

1120 DARLEY RD., WILM., DE 19810

PASTOR ERIC MARKMAN PREACHING

**APRIL 20, 2025**

**10:00AM @ CONCORD**

**SANCTUARY OR LIVESTREAMED**

WORSHIP WITH CHANCEL CHOIR, CONCORDIA BRASS & TIMPANI  
WONDERING TIME WITH MISS CHRISTINA, EASTER COLORING PAGES

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING RECEIVED

**11:00AM (FOLLOWING WORSHIP)**

ON THE LAWN



CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

