



Hosanna

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OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

A Thought to Ponder in Honor of Earth Day

"The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life."

– Rabindranath Tagore, Poet, Author, Nobel Prize in Literature (1913)

Prelude

"Psalm of Gladness" & "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*adapted from liturgy by Christine Sine*)

Allison Thomas

Today we enter the city

And sing Hosanna to the Son of David

With shepherds and prostitutes,

With the blind and the leper,

With the abandoned and oppressed,

We lay down a welcome mat and wave our branches.

Shout Hosanna at Christ's coming:

We follow the One who welcomes sinners and outcasts,

Riding in triumph, not toward conquest, but toward a cross.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

*Opening Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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*Prayer of Confession

Allison Thomas

God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey, you are not the savior we expect. Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches. But not sure we want to follow you: into the temple courts; into the upper room; into the garden of Gethsemane; to the foot of the cross. Forgive our false assumptions. Clarify our confused vision. Let us relax into the foolishness of your love and grace. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Allison Thomas

Dear people of God, our salvation is not found in violence, power, or coercion, but rather in the cry of a baby, in the laughter of a teacher, in the gentle touch of a healer, in the foolishness of a man who goes to the halls of the empire riding a donkey. Friends, believe the good news,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Erica Schemper

Sending Song

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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***Refrain:* All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

² The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

Scripture

Matthew 21:1–11 (NT: p. 23 | LPNT: p. 27)

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Message

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Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Bart Roush

Anthem/Offertory

“Jesus is Near”

Lee Dengler

***Doxology**

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

Prayers of the People

Bart Roush

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father[^] in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

^Other options include Creator or Mother

We Go Forth in God's Name

*Closing Hymn	"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"	832
*Benediction		Erica Schemper
*Sending Song	"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"	775
Postlude	"Ring Praise"	

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Musicians: Chancel Choir & Hand Bell Choir;

Ringers: Nancy Scott, Candy Williamson, Amanda Fineran, Sharon Fields, Linda Johnson, Carol Long, Jody Milton, Mary & Frank Hedgcock, Sue Powers & Paula Uvodich;

Organist: Nancy Hauser | Pianist: Judy Cooper;

Sound, Light, Video: Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan, & Gordon Goodwin

Greeters: Karen & Fred Alonzi

***Erica Schemper** is a Presbyterian minister who has served churches in the Chicago area and California, with a focus on children, youth, intergenerational ministry, and healthy congregational systems. Currently on a hiatus from full-time church work, she keeps occupied with shepherding her family through this pandemic year, knitting, taking long walks with the dog, and contemplating what might be next.*

Oak Grove Announcements

Adult Faith Formation

April 10 & 17: Adult Faith Formation will be on hiatus for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

April 24: In honor of Earth Day, the Green Committee will offer a tour of the different sites around the church where we are discontinuing fossil fuels and moving to clean, renewable energy and clean water. The tour will show our LED lights, solar panels, wind energy, electric vehicle charging and Expos, rain gardens, air source heat pumps and all the insulation and sealing of our building to cut our energy use and switch to carbon-free sources. Find out what we are doing to protect God's Creation and pass down a livable Earth to future generations, and how you can do many of these things in your own homes and workplaces.

Tour starts at church at 9:15 am. It will also be streamed on Facebook Live so you can take the tour from a seat in the Chapel or from your computer at home. We hope you join us!

Holy Week at Oak Grove

Thurs, April 14: Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm
(in-person & via livestream)

Fri, April 15: Good Friday service at 7:00 pm (in-person & via livestream)

Sat, April 16: Family Easter Egg Hunt at 3:00 pm in the church parking lot

Sun, April 17: Easter Sunday

- 6:15 am Sunrise service on church grounds
- 8:15 am Worship service (in-person)
- 10:45 am Worship service (in-person & via livestream),
nursery will be open

Oak Grove Announcements

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: March 2–April 17, 2022

Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Ways to give: Use the offering or special envelope in the pew, write a check (put OGHS in the memo line) or donate by credit card online at: <https://onrealm.org/oakgrv/give/oghs>. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

ShredRight Youth Fundraiser: Saturday, April 23 (10am–noon)

Collect any old, unneeded documents containing personal information. Fill paper grocery bags or boxes with materials to shred. Bring your items to the Oak Grove parking lot. Make a donation of \$10/bag, watch as your documents are securely shredded and support Oak Grove youth!

Spring Clean Up at Oak Grove: Saturday, April 30 (9am–noon)

Please join us in the Oak Grove parking lot for a few hours of camaraderie with fellow Oak Grovers. Bring your rake and some gloves. Coffee and rolls will be provided. A prize drawing will be held for tickets to a sports event.

Mobile Blood Drive at Oak Grove: Thursday, May 5 (12–5:00 pm)

Oak Grove is hosting another blood drive. Please say “yes” if you are called to donate. As this is a mobile blood drive, it is strongly recommended to sign up in advance to secure a time that works best for you: <https://bit.ly/3IN9p7p>. Questions? Contact Stephen Jones at stephenfj2002@yahoo.com or 952-884-7711. Thank you!