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Sunday, April 13, 2025

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Gregory White, Organist  
Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director

Services are live-streamed on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/upcbuffalo>

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025  
Service for the Lord's Day  
10:30 a. m.

## **AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Thank you.*

*Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.*

*Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the pastor.*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Prelude                      Fanfare in D Major                      Charles W. Ore

Call to Worship (*please stand, if able*)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**triumphant and victorious is he,**

humble and riding on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Processional Hymn #196    All Glory, Laud and Honor

*Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

*William Henry Monk*

## **Prayer of the Day**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ, who 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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Pardon**

The Invitation:

In the name of Christ, I urge you: be reconciled to God.

The Prayer:

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignore your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*There follows a moment of silent personal confession*

Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison  
*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*      New World Symphony

The Pardon:

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of Salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace and Greetings

*As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you".*

Sung response    Hymn #822

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination:

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.**

The Psalter:        Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.  
**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.  
**"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."**

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.  
**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna! O LORD, save us!  
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;  
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God and has given us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.  
**You are my God, and I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.**

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened forever the gate of eternal life. Save us, we pray, when we are in distress, pressed to the point of falling. Let the joy of your salvation resound through your church and in our lives, and let the whole creation reflect the brilliant light of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:28-40, 45-48  
(p. 83 of the NT in your pew Bible)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem	Sing a Loud Hosanna	Mark Schweizer
	The Sanctuary Choir	

*All glory, laud and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Glory, Thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest the King and Blessed One. The company of angels are praising Thee on High, and we, with all creation, in chorus make reply. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before Thee we present. To Thee before Thy passion, they sing their hymns of praise to Thee, now high exalted our melody we raise. Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. Come sing aloud Hosanna!*

Sermon	"One Shining Moment"
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Hymn #160	A Stable Lamp is Lighted	David Hurd
	Andujar	

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering:

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

**Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Voluntary:            O Love How, How Broad, How High  
arr. David N. Johnson

Doxology: Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Offering

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Hymn #198            Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! John Bacchus Dykes  
St. Drostan

Benediction

Postlude            Processional in E-Flat Major            David N. Johnson

*(The Congregation is invited to remain seated during the Postlude  
Palms will be distributed as you leave)*

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Participating in Worship:

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Rebecca Kroetsch, Choral Director

Val Macer, Liturgist

Nick Casseri, Sharon Melius & Amy Maundrell, Greeters

Matt Smith, Live streamer

*Next Sunday:*

*Priscilla Maddock, Liturgist*

*Nick Casseri, Scott Horton & Tom Somerville Greeters*

*Val Macer Live streamer*

**This Week....**

Sunday, April 13	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Fellowship
	11:30 am	Hand bell practice
	11:45 am	Adult Ed
Monday, April 14	7:00 pm	PNC
Tuesday, April 15	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, April 17	<i>Maundy Thursday (Note time change)</i>	
	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Supper at Calvary Baptist Church
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Maundy Thursday worship at Calvary Baptist Church
Friday, April 18	<i>Good Friday</i>	
	7:00 pm	Tenebrae
Sunday, April 20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	8:30 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:15 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Easter Worship

**Family Game Night at UPC!** Sat., May 10th (5:00-8:00) -Join us for a light dinner and an evening of games. We will have time for Trivia, Jeopardy and some board games of your choice. All are welcome. Bring your friends. RSVP by calling the church office or letting Pat or Amy know so we have enough food. Fun and Games!!

## **Welcome Visitors**

University Presbyterian Church (UPC), the members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

University Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. UPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

### **University Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

Interim Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
Organist	Gregory White
Choral Director	Rebecca Kroetsch
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### **Mission Statement of University Presbyterian Church**

We are a hungry people who receive Christ, the Bread of Life, who sustains us on our journey. We strive to feed as we are fed, sharing the Bread to nourish others in body, mind and spirit.

**“Let Us Be Bread”**