

John 12:12-16
Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!”

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ “Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!”

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.



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FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

In Christ –
Making Disciples through
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday**

“Deep in the Current: Called to Deep Hope”

GATHERING

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| Gathering Music | | Will Friesen |
| Welcome | | Deryll Amstutz |
| Prelude to Worship | Arise, My Soul, Arise | D. Forrest |
| | Holly Swartzendruber, voice; Will Friesen, organ | |

*Call to Worship Deryll Amstutz

In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.

God helps us, so let us stand together.

Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for you are good, and your steadfast love endures.

Many shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself, and became our hope.

We call out to you, as you call us to deep hope.

*Prayer

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| Processional | All Glory, Laud, and Honor | VT 315 |
| Children’s Time | Jesus and Friends | Judy Harder |
| Hymn | Hosanna, Loud Hosanna | VT 313 |

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Let us read together . . .

Deep calls to deep. We call to you from the depths of our hearts.

We confess the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions.

We confess our need for a steadfast stream of your grace, enduring forever, saving us.

[Silence]

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of your love.

Calling us to deep hope.

We come to you, God.

SHARING

Announcements, Sharing and Prayer

Pastor Tom

Hymn

Holy Lord

VT 314

LISTENING

The Lesson

John 12:12-16

Sermon

False Summits on the Journey

Hank Unruh

RESPONDING

Hymn

Here By the Water

VT 629

Sending

Hank Unruh

Postlude

Will Friesen

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are gathered to worship, wherever you are, and whenever you watch this service!

**Holy Week Events
March 28- April 4**

Palm Sunday
Today, March 28

10 a.m. *Come and See* (Hosted by Kids in Fellowship Hall)

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Processional and Worship (Sanctuary)

Maundy Thursday
April 1

7 p.m. In-person and virtual *Tenebrae* (Latin for "darkening") service

Easter Sunday
April 4

6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at Mark and Sandy Hiebert's farm

10 a.m. *Taste and See!* (Fellowship Hall)
Brunch in a Box and Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. "*Christ is Risen!*" (Sanctuary)

*Families with children will have reserved seats in the sanctuary. All others may sit every other pew. Please continue to wear masks!

**Easter Brunch Boxes – all are invited to feast in the fellowship hall, courtyard, or even – this one Sunday – in the sanctuary!

***Please be seated and ready to celebrate together in the sanctuary no later than 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1 both in person and virtually. Communion will be part of the service. If you plan to participate from home, communion elements (a grape and a cracker) will be available in the foyer through Thursday for you to pick up. Please take as many as needed for your family. You may use your own crackers and juice (or grape) if desired, but these elements are available to you. Contact Aleen Ratzlaff at 620-947-2099 by Thursday at noon if you would like them delivered.

Easter lilies and flowering plants are beautiful expressions of new life! Please consider sharing flowers or lilies with our church as we look forward to Easter morning. Contact Cheryl Bartel for more information.