

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



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To join worship this morning via Zoom, click this link:

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Music will be displayed on the screen during the service.

Prelude: Concerto in C Major, I (excerpt) by Joseph Haydn; Bourrée by W. H. Squire

Welcome

Processional Song: “Blessed Is the One” (The choir will sing the first time through, please join in singing the second time.)

Reading: Luke 19:28–40

Hymn 215: “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

The Story of Holy Week

Introduction/Time with Children

Footwashing: John 13:14

Communion: Matthew 26:26–28

Garden: Mark 14:38

Betrayal: Matt 26:48–52

Trial: John 19:1–3

Cross: Matthew 27:46; John 19:28; John 19:30; Luke 23:46

Tomb: Luke 23:52–56

Hymn: “For the Troubles and the Suffering”

Reflection

Prayer

MUSIC during Prayer: “Vocalise” by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Prayers of the People

Please share your prayer requests in the chat and we will pray with you.

Lord’s Prayer

A commonly used form is printed below. You are welcome to use the version most meaningful to you.

Our God, 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 for ever. Amen.

Offering

We invite your financial gifts to support our ministries within and beyond First Church. March's special offering supports One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four special offerings of the United Church of Christ. Give electronically at our website: www.firstchurchmn.org; click on the "Support Us" link. You can also give by texting 612-255-4109: "\$(amount) Special" (for the monthly offering) or "\$(amount) General Fund. If you give by check, please make it out to First Church with "OGHS" in the memo line.

Offertory: "The Swan," by Camille Saint-Saëns

Offertory Response: "We Give You But Your Own"

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Hymn 222: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Thanks to those who serve in the following roles today:

Valet: George Domstrand

Acolyte: Antonia Almen

Usher: Linda Lincoln

Readers: Sarah Almen, Carolyn Bernemann, Brad Schumann

Storyteller: Maggie George

Special Music: Allegra Monatanari

Tech Support: Tim Danz, Greg Hubinger

Coffee Hour: Mary Jean Korsmo

Coming up this week

Sunday, April 13

9:30a: Coffee hour

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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11:15a: Coffee hour (hybrid—stay on Zoom call)

11:30a: Intergenerational Crafting

Monday, April 14

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6:30p: Faith Exploration Team

Tuesday, April 15

Noon: Bible Study (hybrid)

6:30p: Contemplative Prayer Lenten study

Wednesday, April 16

Noon: Elder Gathering

7p: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

9:30a: SE Playgroup

6p: Maundy Thursday worship/meal (@UBC)

Friday, April 18

7p: Good Friday service (hybrid)

Sunday, April 20

8a: Worship at Stone Arch Bridge

8:45a: Easter Breakfast

10a: Worship / (hybrid)

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Maundy Thursday Worship. We will have dinner and worship together this Thursday at 6p with University Baptist Church, at UBC (1219 University Ave. SE). This shared worship is part of our effort to build relationship between our two congregations. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of email the office if you plan to attend. If you are able to bring soup or bread for the supper, let us know that too.

Join us for Easter Sunday. We'll start with 8a worship at the Stone Arch Bridge then walk to the church for breakfast at 8:45. Our hybrid service in the Sanctuary starts at 10.

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter! Please bring whatever makes your heart sing—whether it's a bouquet, plant, or a pretty natural thing. You can bring them in on Easter Sunday or even before then if it works better. Then take your contributions home to enjoy there. Let Sarah Tittle or Jane McBride know if you have any questions.

Spanish Conversation Group. The next meeting will take place on Saturday April 26, from 10a-noon at Curioso Coffee Shop, 1712 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jean Korsmo at maryjeankorsmo@gmail.com.

Stories @ First Volume 3, Sunday April 27 at 1p. The theme for our Spring story slam is "Second Chances." We look forward to creating community with our neighbors, including our friends from UBC! If you would like to tell a story, please read the guidelines in the back of the Sanctuary. There will be a potluck before the event and dessert and conversation afterward.

Monthly Game Night begins May 1. Come enjoy an informal opportunity to enjoy each other's company and play games, from 6–8p. There will be board games available (you can also bring your own game to share).

Dates for your calendar:

April 26: Spanish Conversation Group 10a

April 27: Stories @First, "Second Chances," 1p (potluck lunch before)

May 1: Game Night! 6–8p

May 4: "University Sunday" and 2nd Hour led by Vinery Team