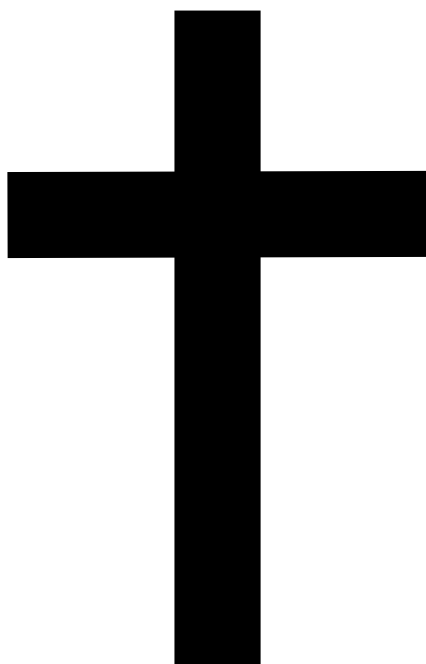


# **The Covenant Renewal Service**

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

# Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. Please find the registration book in the foyer of the church and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family.

We have suspended **Christian education** classes for all ages for a time because of the virus pandemic.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We have resources that will help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do. Pastor Meyers has written a short guide to our worship. You can find a copy at the Guest Book table in the foyer. Visit our website for articles, essays, and other helpful information on our worship and life at [www.providencestlouis.com](http://www.providencestlouis.com).

The **Lord's Supper** is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service. **Note:** The middle circle of cups in each tray contains grape juice, the larger outer ring contains wine (the grape juice has a darker color than the wine).

## The Simple Cross (*Front Cover*)



During Lent this year we will display a simple, unadorned cross on the front cover of our bulletins. This will remind us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and his feet were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is "the message of the cross. . . to us who are being saved is the power of God"(1 Cor. 1:18).

# The Morning Service

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The Lord's Day — March 28, 2021

*Palm Sunday*

**Preparation For Worship:** *Psalm 150*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

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## The Entrance

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Silent Preparation [kneeling]

Call to Worship: *Zephaniah 3:14-17*

Hymn "Hosanna to the King!"

Adult and Children's Choirs, Congregation

Joanie Harris, piano

*(Second service: Congregation remains seated while the young children distribute palms)*

**Children's Choir:** *(omitted for first service)*

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna, let the praises ring;

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna, let them ring.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna!

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna to the King!

*(Musical interlude)*

**Congregation (standing) and Choirs:**

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;

Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.

To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,

The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

**Choirs only:** *(Congregation sing during first service)*

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,

The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.

The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,

Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

**Congregation and Choirs:**

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,

For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.

O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,

And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

**Choirs:** Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna to the King!

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor Caleb Skogen

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit

**Amen!**

*Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

This is the day Yahweh has made;

*Psalm 118:25-26*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Deliver us, we pray, O Yahweh!

**O Yahweh, we pray, prosper us now!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh!

**We bless you from the house of Yahweh!**

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by him we are redeemed and set at liberty.**

**Grant that we may be delivered and restored by your Spirit through the passion and intercession of your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!**

## **Purification**

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren, let us draw near to God our Father with a honest heart and confess our sins, asking him to forgive us for Christ's sake: [*Congregation Kneels*]

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

*Psalm 139:23-24*

**Test me and know my thoughts!**

See if there is any wicked way in me,

**And lead me in the way everlasting.**

**O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and transgressions with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever, but I am heartily sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and**

earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray.

†P.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and

take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

†Absolution: Our heavenly Father, in his great mercy, has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake pardons and rescues you from all your sins in order to present you spotless before his glory with great joy; therefore, I declare to you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## Ascension

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is proper and right to do so.**

†Truly it is good, right, and beneficial that we should give thanks to you at all times and in every place, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. In your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†The Sanctus

*with vigor*  
*fff* Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea-ven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

The Hebrew Scripture Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-13*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

The Epistle Reading: *1 Peter 4:12-19*

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

A Lenten prayer "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and pray,  
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend, and did the vic - t'ry win,  
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your Pas - sion - tide,  
5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,

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†The Gospel Reading: *John 12:12-19*

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†We Confess our Faith: *The Nicene Creed* (Luther's sung version)

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est  
 earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
 Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,  
 heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,  
 Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
 Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
 Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His  
 bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
 vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
 own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.  
 Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
 Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
 Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through  
 harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
 life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
 Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and  
 day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.  
 all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.  
 we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon Text: *John 12:12-19*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **WHAT KIND OF KING IS THIS?**

**XLII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN**

## **The Tribute Offering**

†[*Hands Raised*] Doxology

†Offertory Prayer & Congregation: **Amen!**

†The Lord's Prayer

## **The Sacrifice of Peace**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Lord's Supper

Hymn #172 "Ride on! ride on in majesty!" *Trinity Hymnal (2nd service)*

Pastoral Benediction

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy Word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

†Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

## **Benediction**

†Hymn #173 "All glory, laud, and honor" *(see next page)*

†Lenten Charge: *1 Peter 5:5b-11*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

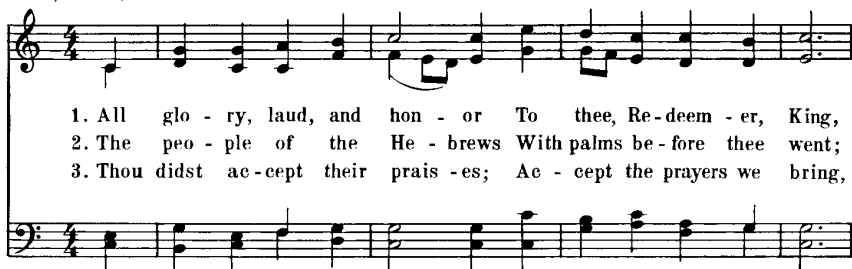
†Three-fold Amen

†Postlude

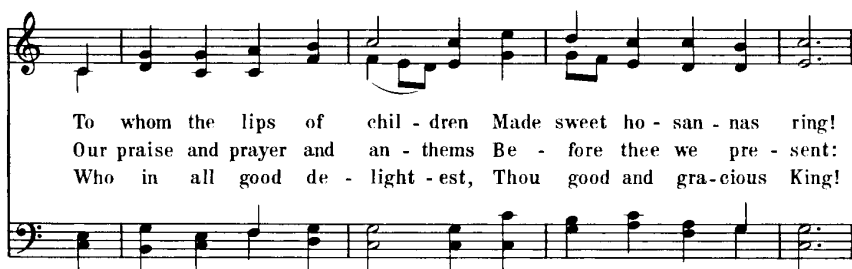


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Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854  
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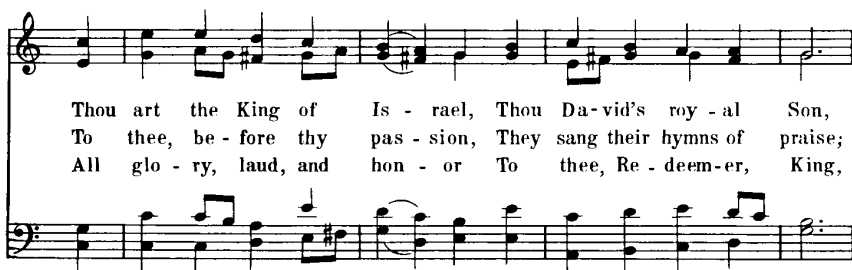
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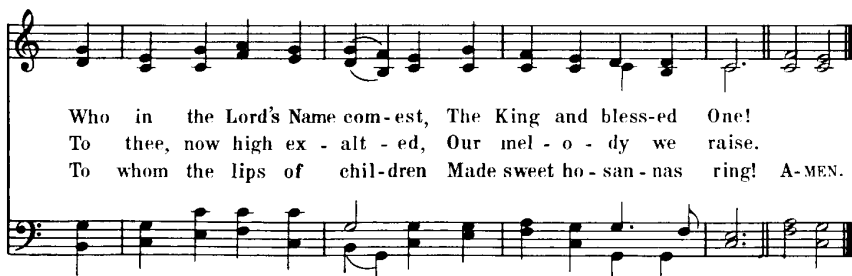
1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore thee went;  
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!



Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King,



Who in the Lord's Name com - est, The King and bless - ed One!  
To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - MEN.

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# Announcements

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**Temporary Sunday Schedule** — Beginning April 11th we will be changing the times for the Sunday worship services and adding Sunday school back into the schedule. This will be the new temporary schedule through June 27th. Then, beginning Sunday, July 4th we will return to our normal schedule—one service at 9:30 AM, but no Sunday school till the Fall.

8:45 AM – Early Worship Service (masks required)

10:00 AM – Sunday School for Adults & Children (masks welcome, but not required)

11:00 AM – Late Worship Service (masks welcome, but not required)

Again, this schedule will continue through June 27. Sunday school will be suspended for July & August and resume on September 5th. On July 4th we return to our normal Sunday schedule without Sunday school. By keeping our two-service schedule for a few more months we will continue to serve members that are either vulnerable to COVID or have to be around others that are vulnerable until more people have had a chance to be vaccinated.

So we will continue with our current two-service schedule this Sunday and Easter Sunday (9 AM & 10:45 AM).

**Good Friday Vespers Service** — We will have our traditional Good Friday Vespers Service on Friday, April 2, at 7 PM.

**WIC Variety Show** — On April 17, 2021 WIC is hosting a Variety Show & Dinner in the fellowship hall at church. This event is for the whole family!!! The doors will open at 4 PM and the show will start **promptly** at 4:30pm, snacks (popcorn & peanuts) will be available during the show. Out of courtesy for the performers who are working hard to put on an awesome show for everyone we ask that everyone be seated and ready for the show by 4:25 PM The show will last about an hour and will be followed by a short cocktail time (beer & wine) on the patio. We will then have dinner catered by Andre's at 6pm followed by dessert. There is a sign up sheet on the WIC table, if you plan to attend, the last day to sign up is March 28, 2021. If you are signing up for your family please indicate how many are in your party.

**Ladies Book Discussion Meeting** — The book discussion group will meet on the first Monday of April. We will meet at the home of Dottie Devlin (11299 Manchester Road #6 63122) on Monday evening, April 5, at 7 pm. We will be discussing *The Lake House* by Kate Mor in April instead of *Middlemarch*. At present, we plan to discuss *Middlemarch* at the September meeting.

**Ladies Bible Study** — Ladies, please join us on Thursdays at 9:30 AM for ladies Bible study. Pastor Meyers is teaching us out of the book of Philippians! We meet in person in the same Sunday school classroom as usual. We will continue to have Zoom for those unable to attend. We still are unable to have babysitting services at this time.

**Sunday School Begins** — If you plan to have your children attend Sunday school classes beginning April 11th, please send a note to our Sunday School Coordinator, Dottie Edwards. We will need to know the ages of your children so we can make plans for classroom sizes, etc. Thank you.

**STOA Using Our Facilities** — The local chapter of [STOA](#) will be holding their annual tournament in our building Thursday–Saturday, April 8-10.

**Adult Sunday School Class** — Beginning April 11, we will be holding two adult Sunday school classes between the two services (10–10:45 AM).

- Visitors, Inquirers, & New Members Class – led by Pastor Meyers (location to be announced)
- The Philosophy & Practice of Christian Education – led by Pastor Skogen, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

**Church Directory** — We are working on an updated directory. If you are visiting with us (not yet formally a member) but plan on staying with us, we would love to include you in our directory. We’ve not been able to have a new members class this year because of the virus craziness. Please send your contact information and a picture to Randy Stone.

## **Church Calendar**

Today	Palm Sunday
Friday, Apr 2	Good Friday Service at 7 PM
Sunday, Apr 11	New Temporary Sunday Morning Schedule begins Early Morning Worship at 8:45 Children’s & Adult Sunday school 10-10:45 Late Morning Worship at 11:00 AM
Saturday, Apr 17	WIC Variety Show 5 PM
Sunday, July 4	Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM No Sunday School