



Church of the Apostles UCC

Palm/Passion Sunday – April 13, 2025
10 AM In-Person & Online Worship

Welcome!

“No matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!” More than words, we are all here because of God’s love, grace, and mercy. This is a community united by the honesty of our shared brokenness and the healing we receive through Christ.

Get Connected: Use a Welcome Card to share your presence and prayer requests with us. To get more connected, signup online for the “Weekly Announcements” and “Crown Newsletter,” like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, give us a call, or send an email. It is our joy to know you!

Children: There are toys and activity bags for children in the Children’s Corner for use as children are always welcome to remain in worship. Our Faith Formation class for children ages 3–2nd grade will be meeting in Rm 306 following the Children’s Time in worship. Our “Rooted” class for youth in grades 3rd-9th meet in Rm 310 beginning at 9:55 am.

Connection Cards: We ask that all worshippers complete a “Connection Card” located in the pew rack near you. This allows us to know who was with us. They can also be used to give prayer requests or suggestions. These may be placed in the offering plates which will be passed following the sermon.

First-Time Guests: After worship, please visit our Welcome Center, where a congregation member will be available to answer your questions and provide a packet of information about our church. This is also where you'll receive a connection card to fill out, helping us stay connected with you!

Offerings: Any physical offerings you have brought can be placed in the offering plates which we will pass following the sermon. Electronic gifts may be given through the QR code on the bulletin or the one on a slip in the pew rack. Or Text 'COA' to 73256 with the amount you want to give.

Restrooms: Are available in the hallway to your left when you exit the sanctuary.

Electronic Devices: Remember to silence your device during worship. Wi-Fi is provided through "VisitorWifi." No password is needed.

You are a blessing: Let us know how we might better partner with you in this journey of faith and life. If you have thoughts, recommendations, or simply would like to join in prayer, we would love to hear from you!

Selected Scripture Readings

Luke 19:28-40

Worship Leaders

Minister – All Members
Preacher – Rev. Kathryn Kuhn
Reader – Barbara Achtermann
Ushers – Marty Holmes, Bonnie Medved
and Jane McCartney
Greeter – Jean Heidig
Hospitality Table – Audrey Markle
Special Music – Bell Choir
Director of Music – Lars Potteiger

Instrumentalist – Nathan Sheffer
Drums – Nathan Moore
Bass – Charli Schultz
Vocals – Johanna & Jan Baker,
and the Apostles Adult Choir
Streaming – Jaben Jury
Sound – Bill Stock
Projection – Benja Stoltzfus

Flower & Bulletin Sponsorship

In Loving Memory of Michael W. Steger, Ott & Kay Steger,
and LD & Phyllis Quigley by Nancy Steger and Family

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Order of Worship
“Curating a Life of Self-Giving”

We Gather in Your Presence
Welcome

Gathering Music: *“Come Thou Almighty King”* – arr. Lee

Opening Our Eyes to Wonder

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing, Holy, holy, holy.

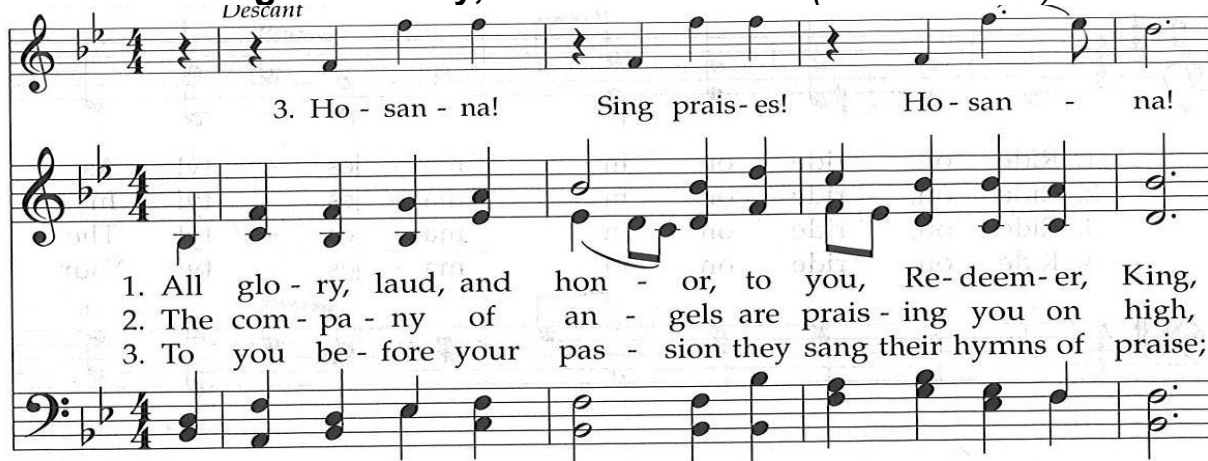
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I want to see you.

Prayer

All: Living Christ, you see no person as collateral damage, but as Beloved. We yearn to be saved from systems of evil that steal our flourishing. Weep with us for what we have lost through violence, our own mistakes, and the inevitable grief of life. With palm branches and shouts of praise, we welcome your ways of peace and liberation. Amen
(Please rise in body and/or spirit.)

Song: "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (Chalice #192)

Descant



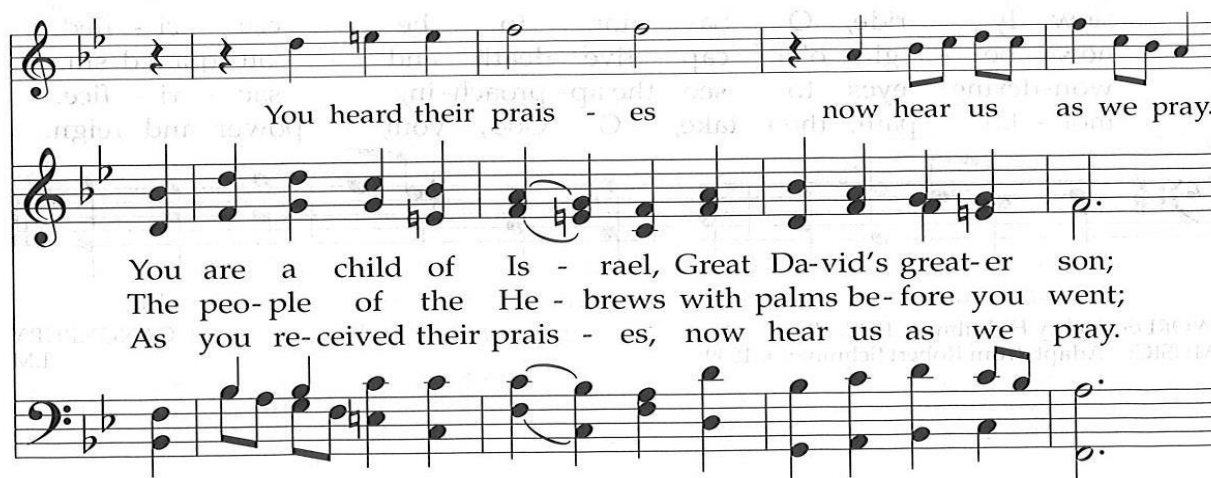
3. Ho - san - na! Sing prais-es! Ho - san - na!

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to you, Re-deem-er, King,
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high,
 3. To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;



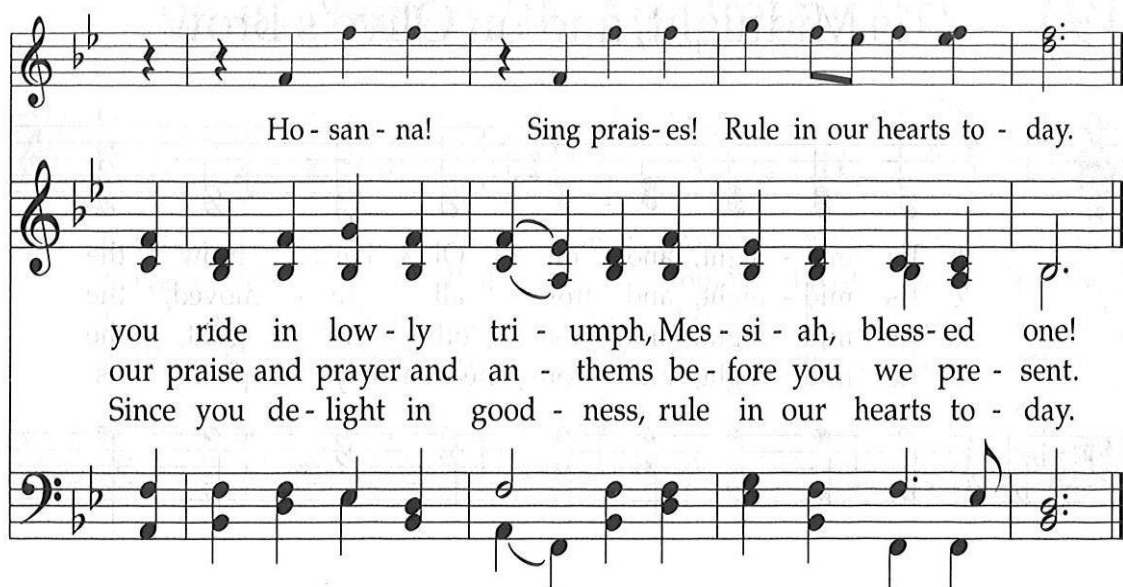
Ho - san - na! Sing prais-es! Our ho - san - nas raise!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.



You heard their prais - es now hear us as we pray.

You are a child of Is - rael, Great Da-vid's great-er son;
 The peo-ple of the He - brews with palms be-fore you went;
 As you re-ceived their prais - es, now hear us as we pray.



(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession

All: Awe-inspiring God, we come together this day because we need to be reminded to see through the lens of self-giving.
Too often, we think that life will be better if we just “get” more,
but you show us just the opposite—
the awe-filled experience of giving more.
Open us to perceive anew.
Inspire us to receive the opportunities to give with awe.
Forgive us when we turn our backs on parades of justice, paths of grace,
and roads of mercy.
Be with us on this journey as we seek again to marvel at your works.

(Time of reflection)

Song: “Loosen”

Chorus

**Loosen, loosen, baby
You don’t have to carry
The weight of the world in your muscles and bones
Let go, let go, let go**

Bridge

**Holy breath, and holy name
Will you ease, will you ease this pain**

Loos - en, loos - en, ba - by, You don't have to car - ry, The

5 Cm Bb Eb Fm
weight of the world in your mus-cles and bones, Let go, let go, let go.

9 Bridge Cm Bb Eb
Ho - ly breath, and ho - ly name

13 Cm Bb Eb Fm
Will you ease, will you ease this pain

Chorus and Bridge can be superimposed and sung as a round

Leader: We can give ourselves to the cause at any moment
and join the journey of Jesus
God forgives us. Jesus embraces us. The Spirit enlivens us.
We are whole. With awe, we accept this belovedness.
And all God's people say, "**Amen.**"

We Listen for Your Word

Faith Formation Class: "*Hosanna*"

Children's Time

Contemporary Reading: "*How Awe Makes Us Generous*" by Adam Hoffman

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40 (Pew Bible, NT p.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Contemporary Words: "*A Life of Self-Giving*"

We Respond to Your Word

Generosity Moment

Special Music: “Hosanna Gathering” – Choplin

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41-48 (Pew Bible, NT p.)

Special Bell Music: “Go To Dark Gethsemane” – arr. Sue

Prayers of the Community & Lord’s Prayer

(Believing in God’s truth, we open ourselves as God’s servants through prayer.)

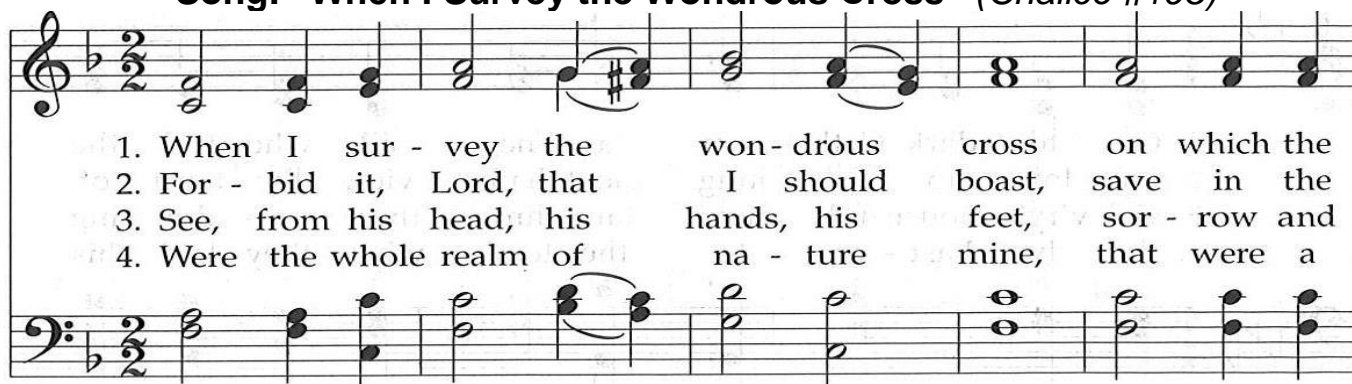
Hear our prayer, **Awesome God.**

All: 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 as we forgive others. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Returning to the World

(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

Song: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Chalice #195)



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



Benediction

All: God's love guides us to welcome and include people as they are, serve compassionately, and champion environmental care and social justice.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Sending Music: "A Miniature" – Phillips

*Go into all the world to love and serve those who are afraid or powerless
following Jesus' example!*

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"Purveyors of Awe" by Marcia McFee from the Worship Design Studio, 2025

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Prayers of Joy and Concern

(as of printing on 4/9/2025)

Joys: The birth of Michael Joseph Zipko to Paul & Chay Zipko; The birth of Isabella Rose Cornielle to Breanne & Carlos Cornielle; Students finishing the school year.

Concerns: Duke Gabriel; Gary Whol; Friends & Family of Cindy Bischoff; Finn Conrad; Fredericka Smith; The Gaudio's Daughter, Gwen; Our Government Leaders; Frieu Christina; Dean Witmer; Friend of Trish Dubbs, Julie Lawson; Friends & Family of Henry R; Shane Diehl; Friend of the Eaton's, Shirley Hoffman.

To add your prayers of joy and concern, email office@apostlesucc.org
or call 717-392-5718 ext 8200

APOSTLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS – Honor a loved one this Easter by sponsoring a memorial flower to adorn our beautiful sanctuary on Easter morning. Memorials will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and some flowers will be shared with members in nursing homes. The remaining flowers are available for the congregation to take after worship. Forms are available on the back of the bulletin or the welcome table in the Narthex. Please return completed forms with payment to the church office by April 14th. Thank you for helping us celebrate the joy of Easter.

HOLY WEEK INVITATIONS – Our Marketing Team invites you to help spread the word about our Holy Week services! We've provided invitational cards for you to share with friends, neighbors, or anyone you'd like to invite to worship. Take as many as you need—cards are available in a basket on the welcome table in the narthex.

MOCKTAILS & MEANING – Join us on Thursday, April 24th, at 6:30 PM for an insightful discussion with Beth Reeves from POWER Interfaith Lancaster County on the challenges and opportunities for equitable education funding in Pennsylvania. Enjoy meaningful conversation over this month's signature mocktail, Banana Brunch Punch! Scan the QR code to register and be part of this important conversation!



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE – Our Annual Garage Sale is happening April 25th & 26th, and we need your help to make it a success! Proceeds support the Apostles Assistance Fund. You can help by donating items (April 21st-24th), assisting with sorting and pricing, contributing food for sale, cashiering during the sale, or simply shopping and spreading the word! Every effort makes a difference both locally and beyond. To get involved, contact Cindy Williams (717-714-0716) for sorting, Doris Robb (717-203-5154) for cashiering, or sign up in the Narthex for food donations. Let's make this sale a success!

EDUCATION JUSTICE TOWN HALL – Join the conversation on public education funding in Pennsylvania! A town hall with elected officials will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 4 PM in our sanctuary. Don't miss this opportunity to engage in an important discussion about the future of our schools.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER TICKETS ON SALE – Join us on Saturday, May 17, 2025, as we celebrate 50 years of faith, fellowship, and community at Church of the Apostles! Doors open at 5:30 PM with a catered dinner at 6:00 PM at the Bachman Center. Enjoy a choice of turkey, beef, or stuffed shells, along with sides, dessert, and a special slideshow featuring guest speakers.

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased on Realm until April 28th or in person on Sundays through April 13th (cash sales require exact change). Sponsoring a seat or table for someone in need is also available on Realm. If you need a sponsored ticket, contact Rev. Kuhn at kathryn@apostlesucc.org or (717) 392-5718 ext. 8201. Let's celebrate this milestone together—get your tickets now by scanning the QR code to the right!



GARDEN PLOTS ARE FULL – All of our garden plots have been claimed, and we can't wait to see what everyone grows this season! Thank you to all who signed up—happy gardening!



Easter Memorial Flowers Order Form

Attached is my contribution of \$_____ for Easter decorations and flowers.

Presented by:

'In Memory Of" or "In Honor of"
(Circle One)

Please Return this completed form to the office or place in the offering plates on Sunday